



Student Successes

Beta Alpha Psi Students Place 3rd at National Conference



Junior accounting majors Jessica Lasater, Alex Hoyle, and Jered Bryan (pictured) won first place in Best Practices: Efficient Operations in March 2015 at the Southwest Regional Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) conference in Dallas. This win gave them a spot to compete in August at the National BAY conference in Milwaukee, where they competed against the other regional winners and placed third.

The Award Winning Project

Jessica, Alex, and Jered presented a Checklist for Success, which was created by UCA's Theta Lambda chapter of BAP a few years ago. The checklist enumerates professional development activities that our chapter believes should be completed by accounting majors in their pursuit of a career in accounting. The list includes workshops (e.g., resumes, verbal communication), personal appearance items, career exploration, and more. Developed originally by former BAP President Alex Harbuck, the project has evolved for three years, and we plan to use it for years to come.

Faculty Focus

Two New Faculty Members Replace Retired Faculty

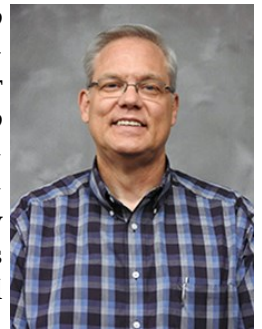
Last year, the Accounting Department said farewell to three faculty members who retired: Dr. Mike Moore, Dr. Patricia Mounce, and Mr. Danny Vance. Students and colleagues will miss them. Their years of service at UCA have shaped some great accounting minds. We've hired two new faculty to fill the vacancies left by retirement (see below), and we are still looking for a third. We also had a change in leadership; Dr. Tom Oxner stepped down as Department Chair and Dr. Stephanie Watson is serving as interim chair.

Meet the New Guys!

Dr. Karen Oxner stepped into the financial accounting courses, teaching Intermediate Accounting I and Principles of Accounting I. Karen earned her accounting doctorate at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and MBA and BS at University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She previously taught at Hendrix College and has prior experience in public accounting as well as internal auditing. Her teaching and research is focused on financial accounting and auditing. Karen is active in the Arkansas Society of CPAs, serving on the Student Education Fund Board. In 2014, she was the recipient of the Society's Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award.



Mr. Steve Nelson is teaching Leadership in the MAcc program, Principles of Accounting I and II, and a course for UCA's Innovation and Entrepreneurship program. Steve earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas and a Master of Business Administration at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas.



He is a CPA licensed to practice in Arkansas. Steve has served in various accounting roles in Central Arkansas for the past 35 years. For the past 27 years he served as Vice President, Controller for Dillard's, Inc. Steve has extensive experience in accounting and financial reporting for public companies including securities laws and regulations.