



**OFFICERS WORDS**

*By Ashkan Hojjati*

Welcome! We are excited to present to you the second issue of the Beta Alpha Psi Delta Chapter Newsletter. Our goal is to help members connect with alumni, create and maintain professional relationships, and inform about the latest news in the Delta Chapter and the world of professional accounting. The Officers' Words will be a place where we reflect on the year so far, see what there is to look forward to, and provide a forum for the Officers to speak.

UW BAP has over 200 members including 52 new winter candidates, making it one of the largest. We have contributed over 5,320 hours so far this year by participating in one ongoing and sixteen one-time professional events and two ongoing and twenty-three one-time service events. Our most popular ones in winter were the Seahawks Game, Mentor Breakfast, and VITA. We will continue to have more events in spring such as the annual Banquet. We will also have speakers from Starbucks, KPMG, Deloitte, and many more....

**Megan Garber:**  
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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS**

*By Madeleine Frost*



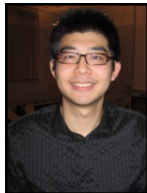
Although only in his second year at the UW, Adam Jacobson has been quick to make friends and take advantage of all the opportunities available to him at the UW. He

won 3rd place in the Deloitte Case Competition with several friends he met in BAP.

He's also participating in the VITA program, the mentorship program, and the "Meet the Firms" event. Adam likes to say, "the opportunities BAP gives you are endless."

Outside of BAP, Adam's the VP of membership education in his fraternity.

You may have also run into this Bellevue local working at Toy's R Us. He's worked there every summer since his sophomore year of high school.



Bo Jiang has a strong passion for the Community College Outreach Program (CCOP). The reason? Bo happens to be here as a direct result of that program. Because of this, his goal is to help other students succeed who have been in the same position that he was.

Along with serving as the Chair of CCOP, Bo also participates in Beta Alpha Psi's mentorship program. Recently, he also earned 3rd place in the Deloitte Case Competition.

Bo has a very heavy course load. While it takes most students nine quarters to earn a BA in Finance and Accounting, Bo will do it in seven quarters. All while working a part-time job at the UW Tower.

He is currently looking for an internship to keep himself busy over the summer months. After that, he plans to return to UW and graduate in the fall.

Bo's advice to current Beta Alpha Psi members? "Work hard on your GPA and network".

**ALUMNI CONNECTION**

*By Ashkan Hojjati*

Shawn McEachern graduated from Foster in August of 2010 with a concentration in accounting. After taking five business classes during his last quarter, he decided to take some time off to rest. "I played a lot of golf and spent time with my family. It turned out to be a good move because I was anxious to start work."



When asked why he had chosen accounting, he responded:

"My brain always worked like that. I have always been analytical. Also I remember Steve Sefcik told us a story once that if you have the same breakfast every morning and shower in the same stall in your sports club every year, then you're an accountant."

Shawn began working at KPMG Audit September of 2010. He thinks that KPMG did an excellent job helping with his transition from school to work.

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If you've ever stopped and wondered who organizes the delicious food after BAP meetings, wonder no more. Meet Duncan Linn. He is responsible for ordering all Beta Alpha Psi

food, transporting it to our meetings, and carefully guarding it until after the meetings when it is devoured by hungry BAP members.

Outside of Beta Alpha Psi, you may run into Duncan playing Ultimate Frisbee. He loves the company that Ultimate Frisbee provides him with. So much so that Duncan considers his team a second family to him.

Currently, Duncan is applying to various accounting internships for the summer months. He is hoping to stay in the Seattle area, working over the summer, rather than returning to his native town of Ferndale, Washington.

**OFFICER'S WORDS**

Several officers have been asked what has stood out to them this year, and here is what they have to say:

**Colton Johnson:**

"I really enjoyed our Poker Social Night this quarter. It was great to meet some new members, and it never hurts to come out the big winner."

**Erin Hoff:**

"I really enjoyed hearing from the representatives from PACCAR. I enjoyed learning about the company and product development and feature innovation that has allowed them to remain so successful."

**Eliza Nesvog:**

"Something that really stood out to me this quarter was the increased participation by students in the meetings. Students have been asking good questions during presentations and really taking advantage of the opportunities to network with our professional speakers before and after the meetings."

**Megan Garber:**

"The consulting panel. It was different from our usual meetings and I enjoyed learning about their client work."

**Lisa Meyer:**

"I've really enjoyed the diversity of meeting topics this quarter. It's been nice to hear about opportunities outside of public accounting, and learn about some of the alternative career paths available to accounting students."

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FORENSIC ACCOUNTING**

*By Rich Tigges*

There has never been a shortage of bad people doing bad things in Corporate America. Individuals who come to mind include Bernard Madoff, Martha Stewart, employees of WorldCom, and many others. To combat the actions of these individuals, the federal government and many companies employ forensic accountants. There are two types of forensic accountants: investigative accountants and litigation support accountants.

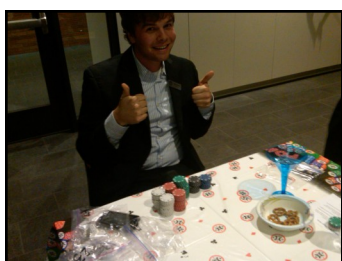
Investigative accountants search individuals and businesses for criminal misconduct. They are many times employed by the federal government to provide protection to the public from unscrupulous activities that can financially hurt many individuals. One of the most infamous cases where investigative accounting triumphed over the criminal was in the capture and conviction of Chi-

cago mob boss Al Capone. When law enforcement had no way to link Capone to the many criminal activities of his mafia crime family, a couple of special agents with the IRS found provable evidence of tax evasion linked to Capone. Although Capone was sentenced to exile on Alcatraz Island over seventy years ago, the excitement of investigative accounting lives on.

Litigation support accountants provide aid to lawyers who are trying cases of many different types. The O.J. Simpson civil trial used the services of forensic accountants to determine the net worth of O.J. Simpson. This determined net worth was then used in calculating the amount of final damages that were paid out to the plaintiffs. Another common area where litigation support is provided by accountants is during divorce cases. The testimonies of forensic accountants regarding

the net worth of those in a divorce hearing plays a large role in the division of the couple's assets. Determining the true net worth of an individual for litigation support is not as easy as simply meeting with the individual and estimating a number. In reality, many high net worth individuals hide their assets from their spouse's lawyers. These hidden assets must be discovered through an investigation by a forensic accountant that can sometimes take many months for one to complete.

To get a job as a forensic accountant, it is not only a necessity to be a CPA, but also to become a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). Universities have been pushed to offer more courses on the subject of forensic accounting, and this spring quarter Foster Business School will offer its students ACCTG 490, which deals directly with fraud examination.

**PHOTO OF THE QUARTER**

*Colton Johnson gives thumbs up after taking the number one spot at the Poker Social Night*

**ALUMNI CONNECTION CONTD...**

He was assigned a second year buddy and spent time training both in Seattle and Chicago.

Right now Shawn is in the midst of busy season. "It is just a ton of work. The hours can be long: from 8 am to 10 pm for some clients. But it's really fun in a lot of ways because you're always around fun people."

Shawn chose to pursue a career in audit because it was always very interesting to him. Through his work, he has the opportunity

**SURVEY RESULTS**

Sweeney Conrad was voted the professional meeting of the quarter for Fall 2010. Berntson Porter came in second and WSCPA in third

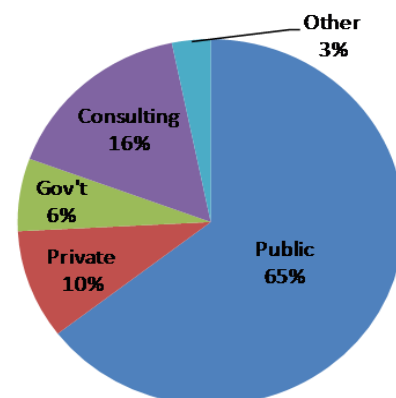
42% of the survey responders have an intended focus of auditing

35% of responders intend a focus in tax.

to see a wide variety of different businesses. "I see the behind the scenes and that's interesting to me".

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His favorite memory from his days at Foster was being in

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class on the 4th floor of Balmer hall at 3:30 in the afternoon when it was 104 degrees outside.

His favorite memory from BAP was during a professional meeting in the fall quarter of 2009. "A guy from AIG came right after the financial crisis and explained how their business model worked and what caused their collapse. I thought that was an interesting presentation."

His advice to current students? "Take time and find something you really like completely away from school and work (drinking doesn't count)."