

# Greetings from the IMA Student Chapter



**Sarah Hollingshead  
President**

Hello Athens State accounting students! I have the great privilege to serve as President of the IMASC Accounting Club this school year. I hope your fall semester is going well. We had a fabulous Fiddlers Convention and I hope you all got to attend and enjoyed it as much as I did!

As we go into the holiday season, please

remember our CareGiving canned food drive competition with SHRM and our Children of Guatemala Gift Bag project. These projects help so many in need.

Also happening this year is the IMA Student Leadership Conference. This conference will be held virtually on November 5th. By attending the conference, you will have many opportunities to network and gain professional and personal skills. Registration is open now!

I want to echo my excitement that the Accounting Club won the 2021 Gold Award of Excellence and the Outstanding Student Chapter Award. There are only five clubs in the nation that receive this honor! The officers, advisors, and

club members worked so hard for this award. We are really proud to earn this honor.

We have a calendar full of amazing speakers this fall and spring semester. And many opportunities to be involved in the Athens State University community. I truly hope to see you at one of the events!



## 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 Chris Nelson. [Christopher.Nelson@athens.edu](mailto:Christopher.Nelson@athens.edu)

### 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.*

### Vision Statement

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

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# Club Activities



On October 7th, Jillian Miles spoke to the Accounting Club. She is a Talent Management Consultant for Horizon Point Consulting. Jillian's discussion focused on Leadership in the Workplace.

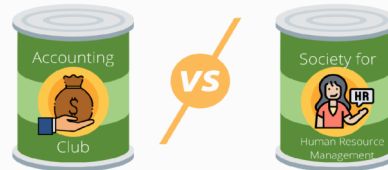
She stressed the importance of understanding yourself and in being able to read others. Jillian introduced DISC as a tool to help do this. DISC is an acronym that stands for dominance, influence, steadiness, and conscientiousness styles. Understanding someone's DISC can help provide a broad overview of their work style. Which can help with collaboration at work and in knowing how to adjust when conflicts occur. This was a great meeting with key takeaways.



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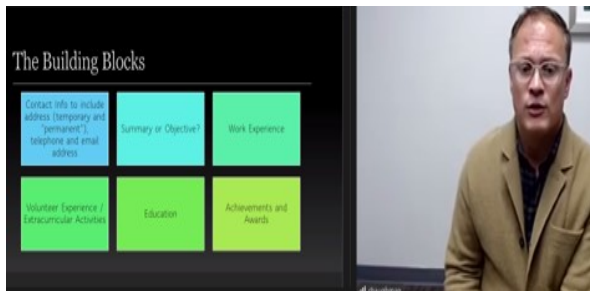


## CAREGIVING CAN DRIVE



**Please help support our service projects!**

The Children of Guatemala Gift Bag Project and the CareGiving Canned Food Drive. Donations due Nov 12th Contact any officer or advisor for more details.



Students attended the ASCPA Student Summit Roundtables on September 30th. Representatives of Warren Averett discussed the benefits of developmental feedback. Jennifer Neal from KPMG talked about professionalism on the job. She noted the importance of branding, pitches, and having a good demeanor. Deloitte led discussions on helping students navigate unintentional biases. Charles Baughman focused on resumes and interviews. He highlighted the importance of having a game plan. The day ended with a discussion on working with diverse teams. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, students participated in virtual interviews with top accounting firms and other businesses.

Members of the IMASC—Accounting Club recently joined APICS for an industry tour of Love Packages in Decatur. The organization ships religious materials, donated by churches, to several countries in Africa and Asia. The manager, Jason, explained the operations process, accounting, and management of the organization along with the importance of logistics.



# Awards and Recognitions - Congratulations!



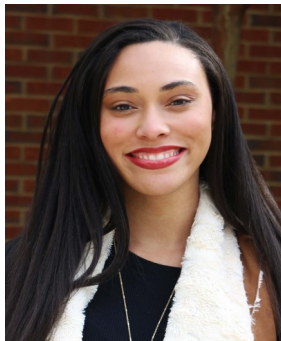
Recipient of the Hemingway Distinguished Accounting Scholarship

Sarah Hollingshead

## ASCPA Education Foundation Scholarship Winners!



Victoria Johnston  
\$4,250



Raegan Ballinger  
\$4,250



Elijah Taylor  
\$2,000



Dakoda Tidmore  
\$2,000



Kayla Watwood  
\$2,000

## ASCPA Accounting Achievement Award



Emily Stanley was awarded the 2020-2021 ASCPA Accounting Achievement Award



## CMA Scholarships

The following students were awarded scholarships by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) to help them prepare and test for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jordan Adams    | Ariel Baker     |
| Melayna Cumming | Erica Jones     |
| Kiara Love      | Megan Moland    |
| Robert Perrin   | Lisa Stanley    |
| Jon Valcana     | Elizabeth Wells |





## Congratulations!

Missy Fulks, former Accounting Club officer and 2015 graduate has earned the certified public accountant (CPA) designation. We are so proud of you Missy!

## Congratulations on your new positions!

### Emily Edmondson

Internship  
Anglin, Reichmann, Armstrong, CPA

### Colton Hicks

Full-time Accounting Position  
Sanmina Corporation

### Victoria Johnston

Internship  
Alan Vaughn, PC

### Lesia Leon

Accountant  
Walker Rehabilitation Center

### Latondia Ragland

Internship  
Defense Contract Audit Agency

### Karlie Turner

Full-time Accounting Position  
CDPA, PC

### Kayla Watwood

Accounting Position  
Trideum Corporation

### Julia wells

Auditor  
Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 09/02/21: Meeting - Orientation
- 09/20/21: IMA - Remote Teams Webinar
- 10/01/21: Old Time Fiddler's Convention
- 10/01/21: ASCPA Interview Day
- 10/07/21: Meeting - Jillian Miles - Leadership
- 10/18/21: IMA - New Lease Standard Webinar
- 11/04/21: Meeting - Ashley Stephens - Becker
- 11/05/21: IMA Student Leadership Conference
- 11/12/21: Conclude Service Projects
- 11/15/21: IMA - Ethics Webinar

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