Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring 2020 semester. My name is Lanie Pate and I am the new president for the IMASC Accounting Club here at Athens State University. The Athens State Accounting Club is a student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

I hope everyone had a great holiday break and is excited to get back into the swing of things. I look forward to meeting our new students and seeing all of our returning students. The club officers and faculty advisors have a very exciting semester planned for the Accounting Club.

Every semester the Accounting Club participates in many fun and helpful events. These events not only grow your personal knowledge and skill set but also provides amazing professional benefits. Therefore, professional connections are made through events with the Accounting Club that have helped many of our members and I have no doubt it will continue to do so.

I look forward to a great semester. Please feel free to ask any of my fellow officers or me any questions you might have about this exceptional club!

Learn about the IMA Accounting Honor Society at http://www.imanet.org/iahs
The IMASC - Accounting Club traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina in November to participate in the IMA Student Leadership Conference. This opportunity allowed students to interact with professionals in accounting and business fields, listen to inspiring stories and to bond with their peers and professors. Dean Kim Lafevor from the College of Business joined the group, which also included Dr. Diann Hammon, Professor Chris Nelson, Clancy and Colton Hicks, Delanie Pate, Savannah Smith, Emily Stanley and Lindsay Wallace.

While at the conference the IMA held their annual award ceremony recognizing the achievements of different students and student chapters. Our student chapter won the IMA Gold Award of Excellence and one of the five Outstanding Student Chapter awards. On Friday evening the annual t-shirt design competition was held at the Bowlera in Charlotte. We won the contest which included a monetary award of $500 along with bragging rights!

Students were given an opportunity to attend various industry tours at the conference. Among the choices were the Bank of America, Duke Energy and the Charlotte Knights Stadium.

The Bank of America tour provided students a look into the everyday operations of one of the largest banks in Charlotte. Students toured the extensive headquarters and saw the accounting and finance offices in full swing. A panel of accountants was on hand to answer questions. The Bank of America tour gave everyone a realistic look into accounting outside of a public accounting firm. Students reported the tour as being insightful and thoroughly interesting!

The Charlotte Knights are a minor league baseball team in Charlotte. Students who attended this tour were able to learn about the interworking’s of the baseball team and how the day to day operations run. They also heard from the accounting, human resources, and other departments at the stadium and the jobs they each perform on a daily basis. It was enlightening and enjoyable to learn how accounting is applied through the lens of professional sports.
Bernice Jenkins from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama’s Birmingham office recently visited Athens State to speak to the IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club. Ms. Jenkins holds both the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designations. She was invited to campus as a part of the Institute of Managerial Accountants (IMA) campus influencer program. In this role, Ms. Jenkins travels to university campuses to share with students how to earn the CMA and the benefits of having the designation.

Meet the Accounting Lab Tutor!
My name is Clancy Hicks. I am the Accounting Lab tutor. My work schedule is posted on the ASU website. The accounting lab is located on the third floor of Sanders Hall in room 309. Please stop by or email me if I can help!
accounting@athens.edu

Want to Join the IMA Student Chapter - 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 IMASC - Accounting Club welcomed guest speaker Karen Reetz from Wiley Publishing to their first campus meeting of the new year on January 16th. Karen shared relevant information about becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). At the end of the meeting, she gave away a Wiley CPA study package valued at almost $2,500. Accounting student, Elizabeth Roberts won the raffle.

Accounting students, Emily Stanley and Lindsay Wallace joined Dr. John Berzett in attending the IMA Muscle Shoals Chapter meeting on January 27. Scott Hand, CPA spoke to the group about tax updates. He is a partner with Anglin, Reichmann, Armstrong, PC in Huntsville.

Find out more about the CMA credential at www.imanet.org!
Calendar of Events

2/21/2020 Gulf-South Council Regional Conference -
2/27/2020 Club Meeting - Rachel Riddle, AL Dept of Examiners of Public Accounts
3/12/2020 Club Meeting -Chazmyn David - Price, Waterhouse, Cooper (PwC) St. Louis, MO
4/2/2020 Club Meeting -Matthew Everettts - US Army Audit Agency
4/16/2020 Awards Luncheon

Congratulations on your new jobs and positions!

Melayna Cumming
COLSA Corporation

Lindsey Guy
Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn & Law, LLC

Megan Moland
Seabrook Solutions, LLC

Elizabeth Roberts
20-20 Solutions, LLC

Spring 2019
Katherine Althouse
Sharita Baker
Stephanie Baldwin
David Bellknab
Ashley Bumgardner
Angela Bundy,
Stephanie Crews
Savannah Emerson
Suzanne Grantz
Lynsey Harbin
Bretonah Harris
Melissa Harris
Hannah Hossley
Hayden Hudson
Samantha Jenkins
Russell Kennamore
CheVonne Long
Amy Sanderson
Amber Sandlin
Angela Sotelo-Neri
Kristin Stauch
Brittany Strickland
Nannetta Taylor
Scott Thurston

Summer 2019
Joshua Barhorst
Boyd Boyd
Montea Bradley
Tricia Collier
Shane Conner
LaToya Cosby
Chazmyn David

Fall 2019
Pius Appiah
Douglas Batemon
Joshus Buhler
Tracy Champion
Nathaniel Cisco
Adam Cornell
Ashston Crumbley
Ava Culbreath
Brittnay Davis

Congratulations! 2019 Accounting Graduates

Summer 2019
Tara Humphries
Kerri Hycoop
Jamie Kelley
Sarah Kepley
Jacob Perdue
Alissa Pritchett
Jill Renz
Darby Siniard
Laura Walton

Fall 2019
Anissa Duncan
Kalie Ferris
Jared Ford
Courtney Fowler
Reyna Garcia
Lindsey Guy
Joseph Hardaway
Colton Hicks
Valentinus Hughes
Caroline Moore
Natalie Oden
Brandon Palmer
Abigail Parker
Joshua Parker
Stacey Smart
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Matthew Vaden
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