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Meet the Firms

The School of Accountancy held its annual Meet the Firms event Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the Georgia Southern University Nessmith Lane Continuing Education Building. This event allows recruiters an opportunity to meet with students and provide them with plentiful information about their firms. Each student benefits by receiving the chance to learn more about each firm, network, and meet what may one day be his or her future employer. Many firms and organizations attended the event. These included the following:

Becker Professional Review
Cherry Bekaert & Holland
Dabbs, Hickman, Hill & Cannon
Druffin & Tucker, LLP
Elliott Davis
Gifford, Hillegass & Ingwersen, LLP
Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP
Hancock Askew and Co.
KPMG, LLP
Mauldin & Jenkins
McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.
Moore Stephens Tiller, LLC
Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC
Porter Keade Moore, LLP
Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C.
Skinner, Barndollar & Lane, P.C.
Thigpen, Jones, Seaton & Co., P.C.
Windham Brannon

BAΨ Annual Meeting—Denver, Colorado

The BAΨ annual conference was held at the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado. The conference is required for all Chapters in order to maintain superior Chapter status. During the conference, BAΨ members from around the globe combined to participate in various professional sessions, competitions, community service day, and plentiful networking opportunities with advisory forum members and exhibitors. The community service event was Project Homeless Connect. At this event, over 1000 clients were assisted by approximately 2000 BAΨ volunteers and service providers. Help was available in the following areas: medical assistance; food stamps; employment assistance; bus tokens; clothing; IDs; insurance; housing; haircuts and massages; and more. It was truly a life-changing experience. This video summarizes the event: http://www.bap.org/PHCVideo.aspx

The conference meetings started on Friday, August 12th, and ended Saturday, August 13th. Each hour consisted of several different sessions, each of which offered valuable learning experiences. Georgia Southern was a host Chapter that volunteered to assist in the Saturday meetings. We can proudly say that the Zeta Delta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, through hard work and dedication, remains a Superior Chapter.
A Special Thanks...

A special thanks goes out to all the professionals who spoke to our organization this past Spring. We appreciated your excellent presentations and hope you will come back again in the future! You are the “mitochondria” of Beta Alpha Psi. In other words, your energy and excellence are the reason we exist. A list of those that spoke during the spring follow:

Hancock Askew & Co.
Dabbs, Hickman, Hill and Cannon
Jet Blue
Drăffin and Tucker, LLP
Elliott Davis
Bulloch County Business & Finance Superintendent
Becker
Mauldin & Jenkins

Our Appreciation to Mr. Don Daniels

Our Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is lucky to have many superb alumni. While all alumni are equally important, it seems appropriate to give special recognition to Don Daniels. For those that don’t know, Don Daniels is a Georgia Southern alum and currently serves as the Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer at JetBlue Airways. Each year, Don helps our officers with airfare to the Annual BAΨ conference on JetBlue. His generosity allows our organization to spend its resources in other important areas. As an example, BAΨ gave out four scholarships to its members and candidates this past spring.

Our former BAΨ President, Brenden Adams, described Don perfectly with the following quote: Don Daniels is genuinely one of the nicest people I have ever met. He has been one of the University’s biggest supporters over the years, especially for his contributions to the Zeta Delta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. His contributions have helped send our officers to the annual meeting held this summer. This opportunity provides valuable learning experience for our officers, which enhances the long term success of our organization. Although we greatly appreciate his financial support, it should be noted that Mr. Daniels’ character and loyalty to his University outweigh his financial contributions.”

Don, from all current and prior BAΨ officers, please allow us to thank you for your efforts. As aforementioned, we appreciate more than just your contributions. You are the epitome of TRUE BLUE!

Sincerely,
All BAΨ Officers

Upcoming Fall 2011 Speakers

We are proud to announce our upcoming list of speakers for August, September, and October. We hope, whether you have spoken to our organization before or are speaking for the first time, you will notice the professionalism of our members as we welcome you to Georgia Southern University. Our planned speakers for the upcoming meetings are:

August 31
  • Moore Stephens Tiller
September 14
  • Nichols Cauley
September 19
  • Elliott Davis
September 21
  • Mauldin & Jenkins
September 26
  • Porter Keadle Moore, LLP
September 28
  • Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP
October 3
  • Drăffin & Tucker

All meetings will take place in the College of Business Administration (COBA) at 5:00pm, unless otherwise noted. The rooms are TBA. We’re looking forward to a marvelous semester ahead! Again, thank you all for your enthusiasm and participation.
Many Georgia Southern accounting students won accounting-related scholarships this year. Many of these were offered at the 2011 Accounting Day, an event similar to Meet the Firms that is held in the spring. The awards display the excellence and diligence that GSU students strive to achieve. The graciousness of the firms and organizations to give these scholarships to our students shows just how remarkable the accounting profession is as a whole. As many firms and organizations have seen firsthand, our students always attempt to provide a positive return on the investment. The Georgia Southern Accounting Association has a three word motto that summarizes the beliefs of our accounting students: “Honesty, Integrity, Purpose.”

The non-exhaustive list of accounting scholarship recipients are:

- Karley Weiner
- Kenny Douglas (2)
- Sara Wilbur
- Jordan Giannetti
- Mark Fletcher
- Caleb Holloway (2)
- LaShai Joshua
- Christine VanCura
- Alex Lanier
- Lacey Claxton
- Laurann Osborne
- Justin Gillette
- Michael Hester
- Jennifer Riggs
- Shekira Roberts
- Zach Stroup
- Danielle Sinclair
- Cassandra Covington
- Ryan Lewis
- Taiwo Adegbite
- Sonia Curtis
- Matt Dempsey
- Nelson Padgett
- Steven Pecko
- Katelyn Stephens
- Trae Taylor
- Demetria Wright
- Darius Askew
- Rebecca Beck
- Jeff Hupman (2)
- Lacey Burkett
- Qingqing Liu
- Lauren Hughes
- Samantha Williams
- Chris Williamson
- Kristen Birchett
- Allie Jansen
- Andrew Mock
- Jon Eargle
- Archana Shrestha
- Jessica Farrell
- Brooke Jackson
- Alain Garrido
- Rachel Clift
- Dana Velasquez
- Walt Howard
- Amber Easterwood

Project Homeless Connect made a dynamic impact in the Denver community. The following statistics show the impact:

- More than 1000 clients were served
- 690 received housing assistance
- 209 received identification cards
- 220 received haircuts
- 204 received HIV tests
- 183 received bus tokens
- 211 received medical services
- 71 cleared issues with the DMV
- 2000 books were distributed
Alumni ~ We Want to Know...

Remember all the times you spent in the computer labs in COBA? What about all the countless study trips to the Henderson Library? It probably seems like it was just yesterday!

What paths have you gone down since those days? We want to know! If you would like to share some of your real world experiences, we would be more than happy to publish them in future issues of this Newsletter!

Simply send us an e-mail and include your contact information, date of graduation, and current employment.

Also, if you know of other BAΨ alumni from Georgia Southern, please have them contact us at the e-mail listed below so they can be included in future Newsletters.

Please send all information to: bapzetadelta@gmail.com
Meet the Fall 2011 Beta Alpha Psi Officers and Advisor

Karley Weiner, Treasurer
Heather Potts, VP of Professional Programs
Sonia Curtis, VP of Service
Dwight Sneathen, Advisor

Kenny Douglas, President
Jordan Giannetti, Membership Director
Caleb Holloway, Reporting Secretary
Mark Fletcher, Communications Director Newsletter Publisher