As the new Interim Chair, I would like to welcome you to the Fall 2014 edition of the UTA Department of Accounting newsletter. We congratulate Dr. Chandra Subramaniam, our previous department chair, on his new position as Associate Dean in the College of Business. We thank him for his dedicated leadership and wish him success in his new role!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to several new faculty members who joined the Department this semester. They are: Dr. Nandu Nagarajan, Accounting Alumni Endowed Distinguished Professor; Dr. Raghu Venugopalan, Associate Professor; Dr. Gene Elrod, Clinical Assistant Professor; and Ms. Sharmila McDonald, Lecturer. They are great additions to our faculty and we look forward to their research contributions as well as their leadership in the classroom.

We are also very happy to welcome several new members to the Accounting Advisory Board. They are: Brandon Booker, VP Finance & Controller, United Way of Tarrant County; Kim Carpenter, Audit Partner, KPMG; Sondra Crowley, Director of Accounting, Texas Health Resources; Uma Datla, Chief Accounting Officer, Approach Resources; Stacey Dwyer, CFO, UDF IV; and Jan Norton, Principal, Jan Norton LLC. We in the Department deeply appreciate the willingness of these new members as well as all of our continuing Board members to share their time and energy in order to make the UTA Accounting program stronger.

The academic year 2013-2014 was a busy, eventful year. Two of our accounting student organizations have been active in the life of the Department. Beta Alpha Psi continued its history of service to the UTA community by hosting presentations by a number of guest speakers from regional and national accounting firms as well as financial firms. The organization was recognized as a Superior Chapter for its successful efforts during the 2013-2014 academic year. The Accounting Society hosted the UTA Annual Alumni Chili Cook-Off in November of last year. For more about BAP and the Accounting Society see Student Groups, page 11.

In January, UTA accounting students (supported by UTA Department of Accounting faculty members) again participated in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and run by United Way of Tarrant County. UTA Department faculty members provided training for 54 UTA students who subsequently provided 974 hours of free income tax preparation services for low income Arlington residents. UTA’s VITA Service Project is part of the University’s effort to give back to the community and to help our students develop their accounting and taxation skills.

April was a busy month with two major events. On April 18th, the annual Spring Accounting Banquet took place at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. Our guest speaker for the evening was a member of the Accounting Advisory Board, Mr. George Krull, Grant Thornton (retired). It was a wonderful evening during which Accounting Excellence and Scholarship Awards worth $63,500 were presented to
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63 UTA accounting students who demonstrated scholastic excellence. Also on the 28th of April, the UTA Department of Accounting co-sponsored a seminar for accounting and business practitioners to provide them with an overview of the Affordable Care Act. An understanding of this very complex act is both necessary and important. The Department of Accounting is very pleased to have been able to help host this event. Many thanks to our co-sponsors: the Arlington Association of CPAs; Whitley Penn LLP; ADP, Inc.; and Chase Bank.

On August 13th, the Fourth Annual Free CPE Day was held in the University Center. The 185 attendees enjoyed the remarks of the morning session’s speakers, the luncheon address by Giovanna Koning, CFO of Falcon Holdings, as well as all of the informative speakers in the four afternoon breakout sessions. We truly appreciate your continued support of this event and hope that you will mark your calendars for the Fifth Annual event to be held on August 20, 2015. I will bring you more information about next year’s event in the spring edition of this newsletter.

During the academic year 2013-2014, we graduated a total of 206 students from the UTA Accounting Program. Of that total number, 138 graduated with either a BBA or BS degree, 45 with either an MPA or MS in Accounting, 16 with an MS in Taxation, and 7 with a Ph.D. in Accounting.

Special congratulations are in order for two of the Department’s faculty members. At the spring meeting of the College of Business, John Repsis, Accounting Professor in Practice, was recognized for outstanding achievement in teaching with the 2013-2014 Outstanding Lecturer Award. Also Jere Turner, Business Law Professor in Practice, received the 2013-2014 Outstanding Adjunct Award. Additionally, Pam Wheaton, Administrative Assistant for the Department was presented the 2013-2014 Outstanding Staff Member Award. We are grateful to these members of our Accounting Department family for their efforts on behalf of our students and the department.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we would like to thank those of you who have continued to support UTA Accounting. Your support, both financial and nonfinancial, is critical to our continued success. We are also very grateful to those of you who have contributed to our department by establishing the Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Accounting. These scholarship funds have benefited our students tremendously. Let me also take this opportunity to recognize the following new endowed scholarships that were created during this past year:

- Michael Clock Endowed Graduate Fellowship,
- Ron and Carrie Maiorano Endowed Graduate Fellowship,
- Samuel and Ruth Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Accounting (donor wishes to remain anonymous),
- Dr. Stanley Seat Family Endowed Award Fund,
- Barry Johnson Family Endowed Scholarship

Again, our sincere thanks to those of you who established the endowed scholarships and to all of you who support UTA Accounting!

We would love for you to reach out and connect with UTA Accounting by letting us know where you are and what you are doing. At the end of this newsletter is our “Alumni Update” form. If you have not previously done so, please fill in the form and email it to accounting@uta.edu. Thank you for interest and support of UTA Accounting.
### Faculty Publications 2014-2015 Academic Year

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Alumni News

Eric Adams, CPA, MBA (BBA ‘07, MBA ‘12) is now Senior Audit Manager at AT&T.

Fikrean Arnofer (BBA ‘11) is a Material Logistic Specialist at American Airlines.

Leah Anthony (MPA ‘14) is now Staff Accountant at Sutton Frost Cary LLP.

Amber Austin (MBA ‘12) is now a Senior Accountant at United Surgical Partners International.

Grishma Baduwal (BBA ‘11) is now an Analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Candace Blair, CPA (MS-Tax ‘05), is now a Tax Senior Manager at Sanford, Baumeister & Frazier, LLP.

Brianne Boulter (BBA ‘05) is now in Risk Advisory Services at Weaver.

Jacob Briggs CPA (MPA ‘12) is now Senior Accountant - Corporate Accounting at Cash America International.

Christina Brinker, CPA (MS ‘07), is now VP & CFO at Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County.

Aracely Cardona (BBA ‘07) is now Senior Tax Associate at BDO USA, LLP.

Virginia (Ginny) Chapa, CPA (MPA ‘99) is now Accounting, Manager; Sr. Financial Analyst, Accounting at Think Finance.

Drew Chumley, CPA (BBA ‘08, MS ‘10) is now Controller at Summit Casing Equipment.

Eleonora Clemens (MPA ‘07) is now Senior Accountant at City of Irving.

Melissa Cruz is now Program Manager at the University of Houston.

Alex Cunningham (MPA ‘11) is now an Assurance Senior at BDO USA, LLP.

Michael Cunningham (BBA ‘13) is now an Assurance Associate at PwC.

Alnawaz Devani (BBS ‘11), is now an Assurance Experience Staff Person at PwC.

Andy Dossani is now President of National Imports LLC.

Jamal El Yousef (BBA ’09, MSA ’09) is now Audit Manager at Deloitte.

Neng Fan Sun (BBA ‘12) is now Accountant at Chin-Chien Wu Accounting & Consulting Inc.

Derrick Fannin (MS ‘10) is now a Senior Accountant at Sewell Automotive Companies.

Jerry Francis (MPA ‘09), is now Franchise Tax Auditor with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Jacqueline Gallego (BBA ‘01, MST ‘01) is now Tax Director at JP Energy Partners, LP.
Alumni News — cont’d

Gregory Garza (MPA ’12, MBA ’13) is now Revenue Accountant-CTES at XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil.

Ariana Gomez (BBA ’09, MSA ’09) is now Corporate Tax Manager at Glazer’s Distributors.

Andi Hall, CPA is now Senior Tax Associate at J. Taylor & Associates, LLC.

Michael Hansen, CPA is now Audit Senior Associate at Grant Thornton LLP.

Shawn Hawkins, CPA is now Senior Tax Associate at Hanner & Associates, P. C.

Vianey Hollis, CPA (BBA ’09, MSA ’09) is now Senior Accountant at Athlon Energy.

Phil Holmes (BBA ’83) is now Partner at BDO USA, LLP.

Clinton Hopkins (BSA’08, MBA ‘12) is now Supervising Associate at Ernst and Young.

Kimberly Johnson (BBA ‘10) is now Accounting Assistant at Texas Bank and Trust Company.

Xitlalic Kallio is now Controller at COMANCO Environmental Corporation.

Joseph Kamara (MPA ’13) is now Senior Internal Auditor at Tenet Healthcare.

George Karam, CPA (BBA ‘12, MSA ’12) is now Senior Accountant at Hudson Advisors, LLC.

Courtney Keeper (MBA ’12) is now Staff Accountant at TGC Industries.

Paul Kelsey (MBA ’04, MPA ’05) is now Senior Assurance Manager at BDO USA, LLP.

Charlie Kennimer, CPA (BBA ’07) is now Audit Manager at Whitley Penn.

Yunjeong Kim (BSA ‘13), is now Graduate Teaching Assistant at University of Texas at Dallas.

Mike Kinney, CPA CMA CIA CISA CFE (BBA ’81) is now President at Electronic Restoration Services.

Monica Kirk, CPA (BBA’08, MS-Tax ‘10) is now Partner at PK & Associates, LLP.

Janet Klostermeier (BBA ’86) awarded CFO of the Year in New Jersey.

Dr. Gary Lacefield is now President at Risk Mitigation Group.

Pemba T. Lama (BBA ‘12) is now a Staff Accountant at Kelly-Moore Paints.

Lauren Landivar, CPA, MBA, MPA (MPA ‘11) is now a Senior Auditor at Howard, LLP.

Jackie Lannom, CFE, CIA, CPA (BS ’11) is now Senior Auditor at Store Audit & Fraud Investigations.
Xin Liao (BBA ‘11) is now a Tax Accountant (Contractor) at Southwest Airlines.

Jennifer Lowrance (BBA ‘07, MSA ‘09) is now an Accountant at AllianceData.

Rino Manfroni, MST (BBA ‘12, MST ‘12) is now Tax Staff Accountant at Burds, Reed & Mercer, P. C.

Andrea Markovic (BBA ‘09) is now a Corporate Tax Intern at Grant Thornton LLP.

Kristan McCoy, CPA (BBA ‘08) is now Accounting Manager at United Development Funding.

Melanie McGee, CPA, CFE, CGMA, MS (MSA ‘98) is now Director of Corporate Relations at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Michelle Miller (MBA ‘14, MPA ‘14) is now Staff Accountant at Sutton Frost Cary LLP.

Florenicia Minetto, CPA (BBA ‘11, MSA ‘11) is now Finance Manager at Fresherized Foods (Wholly Guacamole).

Monica Mirea (MPA ‘12) is now Senior Audit Associate at Whitley Penn.

Stephanie Moore (BBA ‘10, MS ‘10) is now a Fund Accountant at SandsPoint Capital Advisors LLC.

Sridhar Nerur (PhD ‘94) is now Professor at University of Texas at Arlington.

Amber Nguyen, CPA (BBA ‘10) is now Firm Manager at Law Office of Andy Nguyen, PLLC.

Mary Nguyen (BS ‘14, MSA ‘14) is now Assurance Staff at EY.

Renee Nickel (MPA ‘07) is now Staff Accountant at Killick Aerospace.

Greg Oliver is now Senior Vice President—Finance at Caird Energy.

Omolara Onaolapo, CPA (BBA ‘09, MSA ‘09) is now Audit Manager at KPMG US.

Daniel Orth (BBA ‘09, MS ‘11) is now Finance Manager at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

Kimberly Perkins (BBA ‘05, MS ‘09) is now Audit Manager at Rylander, Clay & Opitz, LLP.

Ansu Regmee (MS ‘12) is now Finance Officer at Wireless Time, LLC.

Donna Rutter (BBA ‘87) is now the Executive Director - Indirect Tax Services, State and Local Tax at EY.

Michelle St. Clair, CPA (BBA ‘83, MS ‘09) is now Controller/Office Manager at Midwest Wrecking Co. of Texas, Inc.

Sherwin Sharifi (BS ‘14) is Auditor at PSK, LLP.
Qasim Sheikh (BBA ’14) is now Staff Accountant at Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt, LLP.

Shauntel Shepherd (BBA ’04) is now Manager, Financial Benefits at Tenet Healthcare.

Laura Strobel (BSA ‘14, MS-Tax ‘14) is now a Staff Accountant at Comer & Company, PLLC.

David Teague (BS ’14) is now Senior Accountant—Revenue at XTO Energy.

Megan Terrell, CPA (BBA ‘07, MS ‘09) is an Audit Senior Manager at Sanford, Baumeister & Frazier, LLP.

Akash Thapa (BBA ’12) is now AP/AR at Holbrook Service.

Valerie Thompson, CPA is now Senior Accountant at Austin Commercial.

Quang Tran (BBA ’12) is now an Auditor at the Texas State Auditor’s Office.

Stephen Walloch, CPA, CFE (BS ’10) is now Senior Reporting Analyst—Credit at Fannie Mae.

Jingxuan Wang (MPA ‘13) is now a Staff Accountant at SMI Energy, LLC.

Kirsten Watters (BBA ’11) is now Auditor II at Lennox International.

Yanling Wei (MPA ’11) is now Investigation Specialist at Amazon.

Mari Wells (BS ‘13) is now Auditor at Salmon Sims Thomas & Associates, PLLC.

Garrett Young (MPA ’09) is now Assurance Manager at PwC.

Muhammad Zakaria (MBA ’10) is now Senior Analyst-Global Financial Crime Compliance at J P Morgan.

Jung Hee Zautke (MST ’12) is now Tax Analyst at FTS International.

Xiangying Zhang (MPA’14) is now Accounting Policy & Financial Reporting Associate at Chord Advisors.
George W. Krull, Jr.  
Grant Thornton LLP (Retired Partner)  

Keynote speaker for our Spring Awards banquet was George W. Krull.  

Mr. Krull is a member of the Department of Accounting Advisory Board. Prior to his retirement, he served as a Partner in the Executive Office of Grant Thornton LLP where he worked with the implementation of the Firm’s auto-mated audit and control software, and was the Firm’s Chief Learning Officer.  

George is one of four founding members of the Sponsoring Group of the Pathways Commission—the National Commission on Accounting Education to chart a national strategy for the next generation of accountants. Additionally, he was a member of the AACSB International’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Accreditation Quality, and continues his service on that organization’s Accounting Accreditation Committee.  

Mr. Jeff Slate  
Ernst and Young (Partner)  

At this year’s banquet, Mr. Jeff Slate was honored as the Department of Accounting Distinguished Alumni.  

Jeff is a partner in Ernst & Young’s Dallas office, where he is a member of the Southwest Region’s Assurance Professional Practice and Risk Management group.  

Prior to this role, Jeff spent approximately seven years in Ernst & Young’s National Accounting Standards group in New York, where, among other responsibilities, he led the Ernst & Young professionals focused on the application and development of interpretive guidance for, various standards relating to revenue recognition for both United States GAAP and IFRS.  

Jeff has been a member of the AICPA’s Accounting Standards Executive Committee (AcSEC), the FASB’s Revenue Recognition Resource Group, and Ernst & Young’s Global IFRS Revenue Recognition Subject Matter Group. Jeff is a 1989 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, and is a licensed CPA in the States of Texas and New York.
2014 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP Awardees

Financial Executives Institute
Outstanding Student Award

Mark Alan Adams
Presented by: Mr. George Krull

Ashley Anne McGowan Memorial Scholarship
Recipient – Andrea Markovic
Presented by: Dr. Terry Skantz

Beta Alpha Psi Scholarships
Recipients
Arsala Barakzai  Jeremy Smeltz
Presented by: Mr. John Repsis

Federation of Schools of Accountancy
2014 Student Achievement Award

Maureen Elizabeth Vignaux
Presented by Mr. George Krull

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants
Accounting Excellence Award

Nne-Amaka Nwana
Presented by Ms. Susan Adams
STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

Accounting Society
Fall, 2013, brought preparation for our Annual Chili Cook-Off! This was our second year to hold the event on the Green at College Park. Many alumni and friends of the Department visited the UTA campus to enjoy the event as well as to see what was new on the UTA campus. The Cook-Off was a great opportunity to catch up with firms, alumni, students, faculty, and accounting professionals in a relaxed, casual setting. A number of firms, student groups, and our faculty chili entries were tested and enjoyed by everyone. A great time was had by everyone in attendance. For more information about the Accounting Society and future Cook-Offs, please contact faculty advisor Terra Brown McGhee at tcbrown@uta.edu.

BETA ALPHA PSI

Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at UTA celebrated a successful Fall 2013 semester with 41 student candidates for membership. The semester was highlighted by Meet-the-Candidates Night and the Annual Chili Cook-Off. Meet-the-Candidates Night was hosted at the home of Accounting Department Chairman Dr. Chandra Subramanian. Many alumni from local accounting firms attended to wish the 41 new candidates success in their pledge period. The Chili Cook-Off was returned to campus last fall by being held in the new Green at College Park. Attendance by firms, students and faculty was excellent and exceeded last year’s turnout.

During the year, BAP hosted a series of guest speakers from regional and national accounting firms including: Weaver, LLP; Grant Thornton; Ernst & Young; and Sanford, Baumeister & Frazier. Many thanks to the speakers for taking the time to make their presentations and share their experiences with the students.

Much of this year’s success can be attributed to the BAP officers who worked diligently to ensure that all events went smoothly:
- Tyler Peschka, President
- Beverly Brenya, Vice President
- Arjun Adhikari, Secretary
- Sheela Bhattarai, Treasurer
- Fang Zhao, Executive Events Coordinator
- Lilly Le, Director of National Reporting
- Ebun Ogude, Director of Membership Activities
- Kristen Cavallo, Director of Fundraising
- Nwana Amaka, Webmaster

Initiation of our 41 new candidates occurred at a formal ceremony on November 23, 2013. Gamma Phi Chapter was recognized as a Superior Chapter for its successful efforts during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Alumni are also invited to view the new BAP website at http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/betaalphapsiaccounting. The revised website provides posts of various events, photos and other information regarding the Chapter. Alumni are always welcome at any of the meetings. If more information is needed, please contact faculty advisor John Repsis (jsrepsis@uta.edu).
Alumni Update

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Home Address: _____________________________

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Email: ____________________________________

Employer: ________________________________

Business Position/Title: ____________________

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Employer’s Address: ______________________

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[recent promotions, professional attainments, etc.] __________________________

Suggestions: _____________________________

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