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2011 Beta Alpha Psi Fall Honors Banquet

The University of Tennessee’s Department of Accounting and Information Management (AIM) hosted its annual Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Honors Banquet in recognition of accounting program donors, students, faculty, and staff. The evening began with an introduction from AIM Department Head Dr. Dan Murphy, Deloitte Professor of Accounting. Banquet attendees then enjoyed socializing during a sit-down dinner. Following dinner, Dr. Murphy recognized the department’s donors and scholarship recipients. Generous alumni and accounting firm donations allowed the AIM department to award over $123,000 in scholarships to 93 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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AIM Hosts Accounting Stars Receptions

Each semester, the Department of Accounting and Information Management hosts a “Stars Reception” for high-performing students currently enrolled in the Accounting 200 (Principles of Accounting) and Accounting 301 (Intermediate Financial Reporting) courses. The Stars Reception recognizes students for their achievement in these courses, discusses the benefits of being an accounting major, and informs students about accounting job opportunities.

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36th Annual Warren Slagle Accounting Day

On October 8, the AIM department held its 36th annual Warren Slagle Accounting Day. Over 400 alumni, students, faculty, and professionals attended the event; all proceeds support the activities of UT’s Beta Alpha Psi chapter.

This annual event is a time for individuals to reconnect with friends, classmates, and members of the department. Attendees enjoyed a brunch, followed by a presentation from Barbara Dooley, mother of Tennessee’s head football coach, Derek Dooley.

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Message from the Department Head

I hope this fall edition of Inside AIM finds you well. The department is excited to share what has been happening since the publication of our spring e-newsletter. As a reminder, please continue to visit our website www.bus.utk.edu/aim and Facebook page "The University of Tennessee Department of Accounting & Information Mgt." for frequent departmental updates.

Because research is a vital component of our mission statement, we have expanded access to our faculty research. You may now access faculty members’ published research and current working papers on the departmental website. Research is organized by category to provide viewers a method of simple navigation to research what is relevant to them.

We always are looking to share information with our alumni. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at dmurphy@utk.edu or 865-974-1752.

Dan Murphy, Ph.D.
Deloitte Professor of Accounting
The University of Tennessee’s Master of Accountancy (MAcc) class of 81 students recently enjoyed the program’s annual trip to Washington, D.C., which occurred September 25-28. The trip’s itinerary complements what students learn in the classroom.

Dr. Joe Carcello arranged visits for students in the audit concentration to the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC). During their visit to the SEC, students had the rare opportunity to meet Mary Schapiro, SEC chairperson. She provided answers to a variety of student questions, including details about her interview with President Barack Obama and a day in the life of SEC chairperson. Other members of the commission provided insight on the SEC investigation process of public companies and their roles as commissioners.

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The department emphasizes global enrichment of students through world travel. For the third year in a row, a number of faculty and Master of Accountancy (MAcc) students traveled to China from May 14-21. A guide accompanied the group as they explored Shanghai, visiting cultural landmarks and various businesses.

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