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# Greetings! IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club



IMA Student Chapter / Accounting Club Newsletter

# FOOTNOTES



Athens State University



**Bethany Meadows  
President**

Hello everyone. I have really enjoyed being your club president. I hope you have all had a wonderful and productive semester. I cannot believe this semester practically over. I believe all our

virtual club meetings have gone great and I know we all learned a lot this semester.

COVID has not slowed us down. In addition to all our virtual meetings, we also participated in the ASCPA Interview Day, community service projects, the IMA Student Leadership Conference and an in-person industry tour at Scott's Orchard.

To everyone graduating this semester, Congratulations! I hope you reach every goal you set for yourself.

One of our board members, Elizabeth Wells, will be

graduating with you this semester.

Congratulations Elizabeth! We wish you all the best. For all of us left, our time is coming! I am excited and ready for the break between fall and spring semesters. I look forward to seeing everyone back in the spring and also welcoming the new comers.

Happy Holidays!



## 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](http://www.imanet.org))
- 3) Email your IMA member number to Professor Emily Corzine

### 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.*

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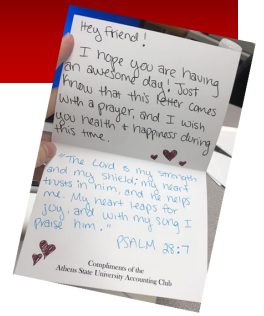
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# Club Activities



## Pen Pal Project

by Dakota Tidmore



The accounting club officers and members wrote pen pal note cards as a community project to the local residents at the Senior Rehab and Recovery Center at Limestone Health

Facility. The facility currently has 110 residents and each one received a note card. The notes included generic greetings and positive messages to uplift the residents during this difficult year with COVID-19. In addition, the note cards included a photo of Founders Hall on the front and were provided compliments of the IMASC—Accounting Club. Dr. Hammon and club officers hand delivered the note cards to administrative representatives on October 27, 2020.



## Interview Day

By Bethany Meadows

The Alabama Society of CPAs Fall 2020 ASCPA Student Summit Interview Day was held Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. During the summit, students were able to connect virtually with selected recruiters. When you joined your meeting, you simply “knocked” on the recruiter’s door. I was able to interview with Pangea Two, located in Birmingham. They help people find jobs all over. My next interview was with the Alabama Department of Revenue. This was the best interview of the day for me and I am in the process now of applying for an intern position with them. My third interview was with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, followed by MDA Professional Group, P.C. My last interview was with Deloitte Birmingham Audit & Assurance. I thoroughly enjoyed ASCPA Interview Day. I learned so much and I know what I learned will help me be prepared when I have formal interviews.



## Ethical Dilemmas

by Coleen Driggers

On October the 8<sup>th</sup>, we had to privilege of hosting Mr. McNutt and Mr. Harris from 20-20 Accounting Solutions! They shared with us a wealth of wisdom, from words of encouragement to advice on starting this wild journey into accounting! Most beneficial to us as professionals, is the encouragement to face our nearly unavoidable ethical dilemmas head on and honorably. Whatever the risk may be, it is not worth the potential of losing everything you have worked hard to achieve.



by  
Dakoda  
Tidmore

On October 22, 2020, an accounting club meeting was held over Zoom with Ashley Stephens from Becker. She shared the five steps to become a CPA. First, one must meet the educational requirements. Next, apply to take the CPA exam by submitting your application. The third step is to study for the exam. Start by choosing your exam review course provider, create your study plan and start studying. The fourth step is to schedule the exam at a Prometric center. The fifth step to pass the exam. After passing the CPA exam, one must also meet work experience requirements before they are licensed to practice.

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<http://www.athens.edu/career-development-center/>



by Elizabeth Wells

On September 24, 2020, Ms. Bernice Jenkins, CMA from Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Birmingham spoke to the IMASC—Accounting Club about being an accountant and the effect that having a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation can have in their job choice. Ms. Jenkins discussed the importance of being active with the different organizations like the IMA Student Conference, because they open up great opportunities for the future by way of networking and internships. She finished by pointing out that all industries need accountants. So it is possible to when you get an accounting degree to work in any area and any industry.



## Fundraising Opportunities

Angel Tree Donations  
Monetary donations are welcomed

Canned Food Drive  
Drop non-perishable foods into the boxes located around campus.



Ask any club member or your professors for more information!



## Accounting Lab Tutor!

Hi! My name is Lisa Stanley. I am the Accounting Lab tutor. My work schedule is Monday 4-6; Tuesday and Thursday 12-6; Wednesday 6-8; Sunday 1-3. The lab is currently virtual. We can meet via Zoom, chat, email or telephone.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help!

**accounting@athens.edu.**



## Congratulations on your jobs/internships!

Clancy Hicks  
AP/AR Administrator  
Systems Products and Solutions (SPS)

Taylor McCullough  
Internship with Alan Vaughn , CPA

Michelle Miller  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Encompass Hospice, Anniston, AL

Karlie Turner  
Jr. Internship - CDPA, PC.

Lindsay Wallace  
Bearden Stroup & Associates, CPAs

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/13/20: IMA Student Leadership Conference
- 11/16/20: IMA Shoals Chapter Virtual Webinar
- Ethics: The Slippery Slope of Greed
- 12/5/20: Graduation
- 1/21/21: Meeting—Wiley Representative
- 1/25/21: IMA Muscle Shoals—Tax Update

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