Hello Athens State IMASC—Accounting Club students. I hope your semester is going well! As the Fall 2019 semester comes to an end, there is a change coming to the club. I will be graduating at the end of this fall semester and beginning the next chapter of my life as an Auditor for The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. It has been a great pleasure leading our meetings and participating in club activities.

Many of the officers will be staying on after this semester and a new president will be in place by the spring of 2020. It is my hope that the officers of the club will remain motivated to help and support each other and all members of the IMASC Accounting Club.

Colton Hicks
President

It has been my honor to serve as president this semester. With the brilliance of our faculty support and the effectiveness of our student leaders, I have no doubt that the Club is in good hands. I wish all current and future students that pass through the club good luck in all of your future endeavors. Thank you and God bless.

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 Fiddler’s Convention by Tiffanie Duke

Athens State University hosted the 53rd annual Fiddler’s Convention. This event brought thousands of people from all over the southeastern United States. It was sponsored by the Huntsville International Airport. Some of the events include musical competitions in more than nineteen categories. There were over one hundred and fifty arts and crafts vendors and several food trucks. The IMASC Accounting Club volunteered for Smokin’ Box BBQ out of Athens. Students worked in three hour shifts making drinks, taking money for shaved ice, and passing out menus to convention goers.

Montgomery Interview Day by: Savannah Smith

The Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) Interview Day was an event full of opportunities for aspiring accountants. There were several employers in attendance with many looking for candidates to intern in the upcoming spring semester. Athens State accounting students truly seized the moment in participating in a total of fifty-six interviews with over nineteen employers. Overall, this event gave students the opportunity to find employment through an internship and/or a full-time position.
Members of the Accounting Club met with the Interclub Council on September 16th to discuss student involvement and future charities.

**Cliff Rybic** by Colton Hicks

The Accounting Club met for the first time in the fall semester on September 19. The guest speaker was Cliff Rybic. Cliff, a 2016 accounting graduate of Athens State University and former Accounting Club president, now works as an auditor for the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General in Washington, DC. He spoke about the ethical downfall of one of the leaders of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He also shared about the ethical expectations required of government employees.

**Colton Hicks, Jacob Purdue, and Jared Boyd** By Clancy Hicks

Colton Hicks, current president of the IMASC Accounting Club, Jacob Perdue, former president, and Jared Boyd, former secretary recently spoke to the club about their experiences and the opportunities they received by being a member of the IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club. They all agreed that being an active member brings students opportunities in leadership, networking, travel and overall knowledge about industries and companies. The three encouraged students to plan their route, to participate, to be active, to build relationships, and all of this could lead to career development and success.

**Fundraising Opportunities**

- **Angel Tree Donations**
  Monetary donations are welcomed

- **Canned Food Drive**
  Drop non-perishable foods into the boxes located around campus.

Ask any board member or your professors for more information!
Members of the IMASC Accounting Club were on hand for Transfer Day to help greet new and prospective students.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

11/7/19: Club Meeting— Potluck

11/14/19—11/16/19 IMA Student Leadership Conference Charlotte, NC

11/18/19: IMA Shoals Chapter Meeting Topic: Recruiting, Developing, and Retention of Employees

1/16/20: First Meeting for Spring Semester

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**Congratulations on your jobs/internships!**

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