Greetings everyone, and welcome back to the new semester! My name is Jacob Perdue, the current Accounting Club President here at Athens State University. I hope that everyone is having a productive start this Fall! I look forward to seeing returning Accounting Club members, and, if you are new to the club, I hope you will give us the chance to show what the club can offer you!

The Accounting Club is the student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), a global organization dedicated to the professional advancement of managerial accountants. Being a member of the Accounting Club and a student member of the IMA brings a variety of benefits and opportunities to accounting majors. In this ever-progressing and competitive world, students will need more than a good GPA and a degree to promote themselves and become successful. One must take the initiative to show future employers their capabilities as a worker, speaker, and leader. These skills and more can be obtained through participation in the Accounting Club!

Throughout the year, there will be a variety of guest speakers at our meetings offering lessons and advice that will help you, going forward, in developing your accounting career potential. These meetings will be announced on Blackboard as they are scheduled, usually from 12:00 to 1:00 on Thursdays, with lunch provided. If you are not able to make these meetings, you can still watch them, live or recorded, via Blackboard Collaborate. A link for this will be sent out before the meeting begins.

In addition to our standard meetings, there will be a myriad of networking opportunities that club members can take advantage of to learn from current, successful accountants and other business leaders. As a member of the Accounting Club, employers will be able to see your passion, commitment to self-improvement, and capability as a future accountant!

Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information. My email is listed on the back of the newsletter.

Mission Statement

To create a vibrant organizational community for students that will provide them with the necessary tools to compete effectively in the professional business community through programs that create education and networking opportunities, community and university involvement, and build a framework of highly ethical behavior.

Vision Statement

Perpetuate the IMA-gold standards of excellence for a world-class organization at both a national and local level.

The Athens State Accounting Club would like to say a huge thank you to IMA Muscle Shoals, our parent chapter for their generous donation!
Club Activities

Accounting Club and APICS Tour ULA

Several members and co-advisors of the Accounting Club recently joined members of The American Productions and Inventory Control Society Club (APICS) from Athens State University on an industry tour of United Launch Alliance (ULA). Students learned about the process of designing and creating rockets, and the future plans of the ULA. The guides also shared information related to the logistical challenges posed by the massive rockets as they are transported. Before the tour began, all attendees were told that phones nor the taking of pictures would be allowed during the site visit due to security concerns. The tour was a great educational lesson in production and logistics. Thank you to ULA for a great tour and to APICS for organizing the event.

Want to Join the Athens State Accounting Club?

Three Easy Steps:

1) Be a student at Athens State enrolled in at least 6 hours
2) Be a student member of the Institute of Management Accountants (www.imanet.org)
3) Email your IMA member number to Professor Emily Corzine

The first meeting of the fall semester for the Athens State University IMA Accounting Club took place on September 6th, 2018. The 30 attendees enjoyed free pizza and dessert before the meeting began. The goal of this first meeting was to provide new member orientation to incoming and potential club members. We heard from some current and former club members and also from several accounting professors. All of the speakers stressed the importance and the value of being an IMA Accounting Club Member.

Samantha Jenkins, club member and Wiley student ambassador, joined members of the SGA at the Summer Welcome Back Bash and served watermelon on behalf of the Accounting Club. Thank you Samantha!

SPRING AWARDS CEREMONY

On April 17th, after a time of mingling and enjoying the reception, Professors Corzine and Hammon conducted the annual awards ceremony by recognizing the 2017-2018 student officers of the IMA student chapter and scholarship recipients. The Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) Accounting Achievement Award was presented to Robert Smith, the club vice-president.
Resume Workshop

The resume workshop on August 30th was an educational event designed to help accounting students prepare for the upcoming mock interview workshop, as well as the search for employment. This two-hour session showed students what to list in different parts of a resume. They also learned how to expand resumes having little work experience by listing their knowledge and skills. Students were also taught what not to include on a resume, such as events older than ten years. Tips were also shared for interviewing, such as how to dress and proper body language.

August 31, 2018, nine Athens State University Accounting students, were invited to participate in a Mock Interview workshop. It was presented by ITAC Solutions and hosted Crabtree, Rowe, and Berger. This three-hour workshop included discussion on resumes and interview preparation. Participating in this workshop provided a great learning experience. We would like to thank Crabtree, Rowe and Berger for hosting us and all the reviewers for providing useful feedback.

Meet the Lab Tutor!

My name is Colton Hicks. I am entering my senior year of college. I am the historian for the Accounting Club, vice president of the Delta Mu Delta International Business Honor Society, and the Becker student ambassador. As the accounting lab tutor, my goal is to help students to obtain excellence in their studies. My work schedule for this semester is 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The accounting lab is located on the third floor of Sanders Hall room 309. I am also available by email at: accounting@athens.edu. Please stop by or email me if I can help!

Congratulations!

Angela Sotelo-Neri

Winner of a $2,500 Educational Scholarship awarded by the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA)

Retraction:

In the March issue of Footnotes, guest speaker, Ms. Carole Chamberlain was identified as being an attorney. Ms. Chamberlain is not an attorney, during her career she worked as a paralegal and legal secretary. We are happy to set the record straight.

Congratulations!

Taylor Hamilton

Winner of a $10,000 Educational Scholarship awarded by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB)
SAVE THE DATES

9/11/18 Network/Interview Workshop
9/13/18 Meet the Firms
9/17/18 IMA Shoals Chapter Meeting
  Topic: Ethics
9/20/18 Club Meeting: Mike Maxson from Crabtree, Rowe and Berger, CPA
9/21/18 ASCPA Interview Day
9/27/18 - 9/28/18 IMA GullSouth Council Professional Development Program in Chattanooga, TN
10/5/18 – 10/7/18 Fiddlers Convention
10/11/18 Club Meeting: Ashley Stephens from Becker
10/15/18 IMA Shoals Chapter Meeting
  Topic: New Lease Literature
10/25/18: Club Meeting: Cory Butler, CMA
  Topic: Certified Management Accounting
11/1/18—11/3/18 IMA Student Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO
11/8/18: Club Meeting: Judge David Breland—Topic: Ethics
11/19/18 Shoals Chapter Meeting
  Topic: Blockchain Technology

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Welcome to the new semester!
We look forward to getting to know everyone and to participating in lots of great adventures with club members this year!

Please contact any of us if you would like more information or have questions. Our email contact information is listed in the newsletter.

Professor Diann Hammon
Professor Christopher Nelson
Professor Emily Corzine

Congratulations on your new jobs!

Taylor Hamilton,
Vice-president, has accepted a full-time position at Strategic Consulting Solutions, Inc.

Lynsey Harbin,
Co-communications director, is employed as an accounting clerk at Hexagon Geospatial, formerly known as Intergraph.

Angela Sotelo-Neri,
Co-communications director, is employed as an accounting clerk at Construction Services, Inc.

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A recent graduate of ASU has accepted a full-time position at Hall, Albright, Garrison and Barnes, CPA.

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A recent graduate of ASU has accepted an accounting clerk position at Toray Composite Materials America, Inc.