

## School of Accounting HIGHLIGHTS

### The David Eccles School of Business:

- Moved into first half of new state of the art Business Building in November 2011. The second phase will be completed in May 2013.
- Joined the PAC 12 Fall 2011.

### Our School:

- The School of Accounting's undergraduate program was ranked 23rd and the Masters of Accounting program was ranked 25th in the Nation by the Public Accounting Report in 2010 for all accounting programs across the nation and in the top ten for programs of comparable size.
- The School of Accounting is separately accredited by the AACSB.
- Ranked 22nd in Parade Magazine's A-List of Business and Accounting Programs for 2010.
- A recent study ranked the School of Accounting as 27th in Financial Accounting Research, 29th in Accounting Information Systems Research and 19th overall for combined research topics over the last six years.

### Our Students:

The School has world-class students and graduates.

- The School offers an undergraduate degree in Accounting, a Masters of Accounting (MAcc), and PhD in Accounting with approximately:
  - 460 students in upper division undergraduate accounting (Junior and Senior standing – with an average GPA of 3.6)
  - 130 students in the MAcc program (average GPA of 3.6) with tracks in Audit / Financial, Tax and Accounting Information Systems
  - 13 students in the PhD program
- Placement for our Macc students at graduation was 98% for May 2012 graduates.
- Students took Regional Honorable Mention in Deloitte's 2011 Fantaxtic Competition.

- Macc student Libby Biittner was chosen to do a one year FASB internship. She is one of nine chosen in 2010. Six students from the School have participated in this program during the last eight years.
- Alumnus Johanna Nielsen was named National CPA of the year by the AWS CPA in 2009. She recently moved to Paris to become an international partner with Grant Thornton.
- Our Beta Alpha Psi chapter received Superior Chapter in 2011 and Gold Status in 2010.
- Our students are recruited by the Big Four, Grant Thornton, regional and local firms as well as in industry, government and the non-profit sector, both locally and nationally.
- Recent PhD graduates have taken positions at Iowa State, Texas Christian University, George Mason University, and Waterloo.
- Over 50% of the students in our entering Macc class are bilingual.

### Our Faculty:

The School has a world-class faculty.

*During the 2011-2012 Academic Year:*

- Dr. Martha Eining received the National AWS CPA Accounting Educator of the Year Award. Marci Butterfield received this award in 2009.
- Professor Marci Butterfield received a Daniels Ethics Award for her use of ethics cases and concepts in the introductory accounting class.
- Dr. Christine Botosan serves as Vice President for Publication in the American Accounting Association.
- Dr. Martha Eining is chairing the American Accounting Association Task Force on Intellectual Property.
- Our faculty members are on Editorial Review Boards for: Accounting Horizons, Contemporary Accounting Research, Issues in Accounting Education, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Accounting Research, and The Accounting Review.

- Our faculty members have degrees from the University of Michigan, Wharton, University of Indiana, Stanford, Oklahoma State, New York University, Florida, Oregon, NYU, and Michigan State.

#### *Overall reflections on faculty:*

- Dr. Bob Allen has presented his research to the PCAOB. He won the Wildman Award presented by the American Accounting Association (AAA) for the research that has had the largest impact on practice. He has won numerous teaching awards, including two at the University Level.
- Dr. Christine Botosan won both the Competitive Manuscript and the Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature from the AAA. She has also won numerous teaching awards. Her research has been presented before Congress and to the FASB.
- Dr. Martha Eining served a year as the first Grant Thornton National Professor in Residence. She has also won teaching and service awards from the school, the UACPA, and the IS Section of the AAA.
- Dr. Marlene Plumlee served a year as an SEC Academic Fellow. She received a grant from the IRS to start our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic where students get an opportunity to present before the IRS in cases where taxes are in dispute.
- Dr. David Plumlee served a year as an SEC Academic Fellow and recently received a grant from the CAQ to study Professional Skepticism.

#### **Our Masters of Accounting Staff:**

- We have just hired our own Masters of Accounting Admissions Coordinator; Olivia Mosomor has a Macc from Gonzaga, is a CPA and has worked most recently for EY.

- Richard Reed, MBA, CPA received the David Eccles School of Business Staff Achievement Award for his exemplary service as our Macc Advisor.

#### **Our Curriculum:** The School has a world-class curriculum:

- We offer an IFRS class, one of a few in the country. We also offer classes on Financial Reporting and Financial Statement Analysis which help the students understand accounting from the preparer perspective.
- Our Low Income Tax Payer Clinic and VITA program provide hands on opportunities for both undergraduate and Macc students to work with clients and argue before the IRS.
- We offer a part time Macc program for those in auditing and accounting information systems. This program allows students to complete the Macc program at night in five semesters.
- Our Masters of Accounting Program includes a one week intensive week highlighting accounting professionalism and team building. The students spend one day doing an intensive service project that they organize and complete.
- We offer a fraud and forensics class where students act as an expert witness in a real courtroom with lawyers and a presiding judge.
- We have implemented a new introductory accounting sequence focused on using accounting information for decision making both internally and externally.
- Student trips to large metropolitan areas to learn about accounting firms and industry. Most recent trip to Dallas.
- Professional Communications Course offered to enhance students communication skills.
- Advanced Excel/Access for the professional helps students become proficient in the tools most commonly used in the accounting profession.

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