

# DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Dear Alumni, Students, Employers, Faculty, Staff and Friends,

Thanks to your outstanding collaboration we finished a very successful year in the areas of teaching, student engagement, faculty development, and research.

Our first full year in Gerri C. LeBow Hall coincided with the launch of several new or updated programs. Thanks to our LeBow Undergraduate Career Services team, we launched the year with major firms being featured each day during the first two weeks of the fall term. This encouraged all students to embrace the importance of pursuing co-ops and full time positions. It also sparked a higher level of engagement between the firms and our accounting students as well as staff and faculty.

Professor Stacy Kline was appointed as a Center for Teaching Excellence Fellow recognizing her classroom achievements, her assistance with new faculty in launching their careers and her relentless support of students. Several of our faculty members were instrumental in supporting the Business Professors Teaching Summit, which is held each May on Drexel's campus to support regional faculty in the exchange of ideas surrounding teaching courses in business.

In November we introduced an exciting new format for our annual accounting excellence banquet, which we renamed as our LAFSA Reception (LeBow Accounting Faculty, Students and Alumni). The new format fostered networking, award recognition and extensive interaction between alumni, employers, students and faculty. This level of engagement continued with our successful launch of a new fraud case competition sponsored by Mercadien LLC., which is led by alum, Frank Pina. The case competition consisted of 10 student teams who presented their analysis to a panel of professionals during an all day intensive session. Mark your calendars for February 12, 2016 and join us for our next competition.

Several of our students placed in case competitions such as the Deloitte Tax Competition, completed service projects in other countries and won scholarships from various organizations such as the PICPA and ALPFA. We are very proud of our students who work diligently to extend their learning experience beyond the classroom.

Professors Curtis Hall, Bernhard Riechert, Michael Paz (recent doctoral student graduate), Jennifer Wright, Stacy Kline and Hubert Glover won research grants to pursue their respective areas of focus. Professors Natalya Khimich, Duri Park, Curtis Hall, Helen Choy and Yaou Zhou (current doctoral student) were invited to speak at international conferences presenting their respective line of research. Thanks to Professor Tony Curatola's hard work we have restored our enrollment in the doctoral program and we successfully placed all of our three doctoral students who graduated in excellent universities from California to New York.

These are only a few of the highlights that occurred during the year and I am proud to be part a great community of alumni, students, employers, staff and faculty who collaborate in an efficient and effective manner for the benefit of our educational mission. We really appreciate our new environment and welcome all of you to visit at your convenience and please seek to attend one of the various events we have scheduled this year. Again thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
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## SUCCESS OF THE PHD PROGRAM TONY CURATOLA, JOSEPH F. FORD PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING & TAX

The doctoral program in accounting continues to move forward. Zenghui Liu, Michael Paz, and Christine Sun graduated in June and will begin their academic careers as Assistant Professors. Zenghui is at Western Washington State University; Michael is at Cornell University School of Hotel Management, and Christine is at California State University at San Marcos. We certainly wish them much success in their new careers. But as we say good-bye and clean out the offices to these new PhDs, we fill their offices with four newbies who are joining our program. The class of 2015 include Hanyong Chung, Jonghyuk Bae, Tony Liang-Ju, and Yufei Wang. They will be joining Eric Lohwasser and Heather Thompson, who survived the first year exams and Yaou Zhou and Tao Sun, who successfully passed their candidacy exams.

Another accomplishment of our program is the successful research of Yaou who presented a paper (Timing of Audit Switches) that she co-authored with Dr. Helen Choy, Associate Professor in the department, at both the European Accounting Association Annual Congress 2015, at Scotland and the American Accounting Association Annual Conference 2015, at Chicago. She is continuing the tradition started by Dr. Beth Vermeer a few years ago. Part of our recent growth is certainly attributable to the fund made available from the many donors to the Cas Srinivasan & Hank Jaenicke Accounting Doctoral Endowment Fund. We are on the move (upward).