Hello everyone, and welcome to the start of a new semester! My name is Colton Hicks. I am the current president of IMASC - Accounting Club here at Athens State University. I am looking forward to meeting the new Accounting Club members and reconnecting with those who are returning. The Accounting Club offers numerous benefits and is an exceptional organization to be affiliated with. The Accounting Club is the student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), an organization that is committed to the development of managerial accountants on a worldwide scale. Your membership in the Accounting Club offers you a variety of opportunities and benefits. In the current business climate, it is necessary for students to have more than good grades to promote themselves and their abilities. You must be able to demonstrate that you are capable of teamwork, leadership, and of being a part of something bigger than yourself. These attributes and many more can all be acquired with participation in the IMA Accounting Club.

Over the course of this semester, there will be several club meetings with a variety of guest speakers who will provide real world insight into the accounting profession. The meetings will be announced via email and Blackboard with lunch provided for those in attendance. If you cannot attend in person, you can still watch the meeting live on Blackboard Collaborate. The Accounting Club will extend opportunities to network and visit businesses throughout the semester. This will allow our club members unique and valuable exposure to accounting firms and those who have already walked the same path that you are currently on. There will be amazing opportunities to showcase your commitment to excellence in your schoolwork, your career, and your community.

Please feel free to contact me if you need more information. I look forward to working with you all throughout this semester.

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

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.
2019 SPRING AWARDS CEREMONY

The Annual Accounting Honors and Awards Reception was held April 18, 2019 in the Founders Hall Parlor. The Accounting faculty members and IMASC Faculty Advisors recognized students receiving various scholarships and honored those students who have served as officers during the 2018-2019 academic year. This year the IMASC presented the following awards and scholarships:

- Wiley CPA/CMA Ambassador – Samantha Jenkins
- Becker CPA Ambassador – Colton Hicks
- Wiley CPA/CMA Excel Review Materials Scholarship – Jared Boyd and Jacob Perdue
- Becker CPA Review Materials 50% Scholarship – Kalie Ferris
- ASCPA Accounting Achievement Award – Jacob Perdue

MEET THE FIRMS

by Tiffanie Duke

Athens State University’s annual Meet the Firms was held September 3, 2019 in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom. The event was sponsored by the College of Business, Career Development, and the Alumni Association. The goal was to give students an opportunity to connect with businesses. The event was highly successful with members of the accounting club, other accounting students, and 10 firms in attendance. Students were able to showcase the skills learned from the resume workshop and mock interviews during the event.
Several accounting students attended the mock interview sessions at Crabtree, Rowe and Berger in Huntsville on August 30th.

Congratulations!

Tiffanie Duke
Winner of a $2,500 Educational Scholarship awarded by the ASCPA

Bethany Meadows
Winner of the Hemingway Accounting Scholarship

Victoria Conrad
Winner of a $1,000 Chairman’s Scholarship awarded by the ASCPA

Ben Adams, CPA by Chazmyn David

On March 28, 2019, Ben Adams, CPA and Zack Camerio from the Alabama Society of CPA’s spoke to the accounting club. Zack Camerio spoke about the benefits that Alabama Society of CPA’s offer students. Next Ben Adams, CPA spoke about his path to becoming a CPA. He encouraged students to network, be open to new opportunities, find a mentor, and become a CPA. Ben ended the presentation stressing the importance of ethics.

On April 16, Larry Loyed, CMA, President of the Gulf South Council spoke to the IMASC Accounting Club about the benefits of obtaining the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation.
Meet the Lab Tutor!
My name is Colton Hicks. I am the Accounting Lab tutor. My work schedule 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. Please stop by or email me if I can help!

accounting@athens.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES
9/16/19 Interclub Council Meeting
9/16/19 IMA Shoals Chapter Meeting Topic: Leadership/Decision Making
9/19/19 Club Meeting: Cliff Rybic, Auditor Topic: Ethics
9/27/19 ASCPA Interview Day Montgomery, AL
10/3/19 – 10/5/19 Fiddler’s Convention
10/10/19 Club Meeting: Orientation
10/17/19 Club Meeting: Ashley Stephens, Topic: Becker Representative
10/21/19 IMA Shoals Chapter Meeting Topic: Thinking Strategically
11/7/19: Club Meeting
11/14/19 – 11/16/19 IMA Student Leadership Conference Charlotte, NC

Please contact any of the advisors or officers for more information!

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Samantha Jenkins
Program Analyst
Integration Innovation, Inc.
Cyrus Patel
Full-time Accounting Position
BMSS, CPA
Danielle Register
Full-time Accounting Position
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Robert Smith
Accounting Clerk
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