



A newsletter from the Department of Accounting



Grant Thornton Metroplex Case Competition

Thanks to Lecturer, Jose Lineros, for mentoring our students through the Grant Thornton Metroplex Case Competition, the group came in 2nd place.

Congratulations to the following students:

Left to right

Christopher Holmes, Khoa Nguyen, Lydia Leach, Edward Mun, Mark Wallace (back row), Michael Powell



UNT TEAMWORK

The Grant Thornton Metroplex Case Competition, held on Friday, November 6th 2015, focused on accounting issues and current events.

University Attendees TCU, UNT, UTA, UTD



MESSAGE FROM

THE CHAIR



Dr. Ananth Seetharaman



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Greetings to one and all:

As many of you already know, Dean Marilyn Wiley appointed me to be the new Chairman of the Accounting Department. I began my official tenure at UNT effective September 1, 2016. I am grateful to have this wonderful opportunity, and truly delighted to be part of this amazing public institution of higher education and research. The Accounting Department at UNT has a long and storied history, and its loyal and passionate graduates have not just a regional, but a global impact and presence. Our faculty and staff are top notch and dedicated to student success, and the alumni and student spotlights in this edition of the newsletter demonstrate that our students are eager and motivated to achieve. Clearly, my predecessors, including Drs. George Krull and Don Finn, have given me a solid foundation. While we have seen great success under their stewardship, I know that we are hungry to do more. Accordingly, my vision for the Accounting Department is to make our accounting programs the programs of choice in the region and beyond. I bring passion and a wealth of experience to my new job, but to achieve this vision, every one of us must do our best work. To paraphrase Satya Nadella, we must not underestimate what each of us can do and overestimate what others need to do to move us forward. It's an incredible honor for me to lead this department. I look forward to working with the UNT community to achieve the vision of making our accounting programs the programs of choice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ananth Seetharaman".

Ananth Seetharaman

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2016-2017



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On behalf of the Board, I first want to welcome Dr. Ananth Seetharaman and also express our gratitude to Dr. George Krull! The UNT Accounting Department has been very fortunate

to maintain its momentum during Dr. Krull's Interim Chair term and also fill the role with Dr. Seetharaman. Dr. Krull's leadership was invaluable and he is truly a one-of-a-kind individual who was so appropriately awarded the 2016 AAA Outstanding Service Award this summer. Dr. Seetharaman joins us with great experience and an equal amount of enthusiasm.

The Accounting Advisory Board currently meets twice a year bringing students, faculty, alumni, and administration together. The open communication directly among alumni, faculty, and students facilitated during the Board meetings helps identify current needs and trends and how everyone can have a role in advancing the Accounting program. In our semiannual meetings over the past year, we were pleased to hear the impact of both the students' certifications in Microsoft Excel and the CPA review course now offered through the school – which had their origins in the student breakout sessions of previous Board meetings.

The University and the Accounting Department increase the cadence of positive changes. We saw this first hand at the Spring meeting held at the new Frisco campus. As I started serving on the board a few years ago and, more recently, having the privilege and honor of chairing the board, my sense of pride for UNT and my degrees has grown tremendously. UNT's growing success is attributable to the people and this noticeable change results from everyone working towards the same goal – from Dr. Smatresk's leadership and vision to the volunteers who faithfully help on the Advisory Board. It is exciting to be involved and we are always looking for people to serve on the board if you want to be a part of this, too!

Scott A. Woods/Tax Partner KPMG

UNT Accounting Department Advisory Board Chair

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

2015-2016



Teresa L. Conover-Paden Neeley Professor for Excellence in Teaching

Steve A. Garner, Paul D. Hutchison, and Teresa L. Conover (2016) "The Effect of SEC Disclosure Regulation Regarding Audit Committees' Financial Experts on Foreign Private Issuers Cross-Listed on U.S. Securities Exchanges." *Journal of International Accounting Research*. In-Press.

Mary B. Curtis, Teresa Conover, Lorenzo Lucianette and Valentina Battista (2016) "Business Judgments and National Culture: A Comparison of U.S. and Italian Management Accountants." *Management Accounting Quarterly*. In-Press.

Mary B. Curtis - Horace Brock Centennial Professor

Mary B. Curtis and Roger S. Debreceeny (2016) "The Journal of Information Systems at Thirty." *Journal of Information Systems*: Spring 2016, Vol. 30, No.1, pp. 1-2.

Mary B. Curtis and Eileen Z. Taylor (2016) "Mentoring: A Path to Pro-Social Behavior." *Journal of Business Ethics*. In-Press.

Mary B. Curtis and Liz Payne (2016) "Factors Associated with Auditors' Intention to Train on Optional Technology." *Current Issues in Auditing*. In-Press.

Mary B. Curtis, Teresa Conover, Lorenzo Lucianette and Valentina Battista (2016) "Business Judgments and National Culture: A Comparison of U.S. and Italian Management Accountants." *Management Accounting Quarterly*. In-Press.

Jared Eutsler - Assistant Professor

Jared Eutsler, Erin Burrell Nickell, and Sean W.G. Robb (2016) "Fraud Risk Awareness and the Likelihood of Audit Enforcement Action." *Accounting Horizons*: September 2016, Vol. 30, No. 3, pp. 379-392.

Jacob Z. Haislip – Assistant Professor

Jacob Z. Haislip, Adi Masli, Vernon J. Richardson, and Juan Manuel Sanchez, "Repairing Organizational Legitimacy Following Information Technology (IT) Material Weaknesses: Executive Turnover, IT Expertise, and IT System Upgrades." *Journal of Information Systems*: Mar 2016, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Spring 2016) pp. 41-70.

Jacob Z. Haislip, Gary F. Peters, and Vernon J. Richardson. "The Effect of Auditor IT Expertise on Internal Controls." *International Journal of Accounting Information Systems*: Vol. 20, April 2016, Pages 1-15.

Paul D. Hutchison - Associate Professor

Steve A. Garner, Paul D. Hutchison, and Teresa L. Conover (2016) "The Effect of SEC Disclosure Regulation Regarding Audit Committees' Financial Experts on Foreign Private Issuers Cross-Listed on U.S. Securities Exchanges". *Journal of International Accounting Research*. In-Press.



Teresa Lightner - Associate Professor

Kimberly Key and Teresa Lightner. "The Effects of Property Taxes and Public Service Benefits on Housing Values: A County-Level Analysis." *Advances in Taxation*, forthcoming.

Kimberly Key and Teresa Lightner. "The Relation between Property Values and Local Property Taxes." *Journal of the American Taxation Association*. Vol. 37, No1. Spring 2015. pp. 103-128.

Jesse Robertson, Associate Professor

Bill Messier, Jesse Robertson, and Chad Simon. 2015. "The Effects of Client Management Concessions and Ingratiation Attempts on Auditors' Trust and Proposed Adjustments." *Advances in Accounting* Vol. 31. No. 1 pp. 80-90.

Lili Sun - Associate Professor

C. Li, K.K. Raman, Lili Sun and D. Wu. "The SOX 404 Internal Control Audit: Key Regulatory Events." *Research in Accounting Regulations*,: 27 (2): 160-164, 2015.

FACULTY BOARDS AND EDITORIALS

Don W. Finn

Editorial Board, *Research on Professional Responsibility and Ethics in Accounting* (Emerald Publication).

Teresa Lightner

2016—Editorial Board of *Issues in Accounting Education*

Jesse Robertson

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Journal of Business Ethics*

Editorial Board, *Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation*

Lili Sun

Associate editor, *Review of Pacific Basin Financial Markets and Policies*, 2011—present.

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Information Systems*, 2016.

DOCTORAL

PROGRAM



Two students entered the Accounting Doctoral Program this Fall:

Linh Le transferred to our accounting program from the department of Finance and Real Estate, where she completed her first year as a doctoral student. Linh completed an M.A. in Accounting at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi in 2015. Linh will be focusing on capital markets-based accounting research.



Sonja Hightower

Sonja Hightower, formerly a lecturer in the Accounting department, joined the doctoral program this fall. Sonja completed her MBA at Oklahoma State University and her BS in Accounting at East Central University.



Linh Le

Research Productivity by Our Students:

Doctoral Student Placements:

Weerapat “Go” Attachot has accepted an Assistant Professor of Accounting appointment at Babson College beginning Fall 2016.

Nicholas Hunt began this fall as Assistant Professor at University of Nevada – Reno.

Marc Neri began this fall as Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at TCU (Texas Christian University).

Binod Guragai currently has two manuscripts under review with journals. The paper entitled “Differential Responses to Accounting-Based and Market-Based Benchmarks: Evidence from NASDAQ”, coauthored with Carol Ann Frost and Eric T. Rapley, was submitted to the *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, & Finance*. The paper entitled “Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Restatements of Financial Statements for Non-Accelerated Filers”, coauthored with Paul D. Hutchison, was submitted to *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*.

Dissertation defenses:

Nicholas Hunt successfully defended his dissertation on March 23, 2016. The dissertation is entitled: An examination of Taxpayer Compliance from Three Perspectives: A Study of Economic, Environmental, and Personal Determinants. His committee consisted of Govind Iyer (chair), Danielle Cooper, Mary Curtis, and Phil Reckers.

Also this year, two students have defended their dissertation proposals. **Weerapat “Go” Attachot** defended a proposal entitled: Determinants of Corporate Governance Choices – Evidence from Foreign Firms Listed on U.S. Stock Exchanges. **Binod Guragai** defended a proposal entitled: Firm Performance and Analyst Forecast Accuracy Following Discontinued Operations: Evidence From The Pre-SFAS 144 and SFAS 144 Era.

MASTER & ALUMNI STUDENT

SPOT LIGHT

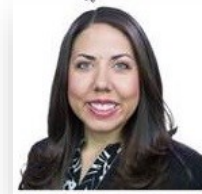
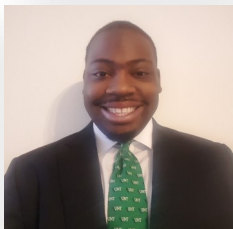


MASTER STUDENT CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL JR.

My experience at the University of North Texas has been second to none. In December, I will graduate from the BS/MS Accounting program with a focus in Taxation. During my time at UNT, I have had the opportunity to serve in various positions on the executive board for the National Association of Black Accountants student organization and currently serve as a mentor. I have also had the opportunity to represent the College of Business as a Student Ambassador for the last four years, and had the honor of serving as an accounting tutor for the last two years. Through my involvement in these activities, I was able to develop my leadership skills and develop lifelong friendships. These experiences have helped shape me into the individual I am and the professional I will soon become.

UNT has helped me grow as a person and a professional. The curriculum has been rigorous, but very rewarding. The program's high standards and requirements have pushed me to become the best student I can be and provides the challenges necessary to stay motivated. Last spring, I was the recipient of the Texas Society of CPA's Accounting Excellence Award in recognition of my academic achievements and demonstration of leadership. I am grateful for the professors, mentors, and accounting organizations that helped open many doors for my career. Because of their support I was able to obtain an internship at EY in taxation and will begin my career as a tax staff in EY's Diversified Staff Group in 2017.

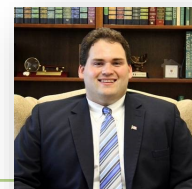
The support and tools I have received from UNT make me confident that I will be able to take the next step in my career. I plan to sit for the CPA exam in the spring before returning to EY full-time in June. I hope to gain as much as experience as I can while working at EY. Then I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in Accounting to help push the profession forward, and use my experiences to teach accounting students. I look forward to having the opportunity to mentor and inspire future students as they begin their careers and helping to instill in them all the values that UNT helped to instill in me.



KRYSTLE POND
2015 Internal Auditor Magazine
Emerging Leader

UNT alumni , Krystle Pond, was named one of the 2015 Emerging Leaders, by Internal Auditor Magazine. Krystle shares the honor with 14 other practitioners who are taking the internal auditing world by storm, especially in their approaches to changing how the business world views the profession. (Internal Auditor Magazine, December, 2015). Look for the full article in the December 2015 issue of Internal Auditor Magazine.

<https://iaonline.theiia.org/2015/Pages/On-the-Rise-2015.aspx>



CHRIS EIDD
2016 Internal Auditor Magazine
Emerging Leader

UNT alumni , Chris Eidd, has been named one of the 2016 Emerging Leaders, by Internal Auditor Magazine. Mr. Eidd was nominated by UNT faculty member Dr. Teresa Conover. Internal Auditor Magazine has contacted Mr. Eidd with their agreement with Dr. Conover's nomination . Look for the full article in the December 2016 issue of Internal Auditor Magazine.

<https://iaonline.theiia.org/2016/Pages/On-the-Rise-2016.aspx>

ACCOUNTING

PRIDE



RIGERS MEMKO

Rigers graduated with a BS/MS Accounting degree in Spring of 2016. Since graduation he has passed all sections of the CPA exam and works for PwC.



Rigers, president of the Student Investment Group, (SIG), during his last semester at UNT was mentioned in the Reuters March 2016 edition concerning the market in early 2016. Reuters states that "University of North Texas grad student Rigers Memko, 23, also kept his wits about him and did not sell any stocks when the market fell in early 2016." (March 10, 2016).

Rigers reasons for not selling were quoted as "The market right now is affected by global uncertainties and what is happening in China, in Europe, and with Russia, which I believe will pass, and the market will start picking up again." (Reuters, March 2016).

Reuters also mentioned the UNT Investment president manages \$600,000 in assets focusing on long-term investments. Top holdings include Apple Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Altria Group Inc., Coca Cola Co and AT&T Inc. (March 10, 2016).

Jason Anderson

Sat for the Certified Information Systems Auditor, (CISA), exam in December 2015.



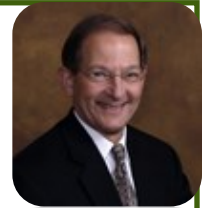
Upon sitting, he finished in the top 10% of all test takers globally.

Mr. Anderson attributes his knowledge to UNT. He states that "with the education from UNT, I am able to expand my future information systems career."

What an honor to have such impressive students such as Mr. Anderson representing the Department of Accounting at UNT.

North Texas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Tax Lawyer and Adjunct Accounting professor for UNT, Bob Widmer, collected \$100,000 from community members and applied for a matching grant from the IRS in less than two weeks, according to the Denton Record Chronicle. (August 31, 2016).



The funds were used to open the North Texas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, located at 499 S. Carroll Blvd. The Denton Record Chronicle also reported that students from UNT and TWU, (Texas Woman's University) will work under the supervision of licensed tax professionals to work with clients and the IRS. (August 31, 2016).

"We're in a community that has a huge impoverished section. It's also gotten really hard to get into the IRS, so what do these people do? They're lost." Bob Widmer (Denton Record Chronicle, August 31, 2016).

INTERNAL AUDIT

Dr. Conover's Internal Audit Class conducts an operational audit and consulting engagement of Our Daily Bread (ODB) and Denton Community Food Center (DFC).



IAEP

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Internal Auditing Education Partnership

The UNT Comprehensive IAEP (Internal Auditing Education Partnership) Program was delighted to award 30 IAEP Certificates to well qualified UNT Masters students on May 4, 2016.

The UNT Seminar in Internal Auditing course conducts a “Live Audit” project. The project includes planning, problem analysis, development and application of audit procedures, and submission of a final audit report. The class audits the UNT Student Investment Group (SIG) each Spring semester. Each team worked with an audit professional from either the Dallas or Ft. Worth IIA chapter. Kudos go to Dr. Raymond Clay who started this seminal project. Students consistently indicate that this experiential learning activity is one of the best learning experiences of their academic career. The volunteer professionals included: Martha Cathey-Baucom (NTTA); Chris Eidd (Builders FirstSource); Danny Goldberg (GoldSRD); Nathaniel Hatten (KPMG); Phillip Johnson (Protiviti); Gina Moore (Sunera); Jeanne Reese (BNSF); and Robert Rubel (City of Dallas).

The Fall semester class is auditing Our Daily Bread (ODB) and Denton Community Food Center (DCFC) and is working with professionals Chris Eidd (Builders FirstSource); Fernando Gonzales (YMCA); Gregory Kigen (UNT System); and Vicki Tesmer (American Heart Association).

The class has benefitted from many wonderful guest speakers from both the Dallas and Ft. Worth IIA Chapters. Guest speakers enhance the semester greatly and bring the material “to life.” Guest speakers this year include: Tracy Grunig, Gregory Kigen, Carissa Spinks, and Larry Worthy (UNT System Internal Audit); Holly Meyer and Curtis Betts (DPSG); Ken Peterson (TeamMate Analytics); Chris Eidd (Builders FirstSource); Terry Hartzog (Protiviti); Jeanne Reese (BNSF); Robert Rubel (City of Dallas); and Kent Larsen and Terry Pierce (Moss Adams).

Six UNT students had the opportunity to volunteer at the IIA General Audit Management (GAM) conference in March. What an amazing experience they had! The students enjoyed attending sessions and networking with leaders in the Internal Audit profession.

We also had the honor of one of our UNT graduates being named by Internal Auditor Magazine as one of 15 Emerging Leaders worldwide. Krystle Pond (UNT Accounting MS 2013) from Southwest Airlines was named in the magazine’s December 2015 cover story as a leader “On the Rise.”

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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Association of Latino Professionals for America in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)

Association of Latino Professionals For America in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) is a business organization which aims to prepare students for leadership positions in the global economy. As a global organization, we strive to have diversity of thought, experience, and membership.

During the [2015-2016](#) school year, ALPFA invited various professionals from the DFW area to present during the weekly meetings. In the course of the meetings, these professionals presented on different topics or held a workshop teaching students how to become successful leaders in the business world. At the meetings, students were able to interact with professionals and receive valuable feedback to help them prepare for internships and full time employment. ALPFA encourages team work and collaboration among peers, proudly participating in joint meetings with NABA and Beta Alpha Psi.

This year UNT ALPFA was present in various networking events, student symposiums, and the national convention which took place at the Gaylord Texan. In support of these events, the UNT ALPFA chapter helped create local growth opportunities at the personal and professional levels. The UNT ALPFA Chapter also recognizes the importance of giving back to the community. The organization gives back to the community through its members volunteering for a canned food drive for the Denton Community Food Center and through cleaning up the environment during adopt-a-block and Keeping Denton Beautiful events. These experiences have strengthened the bond in our ALPFamilia. For more information you can find us at: www.alpfaunt.com or www.orgsync.com/10712/chapter

Beta Alpha Psi (BAP)

Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) is an international honors organization for students in accounting and finance. We have grown our membership to over 80 members and have extended our network of professionals throughout the DFW area. We encourage our members to grow professionally, academically, and socially. We do this by sponsoring professional events, community service events, and other activities. Our professional events consist of inviting the local firms to present on a professional development topic. This includes many opportunities to interact with professionals and ask them questions or talk to them on a one-on-one basis. Our sponsors this year range from Big 4 Accounting to smaller local accounting firms. We also have an industry sponsor joining us this year. Our sponsors cover accounting, business, and professional growth topics. As part of the professional growth, we actively encourage members to attend the UNT Career and Internship Fairs, Meet-the-Firms Night, resume workshops, and many other workshops offered by UNT.

In addition to this, we offer members the opportunity to volunteer their time for local community service activities. This year we will be hosting many events ranging from UNT Adopt-a-block and UNT Big Event, to a joint volunteer event with the UTA chapter at the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

As part of the outreach activities, we were able to sponsor our officers to attend the BAP Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. We were also able to attend the BAP Southwest Regional Meeting in Houston, Texas. Both of these events helped us to come up with ideas to grow our chapter membership as well as create a better experience for our members. We are committed to the professional development of student organizations at UNT by collaborating with them and co-sponsoring events. The Beta Pi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is committed to developing our members into the professionals and leaders they need to be to meet the future demand for accountants. For more information, please visit us at <http://unt-bap.weebly.com/> or follow us on Twitter @UNT_BAP

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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Information Systems Audit and Control Association and the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ISACA/IIA/ACFE)

The student chapter of ISACA/IIA/ACFE had several highly informative meetings this past year.

Last fall, Larry Worthy, from the UNT System, spoke for ACFE; Terry Hartzog, from Protiviti, spoke for IIA; Laurie Flandrau, from GMFinancial, represented ISACA. In the spring, Susan Pagel, from the UNT System and Kyle Wess, from EY, spoke for ISACA. We also had a panel to educate students on the various certifications available to them as professional accountants. The panel consisted of Paul Bustos (WNCO) – CFE; Chris Eidd (Builders FirstSource) – CIA; Tracy Grunig (UNT System) – CPA; and Jerry Ratigan (MoneyOnMobile, Inc.) – CMA; and Greg Streder (GDT Internal Audit) – CISA. This fall, our speakers will be Paul Bustos, from WNCO, and Jason Cables, from Navigant, for ACFE; Austin Browning of IT Cybersecurity (State Farm Ins.), for ISACA; and Katherine Findlay of CAE Southwest Airlines, for the IIA. Additionally, many of our members also attended the Business Etiquette Dinner sponsored by the Dallas ISACA chapter in February.

Last year, our student president was Osbaldo Garay, and this year the president is Bryan Holdegraver, who was also the 2015-2016 the recipient of the Dallas-chapter ACFE Scholarship.

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

Our mission is to promote and develop the professional skills of our members and to encourage and assist minority student members entering the accounting profession. NABA also provides opportunities for members to fulfill their civic responsibility by offering various community service events such as “Adopt a block” and participating in “Make a difference day”. From the classroom to the professional workforce NABA strives to unite accounting, finance, and business related professionals with students possessing similar interests and ideas. NABA members are committed to professional and academic excellence and unite together in order to help each other succeed. This is an important part of the NABA motto, “Lifting as we climb.”

The NABA chapter at UNT has participated in a wide range of activities this year. We have increased professional development and networking opportunities through our regular meetings with our professional chapter. For example, members had the opportunity to attend the pre-conference hosted by our professional chapter at Ernst&Young in Dallas. In addition, with the help of the accounting department, we sponsored 15 members to attend the annual Western Region NABA Student Conference in Houston, Tx. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in “A Day With NABA” in Dallas hosted by our professional chapter at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Our chapter is also active in our community and we strive to lift up student professionals as we all climb the ladder of success.

INTERNSHIP

PLACEMENT



SUMMER 2015

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Randell Harold
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Montgomery Coscia Greilich LLP

Tyler Hodgson

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Jiapeng Li
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Laura Snyder

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Jose Luna
Michael Padilla
Elizabeth Tollack

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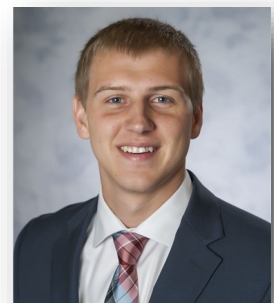


PAYTON LAW

As a graduate accounting student at the University of North Texas, I have remained adamant about making competitive grades, networking with my peers, and learning about the structure and opportunities within the accounting industry. The BS/MS curriculum has been invaluable to my future career. Not only have I built a foundation of accounting, I have also strengthened my critical thinking skills, communication skills, and abilities to work on a team. I began working as an Accounting Intern at Hillwood Properties, a real estate development firm, during the fall of 2014. Outside of reading a textbook, Hillwood was my first experience in accounting. Working part time in the industry before encountering my public accounting internship was extremely beneficial. At Hillwood, I learned the processes behind the formation of financial statements. Seeing the number of transactions and the amount of detail that financial statements portray helped me to conceptualize the theories I was learning from my professors.

During spring of 2015, I actively pursued internship opportunities that would provide a professional development experience as it relates to the auditing side of public accounting. I obtained an internship with Ernst & Young (EY) and started working during spring of 2016. My client was a Fortune 500 technology company that had recently acquired a subsidiary business. The first couple of weeks were light, as I underwent training and adjusted to my new team. As the weeks continued and the February audit deadline approached, I quickly learned what the “busy season” hype was all about. My previous experience at Hillwood allowed me to hit the ground running with the testing of both internal controls and a few of the more liquid asset accounts. Everyday consisted of challenging tasks and tremendous learning curves that allowed me to gain a true understanding of what the profession entails. During my internship, I truly felt like I was a part of the team and the experience could not have been replicated in a classroom. Don’t get me wrong, I did go on my fair share of coffee runs, but I also got to maintain daily interaction with the client, work with some of the smartest people I’ve ever met, and take on responsibilities that made me feel important to the outcome of the audit.

The experiences during my internships at Ernst & Young and Hillwood have solidified my decision to be an accountant. I now know that I will enjoy accounting as my career because there are many challenges that will keep it interesting and the expectations of accountants are set high. After graduation, I plan to complete the CPA exam before starting with EY full time in August of 2017. I have chosen to stay with EY because of the work environment and the opportunities that this environment can create for young professionals. Everyday I will get to collaborate and interact with colleagues who are likeminded and have similar ambitions as I do. I would like to thank the professors at UNT and the officers of Beta Alpha Psi for all of the knowledge they have poured into me throughout my education. I would also like to thank the leaders at Hillwood and EY for the guidance and mentorship they have given me throughout my internships. Without these key relationships and the grace of God, I would not be where I am today nor have the ambitions and goals that I have set for my future.



EAGLE ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

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