



Awesome Alumni Stephens Endows Scholarships

UCA received a \$250,000 gift from the late **Donna S. Stephens** to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Faulkner County students majoring in accounting. A plaque commemorating the gift was unveiled at a ceremony this fall. The first two recipients of the scholarship are **Spencer Freyaldenhoven** and **Kevin Wan** (pictured).



About Donna

Donna Stephens was a 1968 graduate of State College of Arkansas, now UCA. She was a certified public accountant and owned her own accounting firm in Conway. Throughout her career, she was a great supporter of UCA's Department of Accounting. She hired many UCA accounting students for internships and some for permanent positions. Stephens passed away in January 2013, and her estate left the generous endowment to UCA to fund the accounting scholarships. During the ceremony, President Courtway introduced Bonnie Steenis, a long-time friend and office manager for Stephens, who talked about the legacy of the scholarship. (Story and picture adapted from uca.edu/news)

Student Spotlight Meet Melissa McDowell



Melissa McDowell (BBA 2015, MAcc in progress) has had a great year! She earned a BBA in Accounting, started the Master of Accountancy program, and she is a graduate assistant in the Accounting Department, where she tutors principles of accounting students and helps faculty with research and grading. Melissa was awarded two scholarships this year, the Frost, LLP scholarship and the PCAOB Scholarship, which gave Melissa a full ride in the MAcc program. Melissa was the Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Vice President for Membership this fall and will take the role of President in the Spring. She is a reliable and active member of BAP in our chapter and national activities and was on a team that won second place in Best Practices in Leadership. Melissa will begin working at JPMS Cox in September 2016.

Student Successes UCA Accounting Majors Receive Accolades at Student Congress

Three accounting majors were among the eight UCA students that Dr. Anthony McMullen, business law professor, took to Student Congress. At this annual event sponsored by the Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association, students take on the role of legislators as they debate and vote on the bills proposed by the students. Among all colleges, the UCA delegation took second place, and all eight UCA students received at least one individual accolade.

Individual Accolades for Accounting Majors

McMullen is pictured below with the three accounting majors at student congress (left to right). **Dallas Forbes**, junior, was elected Senate Clerk, excellent in caucus, superior in committee, and superior in parliamentary procedure. **Kasie Follett**, junior, was excellent in caucus. **Alyson Tyler**, senior, was recognized as UCA's best delegate, excellent in committee, excellent in floor debate, superior in caucus, and superior in parliamentary procedure.



Alumni Announcement Brewer and Goodner Engaged

Amber Brewer (BBA 2013) and **Olen Jacob Goodner** (BBA 2013, MAcc 2014) are engaged. While accounting majors at UCA, each held officer positions in BAP and won in two different BAP Best Practices competitions. Amber is a business owner; she opened The Fair Lady Boutique in Mena shortly after graduating. Jacob is a CPA and works at Beall, Barclay, and Company in Fort Smith. Congratulations to the happy couple!

