

## FOOTNOTES

# GREETINGS!

## FROM THE ACCOUNTING CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello to all accounting students and club members!

I am Wykenna Dickerson, a senior here at Athens State University and this year's IMA Student Chapter/Accounting Club President. I am very appreciative to be a part of this club and to be able to meet so many people and hear from so many speakers throughout the year.

Part of the experience of being an Accounting Club officer is the opportunity to attend the annual IMA Student Leadership Conference. This year the conference was in Anaheim, California. I was so excited to go this year and meet many students from all over the United States. There were several speakers we heard from in general sessions and break-out sessions who shared about how they were introduced into the world of accounting. I was also able to network with session speakers, students, and business professionals, and I learned about scholarships that IMA offers to students.

I encourage every accounting student to experience the IMA Student Leadership Conference while attending Athens State University. You will gain a lot of knowledge, as well as networking skills that you can use in the future.

I hope to see even more students become a part of the Accounting Club in the future, serve as an officer, and take advantage of all the opportunities!

### VISION STATEMENT

*Perpetuate the IMA-gold standards of excellence for a world-class organization at both a national and local level.*

### 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.*



**Wykenna Dickerson**  
President

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### 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](http://www.imanet.org))
- 3) Email your IMA member number to Professor Michael Phillips

# CLUB EVENTS

## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

### Accounting Club Meeting 9/5

Our Accounting Club officers each shared all about IMA and how participation in the Accounting Club can benefit students during college. Students were encouraged to join IMA as student members using a discount code provided by IMA. Accounting professors answered student questions, and there were 99 people attending.

## **MEETINGS**

### **IRS**

#### Accounting Club Meeting 10/3

Ms. Nora Huffman, Senior Stakeholder Liaison at the Birmingham, AL Office of the IRS, spoke about the IRS hiring initiative. The IRS's mission is to provide taxpayers with top-quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and enforce the law with integrity and fairness. 76 attended.

### **FBI - ETHICS**

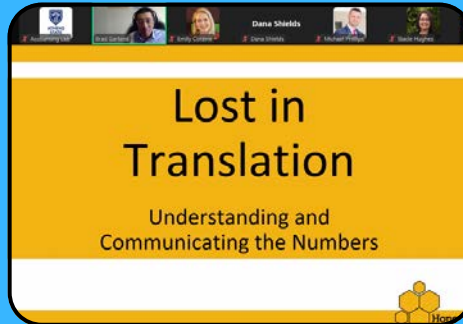
#### Accounting Club Meeting 10/10

Stephanie Fitzgibbons spoke about her amazing background as a forensic accountant with the FBI. She shared about employment opportunities available. She shared some really interesting cases she's seen. She encouraged students to have integrity, show initiative, and try different things. 76 attended.

### **BECKER**

#### Accounting Club Meeting 4/4

Becker Ambassador Rena Hames arranged with faculty for Kurtis Williams from Becker to present to the Accounting Club about their CPA and CMA exam review products. He also shared about the exams and what is required for them. 22 attended.



### **HONEYCOMB CPAS**

#### Accounting Club Meeting 11/14

Brad Garland, CPA, provided valuable insights into public accounting and the critical importance of understanding numbers, breaking down concepts into simpler terms, and communicating findings effectively to clients. 69 attended.

## **FUNDRAISING**



Several Accounting Club students volunteered their time to serve Bojangle's and cotton candy at the Fiddlers Convention the first weekend of October. Some accounting students even helped tally scores for the competitions! Thank you!



## **MEET THE FIRMS 9/23**

25 accounting students showed up with resumes in-hand and ready to network with employers. Employers included the Alabama Department of Revenue, Anglin, Reichmann & Armstrong, BMSS, MDA, Mauldin & Jenkins, U.S. Army Audit Agency, and Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn & Law. It was amazing to see so many former students on the employer side of the table!

## **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**



## **TRANSFER DAY 9/21**

Accounting Club officers welcomed new and potential students to Athens State and shared with them about the benefits of IMA membership and being a part of the Accounting Club.





# CLUB EVENTS

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who donated to the canned food drive that benefits our local community through LCCI, Limestone County Churches Involved. We collected an equivalent of 200 canned goods that were delivered in time for Thanksgiving.



## IMA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER 6-9

Professor Michael Phillips, Faculty Advisor, attended the conference with student club officers Wykenna Dickerson and Kayla Watwood.



Thursday's industry tours were of the Anaheim Convention Center, the Angels Stadium, and Phillips-Medisize. Accountants from each of these businesses shared with students about real-life accounting in their organization. Thursday night was full of networking with other students and business professionals.

Friday was full of learning during a variety of seminars on so many topics from what it means to be a CMA to forensic accounting. "Lessons from Prison" about fraud was especially interesting! Networking happens between each session with several business representatives from industry. Friday night we competed in a t-shirt design contest, and we were very proud of our design by Kaitlyn Johnson and NDesigns.



Thank you to the IMA Memorial Education Fund for the grant to help our students travel to California!

Thank you to Linda Hemingway for her generous support of the Accounting Club!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

-Fall Graduation - 12/7    -Accounting Club Meeting - January - TBA

## GRADUATES

### SPRING AND SUMMER 2024 GRADUATES

#### B.S. in Accounting:

Adams, Brandi  
Aughtman, Michael  
Barnett, Summer  
Bell-Stewart, Shelby  
Boozer, Audrey  
Brink, Lillian  
Brooks, Jennifer  
Brown, Casey  
Burgess, Mindy  
Bye, Hannah  
Carmichael, Tyler  
Champion, Kali  
Cisneros, Ashley  
Conway, Alexis  
Cooper, Samuel  
Craig, Abby  
Dotson, Baylee  
Evans, Ashlyn

Garcia, Itzamar  
Glover, Whitney  
Hames, Rena  
Hill, Shelton  
Holden, Sharon  
Jones, Rachel  
Kensing, Leighanne  
King, Spencer  
Martin, Kevin  
Mathis, Lacey  
McBee, Emily  
Miller, Meagan  
Moore, James  
Neal, Mary  
Nguyen, Anh  
Nichols, Sarah  
Oliver, Jaime  
Owens, Savannah

Ray, Chelsea  
Smith, Connor  
Sotherland, Briana  
Tankersley, Zachary  
Vena, Amanda  
Ward, Amy  
Young, Jeneal



#### MAcc:

Blalock, Joseph  
Brown, Alexis  
Bundy, Angela  
Craft, Jonathan  
Fragale, Samantha  
Garrison, Brittney  
Jenkins, Tracy  
Locklear, Cari  
Meadows, Morgan  
Meadows, Bethany  
Mullins, Breanna  
Perrin, Robert  
Prather, Nathaniel  
Rawls, Rhonda  
Soukup, Virginia  
Tidmore, Dakota  
Valcana, Jon  
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