#### December 2010

# Accounting Society





#### Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

# **Officers Hit Gold Out West!**

Five members of the Accounting Society just returned from a whirlwind trip to Anaheim, CA where they attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual IMA Student Leadership Conference, November 4-6<sup>th</sup>. The conference kicked off with an Industry Tour of Angel Stadium, home of the Anaheim Angels MLB Team. The tour began with a brief overview of what it is like to work for a professional sports team. Then after the presentation members of the Angels front office took us on a guided tour of the stadium, field, and clubhouse. Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> was a full day of conference general sessions and presentations. We heard from the CFO and Executive VP of Universal Music Publishing, Michael Sammis, who discussed changes in technology throughout the industry and how the music industry has struggled for survival. After the general session, there were three concurrent sessions on many aspects of accounting that we could attend ranging from CMA Hints and Tricks to Walt Disney Parks and Resorts accounting/ finance, and International Business from Cummins Inc. to Accounting and Ethics. The luncheon showcased SIU alumni Ashley B. Gibson, ERS Consultant, Deloitte & Touche, who discussed how the IMA has made an important impact on her life and career. After lunch there were more concurrent sessions followed by a closing general session entitled "The Persistence of Fraud Post-Enron." That Friday evening the conference hosted a Networking Social at ESPN Zone at Downtown Disney. Saturday morning was full of concurrent sessions focused on developing our individual chapter and business etiquette. The closing general session featured a presentation entitled "Lights! Camera! Accountants?" where we learned about the role accounting plays in

the film industry. This whirlwind trip was an eye opener as to the broad range of opportunities within the accounting profession and the support system in which the IMA helps foster the development of its members. Each member who attended the conference came back invigorated for the upcoming semester and bettering the Accounting Society through their contributions as members.



#### Happy Holidays!

After a successful semester, we thank everyone for their support and participation in Accounting Society. We hope everyone has a good holiday and look forward to seeing everyone after a well deserved break.



Mark Your Calendars! Jan/Feb Events School of Accountancy 25 Welcome Back Event New Member 1 Night Professional 8 Meeting (5 pm) Lawson 101 Professional Meeting (5 pm) 15 Lawson 101 Men's Basketball Concessions 16 Arena Professional Meeting (5 pm) 22 Lawson 101 **Most Active Member** 

Scholarship

Don't forget about the \$250 scholarship for the Most Active Member. The recipient will be selected based on which member has the most points at the end of every semester. Members receive points for attending professional meetings, Buddy Night activities, participating in the Blood Drive, and attending Accounting Society and College of Business activities, and other various activities.

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# **Accounting Society Banquet**

### **Benefits of Staying**

#### Active as a Member

- 1. A Chance at winning a \$250 scholarship!
- 2. Learn about possibilities for your career!
- 3. It looks great on a Resume!!
- Network with recruiters and other AS members, all while making friendships that will last a lifetime!

On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Accounting faculty, students, alumni, and companies made their way to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Warehouse for the annual fall semester Accounting Banquet. At the end of each semester, the Accounting department has a banquet to celebrate the close of another semester, the most active members in each student organization, but most importantly, the hard work and dedication the graduating students have put in during their years at Carbondale. All in attendance were in professional dress and were provided with 17<sup>th</sup> Street BBQ, while live music was playing in the background. Companies kindly sponsored tables, making the food free to students. After the meal, the most active Accounting Society members were honored and the most active member won a scholarship of 250 dollars. Beta Alpha Psi then honored their most active members, and inducted their new members into the RSO for the spring semester. The National Association of Black Accountants then honored their

graduating members. Finally, the true reason for the night was to honor the graduating students and to give the faculty one last time to say their goodbyes. The entire faculty that attended made their way to the front as students' names were called. Not a single student could make it all the way through without getting a hug from at least one professor, and usually from more than one. By the end of the night, many students and faculty were holding back or trying their best to hold back tears. It truly was a "Kodak" moment seeing how much of a personal connection each student had to the faculty. Southern Illinois University Carbondale wishes these graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors, and hopes that they will come back and support the next generation of Salukis. Remember, once a Saluki, always a Saluki.



# A quick look back at Fall 2010...

With the first half of this school year coming to a finish, we thought it necessary to reflect back on a semester that was full of wonderful memories and events. Back in September, the College of Business put on their annual welcome event, where hundreds of students came out to get free food and other goodies. The Accounting Society was there recruiting new members and talking with them about what our organization has to offer. Then, who can forget the Accounting Society Golf Scramble? Occurring for the 26th straight year, the Accounting Society put on yet another successful scramble, where students were able to casually talk with employers. The Buddy Nights, including going on the Haunted Hayride trip and the Business Card Workshop, were extremely entertaining this semester, allowing students the opportunities to develop friend-ships with other students in the Accounting Society. While there have been many fun times this semester, the Accounting Society tried to balance fun and service, as they sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive in November. Many students and faculty came out and donated blood, helping those 38,000 people who need blood donated each day. After taking a walk down memory lane, we thank all of those who have helped make the Accounting Society events possible and know that there are still plenty of memorable times yet to be had in the spring semester.

Got a comment or a suggestion?

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