

Greetings from The Accounting Club President



Abigail Nunez
President

Greetings to all current and future accounting club members, it has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the IMA Student Chapter/Accounting Club for the past year and I look forward to seeing what the next year has in store for the Club.

This year the Accounting Club has held an average of forty-six attendees to the seven meetings that have taken place, which is amazing! The Club has had a busy schedule filled with two industry tours, in addition to those offered at the Institute of Management Accountants Student Leadership Conference (IMASLC), community service activities, educational meetings, career development, and more.

I have learned so much from being the President of the Accounting Club, and this is an experience that I will not forget and will continue to value. I was able to connect with many of my peers and build lasting relationships with them. My time serving prepared me for my future in the accounting field by easing me into networking, contributing to projects, and communicating in professional situations.

I highly encourage all students to join a professional club because they provide a wonderful source of information for your chosen field. When I started at Athens State as an accounting student I felt a little lost in what to do from here, but by joining the IMA Student Chapter/Accounting Club I was provided with a network of advisors and other students that were there to help guide me on my journey. Thank you all for your support during my time as President, and I look forward to seeing the officers for the coming year excel!

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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.

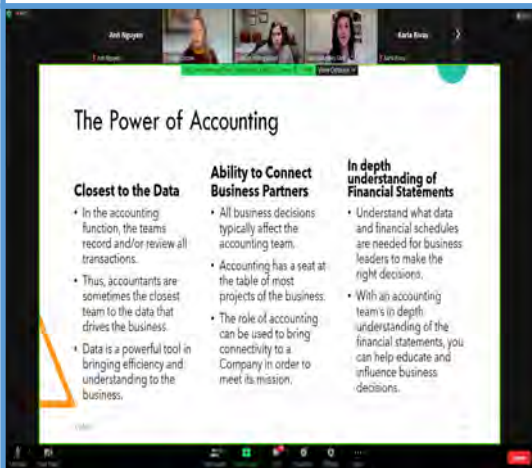
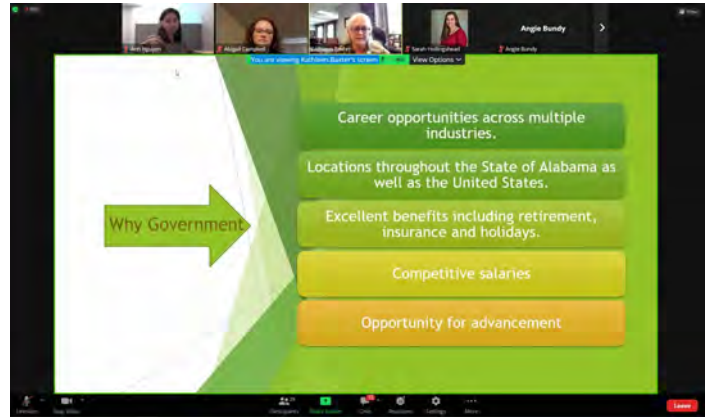
Want to Join the Athens State Accounting Club?

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

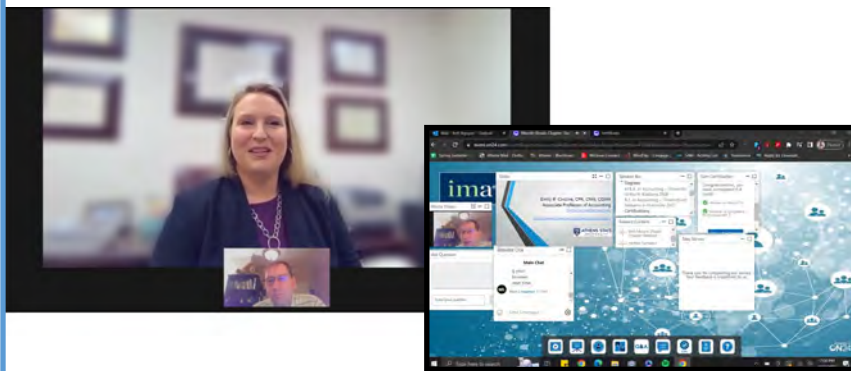
Club Activities

On November 10th, Dr. Kathleen Baxter, Comptroller of State of Alabama spoke to us on behalf of the GFOAA (Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama) on the topic of **ETHICS**. Ethics are crucial in any accounting environment. She also spoke to us about accounting careers in the government. The full-time internship program at the GFOAA office includes state benefits including retirement, insurance, and holiday pay. Government jobs are usually flexible with your schedule as it is a family-first environment. There is currently a shortage of accountants, so apply! -Anh Nguyen



On January 26th, we held our annual **Leadership Training** meeting. Our speaker was Tess Halbrooks, CPA & Vice President, Global Treasurer for Gamestop. Leadership is at every level. Leading is seeing an issue and taking the initiative of finding a solution to it. Remember to attend different events to build your network and find opportunities and connections, build your network, seek mentorship and ways to help or train others, learn to excel and also understand the basics, ask to be part of meetings so that you can learn, diversify so that you can give yourself room to pivot, and be flexible and adaptable with change. Accountants can have a big influence on the success of a company as they are always present for business decisions. —Anh Nguyen

Our parent chapter, the IMA Muscle Shoals Chapter, held a Tax Update webinar on February 27th. Professor Emily Corzine was the presenter. She shared about updates to key tax figures, the Build Back Better overall agenda, changes to the Form 1040, payment card and third party network transactions, Alabama tax updates, and proposed regulations. —Anh Nguyen



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Also, thank you to Kayla Watwood for writing the IMA Student Manuscript!

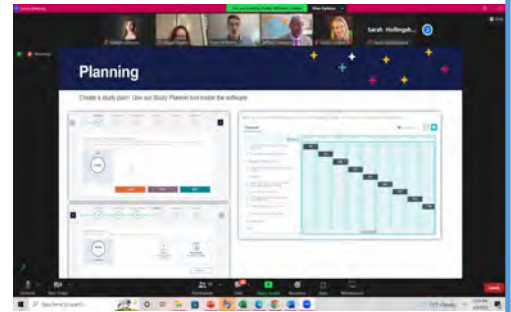


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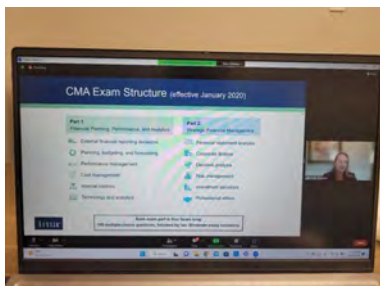


On November 15th, our IMA Student Chapter attended an Industry Tour of ILPEA Industries in Hartselle, Alabama. ILPEA is an Italian-owned manufacturing and extrusion plant. The plant manager, Jason McCoy, showed us around the plant, showing us each step of the process, from raw materials to the final product. One of the products that students watched being made was refrigerator gaskets that will be sold to different companies. The plant manager then explained the costs of running the plant and what the plant does with waste and recycling items into different products. Students learned how the company accounts for cost increases, labor, and how they bid for contracts. —Latasha Davis

On March 9th, Kurtis Williams and Jeffrey Sampson from Becker spoke to our IMASC about CPA and CMA exam review materials. Becker's vision is to empower people around the world to advance their careers through a lifelong partnership of superior professional education. Becker offers exam prep to get you exam day ready. Becker offers flashcards, unlimited practice tests, and study problems. They can offer personalized help with areas you might be struggling with, and they also provide practice simulations that mirror the actual exams. —Kaitlyn Johnson



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On February 23rd, Professor Emily Corzine presented to the IMASC on **CMA Awareness**. The CMA is the “global standard in management accounting” focused on future. Professor Corzine shared about topics covered on the exam, specific details about each part of the exam, and the steps to become a CMA. - Rena Hames



Preview Day
February 25th

Melisha Snoddy got to speak with several incoming students about the IMA Student Chapter!



Kaitlyn Johnson, IMASC Treasurer, brought up the idea of participating in the wish list drive for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama. Our students participated in this activity in February and March and hope that these families will have their needs met because of our giving.

The IMA Student Chapter made over 150 Valentine cards and goody bags for the residents and staff at Limestone Health Facility Senior Rehab and Recovery Center. Each resident received a special card, a bottle of soap, a bottle of lotion, and candy. The accounting students made all of the cards! When Professors Diann Hammon and Emily Corzine delivered the Valentines, they were told that many of the residents do not have any family who visit them. All of the cards, whether handmade or bought, carried the same message to these residents: “You are loved.”





Congratulations to all of our students and graduates on your new positions!

Meet Trace Adair, Athens State senior accounting major and Accounting Intern at BMSS!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/30 – Spring Career Fair
- 3/31—Award of Excellence due date
- 4/1 - IMASC Officer Election begins. If you are interested in running for an officer position with our Accounting Club, please send nominations for yourself or others to Professor Emily Corzine by March 31st.
- 4/4—Industry Tour—Pryor Field Airport
- 4/6 – Educational Meeting – Speakers from Redstone Government Consulting
- 4/27 – GovCon Accounting Networking Event in Huntsville
- 4/28—Honors and Awards
- 4/29 – Graduation

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| Austin, Mark D. | McDaniel, Cynthia F. |
| Bajenski, Carrie E. | Mullins, Jalen D. |
| Brown, Elizabeth D. | Robinson, Chloe |
| Crumpton, Jonathan T. | Schatz, Bonita L. |
| Faulk, Toni M. | Tibaldo, Lanie E. |
| Flores, Sydney R. | Ashabraner, Julieta T. |
| Gray, Lauren A. | Harris, Latoya |
| Irvin, Heavenly F. | Elmore, Kayla L. |
| Jackson, Cathy M. | Bretz, Hecmari |
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