

FOOTNOTES

ACCOUNTING CLUB NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Sarah Hollingshead

President



Greetings fellow accounting students! The time has come for me to pass the presidential torch. It has been a great honor to represent the IMASC Accounting Club as president this school year. I have been incredibly blessed to have such a great leadership team. I am immensely proud of all that we accomplished together. I know that the future club officers will continue our legacy of greatness. Together we collected hundreds of canned goods for the Limestone County Churches involved, wrote notes to our pen-pals and treated them to valentine's goodies. We put together gift bags for the children of Guatemala, and attended the most interesting (and delicious) industry tours, among many other amazing things. Above all, we found a community of friendship here at Athens State. To the future board members and club members: you are going to do remarkable things. Athens State inspires excellence. Stay involved and connect with your peers and professors. The days are long, but the years are short. The community you build will help you through those long days and encourage you throughout the years. Oprah Winfrey said "It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you." Now, Class of 2022, let's go rock this Master of Accountancy!

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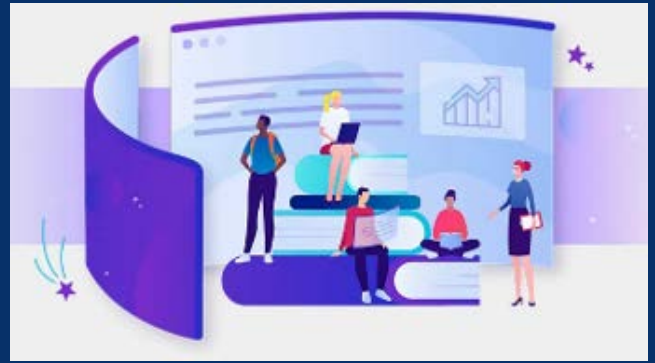
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With the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation you can open doors to a successful career. Put some extra effort in now to earn your CMA!

Did you know...

- You can take the exam while still in school
- The exam covers material you're already studying
- Certification increases the ability to achieve a higher salary
- Certification differentiates you from other job candidates

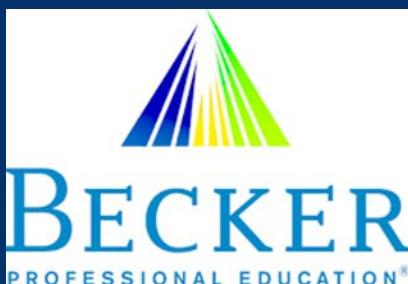


IMA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

by Elijah Taylor

During the Virtual Student Leadership, there was a capability to interact with the presenters and input certain questions to whom it may concern. The opportunities to network were enjoyable. You can follow me on linked (ElijahFirm) to connect with my network as I begin to share frequent information about the Accounting Club. I continue to plan my student involvement, and recruitment continues for clubs such as our IMA Student Chapter at Athens State University. I want to align the focus of our student groups to the goal of building a great team. Through my admission at the conference, I was able to learn about a lot of interesting job fields that needed employees within my field of study. I was also able to take note of some good schools that are offering the master's program. Exam preparation providers were included in the conference, and the top name brand providers were the following: Becker, Gleim, Institute of Management Accountants, Surgent Accounting & Financial Education, and Wiley. The theme for this conference and the main topics that our learning was about revolved around management, leadership, development, and collaboration. The presentations from some very good business leaders who shared insight on their niche and some of the accounting characteristics in the industry they are involved with.

Also, Athens State Accounting Club won the t-shirt competition for 2021-2022! Great Job!



BECKER - CPA REVIEW

by Victoria Johnston

On November 4th, Ashley Stephens spoke to the Accounting Club about Becker material. To become a Certified Public Accountant, there are five steps. Step 1: meet the educational requirements. Step 2: apply to take the exam. Step 3: study for the exam. Step 4: schedule the exam. Step 5: succeed. After an individual passes the exam, they can apply for licensure. Students learned the options for transferring a CPA license across states. Ashley showed students the NASBA website; this website shows what the educational requirements are for each state to sit for the CPA exam. The application to sit for the exam can be found as well on the Alabama State Board of Public Accounting. She also showed students the Prometric website; this website shows students where CPA testing centers are. In the state of Alabama, students will need to have 150 credit hours of schooling. Also, to sit for the exam, students will need at least one year of work experience related to the accounting field. She also went over the CMA and the importance of CMAs. Overall, Ashley's presentation was very informative



LAUREN GRAY

Congratulations to Lauren Gray, accounting major and contestant in the recent Miss Alabama USA pageant who won the title of "Miss Congeniality." Lauren, previously crowned Miss Flint River USA, was one of the first women to compete in a wheelchair. Lauren aims to encourage others with disabilities to pursue their dreams, large or small.



NDESIGNS INDUSTRY TOUR

by Sarah Hollingshead

On October 28th 2021 the Accounting Club had the privilege to tour NDesigns in Fayetteville, Tennessee. I will never view a screen printed shirt the same way! This business designs and makes custom shirts, hats, purses, wallets, and even leather mouse pads! They also do embroidery, digital media, and boat wrapping. The company began in 1996 and the owner said he still has his first ever screen printing machine to remember how far he has come. We discussed the benefits of making their own screens to print shirts and the process to remove the ink as to not waste a drop. We also got to see the whole process of screen printing a T-shirt. The process includes: creating the design, making the screen, setting the machine to press the color, curing the shirts, counting the order, and finally folding the shirts to box. We saw and discussed their inventory process and how the pandemic has caused it to change. The tour was incredibly interesting. As accountants we have more to think about than just numbers and general ledgers and industry tours such as these really bring the accounting world full circle.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Officer nominations will be accepted through March 31st for the 2022-23 academic year. Contact Professor Hammon for more information.

DISCOVER THE CMA

by Acharian Winston

Professor Stacie Hughes is currently a professor at Athens State University. She is also a graduate of Athens State. She stated that getting the CMA certification has been one of the best choices for her career. Professor Hughes also serves as the Director of CMA/CFM Programs for the IMA Muscle Shoals Chapter.

The main difference between the CPA and the CMA is that the CMA focuses more on technology and the budgeting a forecasting to enhance business making decisions.

CMA - Certified Management Accountant.

The CMA is a global certification focusing on the future and support strategy for business.

The CMA is heavily focused on data analytics and financial management. The CMA exam is a 2-part 4-hour long exam consisting of 100 multiple choice questions and two 30-minute essays.

IMA does give free learning opportunities to its members, check them out at Imanet.org/cpe If you would like more information about the CMA go to www.imanet.org/cma-certification.

This year Institute of Management Accountants awarded 10 CMA scholarships to Athens State students.



Calendar of Events

March 17: Meeting - Wiley Learning

March 21 - March 25: Spring Break

April 7: Jeremy Blackburn - Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs

April 14: Awards Ceremony

April 30: Spring Graduation



New jobs and positions Congratulations!

Amanda Hampton-Brown
Fricke, Sweatman & Co P.C.

Sarah Hollingshead
Alabama Dept of Revenue - Intern

Victoria Johnston
Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs

Lisa Stanley
Retirement Systems of Alabama

Elijah Taylor
Athens State University - Work-study

Acharian Winston
Scientific, Inc

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.



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 Christopher Nelson

Please contact any of our advisors or officers for more information!

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