

Footnotes

Athens State
IMA Student Chapter
Accounting Club
March 2020 Newsletter

President's Farewell Message



Delanie Pate
President

The IMASC - Accounting Club is accepting nominations for officer positions for the next academic year 2021-2022.

Nominations will be accepted through March 31st. If you are interested or have questions, please email Professor Corzine at emily.corzine@athens.edu. Elections to be held in April.

Hello Athens IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club Students. I hope the spring semester has gone well for all of you and continues to finish strong.

With the new school year coming up there will be several officer positions opening up and available for the fall 2020 semester.

Most of our officers including myself will be graduating soon. Please consider taking advantage of leadership opportunities as an officer with the IMASC - Accounting Club.

I am thankful to have been able to lead our meetings and help with events the club has been a part of. I look forward to seeing the ways our new officers will build on the already strong foundation and make the club even better.

I wish everyone the best of luck finishing up your degrees and moving into the workforce. With this outstanding club and program supporting us, I know we will accomplish great things!

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CLUB EVENTS



Chazmyn David
Audit Assurance Accountant
Price Waterhouse Coopers

By Lindsay Wallace



Chazmyn David, a recent Athens State graduate, spoke to the IMASC - Accounting Club on March 12th. She spoke about her experience applying to, interviewing with, and working for one of the “Big Four” accounting firms, Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Chazmyn told how she received help from her accounting professors and the Career Development Center when preparing for the interviews. She also said that though she didn’t come from a large recruiting school, the things she learned at ASU had equipped her with the skills she needed to thrive in the large accounting firm as well as other new hires coming from large schools.

She advised students to pay attention to technologies which are changing the accounting landscape. Chazmyn also said it is wise for students to have key Excel skills such as vlookup and pivot tables ingrained in their minds.

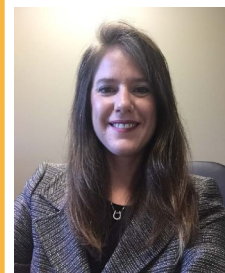
Chazmyn concluded by sharing how she manages work-life balance. One way was by standing up for herself even when her peers were afraid to in the large corporate environment.

Transfer Day March 12



IMASC Accounting Club officers were on hand during Athens State University’s Transfer Day. Officers spoke to future students about club leadership opportunities, how to join the IMA, and the wealth of knowledge members gain from hearing guest speakers share about their work experiences in the field of accounting.

Summer classes
begin
May 18th!

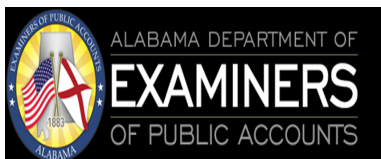


April Purser
Audit Manager

By Tiffanie Duke

The IMASC Accounting Club had the opportunity to hear guest speaker, April Purser, on February 27th . Mrs. Purser is an Audit Manager for the Alabama Department of Examiners of

Public Accounts. She provided detailed information on the audits of different industries in the state of Alabama. She also explained that Alabama has been on a hiring freeze, but it has recently been lifted. The department is now hiring auditors for several counties. This will allow them to catch up on audits and to perform audits in a more timely manner. Mrs. Purser also explained the differences between the CPA and CMA and the benefits of each one as they relate to the different fields in which she has worked.



Anna Catherine Osteen
CFO and Executive VP

By Savannah Smith

On February 13th the IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club had the pleasure of having Ms. Anna Catherine Osteen to speak. She, being the CFO and Executive Vice President of PeopleTec, gave those in attendance a new perspective into the ever-evolving world of accountancy. One of the key takeaways Ms. Osteen presented was the importance of having professional goals and then aligning those goals with personal aspirations. She challenged us, as we begin our careers in accountancy, to pursue what drives us, not to simply climb the corporate ladder.





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IMA GULF-SOUTH CONFERENCE

By Tiffanie Duke and Savannah Smith

GULF SOUTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

On February 21st over 30 student members of the IMASC - Accounting Club were able to enjoy a day full of learning provided at the IMA Gulf South Council meeting. This meeting was held for the first time in Athens, AL at the Hampton Inn. An array of topics gave each attendee a new and fresh perspective.

Mr. Redmond, IMA President, was the first speaker of the day. His talk on ethics truly kick-started the day in allowing those in attendance to walk through ethical dilemmas. He pointed out the proper way to handle situations and stressed the added responsibility accountants hold in being ethically bound.

The second guest speaker was Mr. Ed Reed from the Alabama Securities Commission. He provided insight on the laws of buying and selling stock in the state of Alabama. Mr. Reed explained fraudulent securities and how to inquire about securities before investing in them. Cryptocurrency was another popular topic that he touched on. Many in attendance were not familiar with the logistics of cryptocurrency.

Our last speaker was Mr. Bruce Henderson from Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler. He spoke to us on several topics that correlate to human resources. Those topics include changes to payroll laws, immigration laws, how to handle harassment in the workplace, and medical marijuana as it relates to employment.



“Overall, the IMA Gulf South Conference was a day filled with inspiring speakers and stimulating discussion that allowed increased understanding of ethics, the commission, and human resource obligations.” Savannah



“This conference was not only educational, it also allowed students to interact with professionals in the field. On behalf of the Athens State Accounting students, I would like to thank the IMA Council, Athens State University, and our professors for providing us with this sensational learning opportunity.” Tiffanie

Calendar of Events

March 31: Deadline for Officer Nominations

April 1-7: Officer Elections via Blackboard

April 2: Matthew Everetts, Army Audit Agency
(Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances)

April 16: Awards Ceremony & Luncheon
(Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances)

May 2: Spring Graduation



Congratulations on your new jobs and positions!

Jordan Adams
Peopletec, Inc
Huntsville, AL

Connor Franks
Statistics Lab Tutor
Athens State University

Lanie Tibaldo
Seaman, Shinkunas and Lindgren, PC
Athens, AL

Jon Valcana
Simulation Technologies, Inc
Huntsville, AL

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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Accounting Honor Society at
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Want to Join the Athens State IMASC - 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
- 3) Email your IMA member number to Professor Emily Corzine

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