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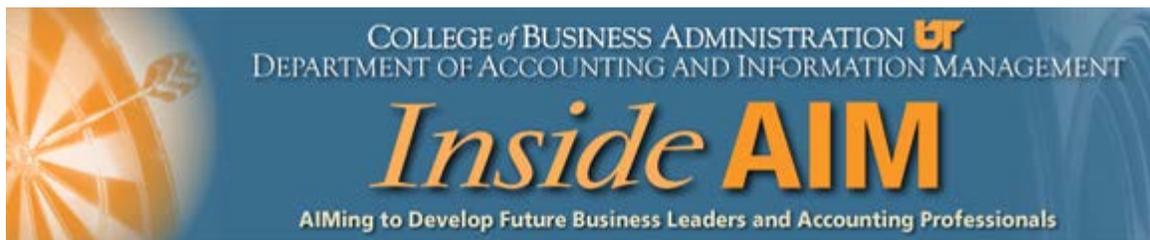
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## AIM Leadership Change



Dr. Dan Murphy recently announced his resignation as department head after almost nine years of service. Dan will continue his teaching, research, and other service activities in the department as a full professor. During his time as head, the department realized tremendous growth and improvement. His extraordinary alumni and business connectivity and fundraising efforts allowed the department to expand and deepen its support for our students, faculty, and programs. During Dan's tenure, the department expanded undergraduate scholarships and enrichment programs, introduced the annual Washington, D.C., and China trip to the Master of Accountancy program, and greatly enhanced doctoral student funding. Both students and faculty in the department are grateful for Dan's leadership and the many accomplishments achieved during his tenure.

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## AIM Faculty Honored

Accounting and information management faculty and doctoral students were honored at the 2012 College of Business Administration's Honors Banquet, held on April 24. Bruce Behn, Ergen Professor in Business, received the Martin & Carol Robinson Outstanding Teaching, Research, and Service Award for his accomplishments in those areas. Joe Carcello, Ernst & Young Professor in Accounting, was awarded The Great Expectations Award for achieving outstanding student evaluations in rigorous courses that "use the full grade distribution."

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## MAcc Students Traveling to Hong Kong in May



The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program hosts an optional international trip for students every May. This year, a group of 16 MAcc students, along with four Beta Alpha Psi members, will travel to Hong Kong from May 12 through 19. The department opens the trip to Beta Alpha Psi members if additional slots are available.

Priscilla Wisner, PhD, has planned a unique itinerary that combines educational and cultural activities. In 2010, Dr. Wisner served as an adjunct faculty member for the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Beijing, China. Vicky Yu, PhD, a Beijing native, also will be traveling with the group.

## Message from the Interim Department Head



After serving 18 years on the accounting and information management faculty, I am honored to

hold the position of interim department head. It is my pleasure to work with such an accomplished faculty that provides exceptional teaching, research, and service to the department, college, university, and professional community. I also look forward to working closely with our alumni, donors, recruiters, and students. During my tenure as interim department head, I will continue to pursue our departmental strategic goals and mission. I welcome your comments and suggestions and will be happy to address any concerns.

A search committee for the new department head has been formed, and an internal search (within the UT system) will begin very soon. We will communicate the selection of our new department head upon completion of the search. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [bbehn@utk.edu](mailto:bbehn@utk.edu) or 865-974-1760.

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## 2012 Annual Beta Alpha Psi New York City Trip

Each spring, a group of Beta Alpha Psi students travel to New York City to experience all that the "Big Apple" has to offer. Deborah Swanquist, Beta Alpha Psi faculty advisor, led a group of 14 students around the city from March 31- April 3. The trip exposed students to the vast job opportunities available in the area. While most students are very familiar with the Southeast region of the United States, this trip broadened their view of national career opportunities.



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## Ernst & Young CEO Jim Turley visits UT



On April 4, Ernst & Young CEO Jim Turley took time out of his hectic schedule to visit our campus. Mr. Turley spent the entire day meeting with Department of Accounting and Information Management faculty and students. He held a "Meet and Greet" for Beta Alpha Psi members for them to get acquainted with him and other Ernst & Young professionals. This session provided a valuable opportunity

for students to interact one-on-one with him.

Over 150 attendees crowded to hear him present and conduct a question-and-answer session. He answered a wide range of questions, ranging from his opinion on the current economic environment to what he would do differently if he started his career over.

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**Bruce Behn, PhD**  
Ergen Professor in Business

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