

# Greetings from the chair

It is our pleasure to share with you the 2016 edition of *Accounting*, the magazine of the Department of Accounting of the College of Business Administration at Marquette University. Our hope is that the magazine helps to keep you connected with the Accounting Department and the College of Business Administration.

Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verse 1, states, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." We in the Accounting

Department are feeling the truth of this very strongly this year.

Dr. Don Giacomino and Dr. Robert Yahr both retired during the past year after teaching at Marquette for 39 and 38 years, respectively. These two gentlemen have had a significant impact on the department and our business community and both were recognized by the university with Emeritus status. While we miss them, we wish them well in the next phases of their lives. If you would like to send a note, you can reach them at Don.Giacomiono@Marquette.edu and Robert.

Yahr@Marquette.edu. The photographer for the cover shot was Anthony Giacomino, who is Don's youngest son and earned his BA from Marquette in 2011 in Graphic Design.

We also recognize and celebrate Dr. Joseph Wall, our newest faculty member, Ms. Cindy Gruber, who won a Raynor 2016 Teaching Excellence Award, and Dr. Kevin Rich, who was promoted with tenure to Associate Professor.

I want to especially thank our **Master of Science** students for conducting the interviews and writing the articles, Amanda Ames, our executive assistant, for her editorial work and Dora Hagen for designing the magazine. Everyone has done an **excellent** job.

Thank you for your continued support! Through your business and community activities you reflect the values and ideals of Marquette University to all whom you meet and work with. Many of you have influenced the accounting program in different ways and I consider it a privilege to be able to meet and work with you. I take great pleasure in discussing with prospective students and their parents the numerous ways that each of you, as alums as well as friends of the program, support the accounting department.

Please send along any items of personal and professional interest that you would like to share by using the back page of the magazine, by calling, or by e-mailing us. If you are ever on campus, please stop by, as we would welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

Michael D. Akers, Professor and Chair

### **Advisory Board**

#### Chairman

John Malloy, NAI-MLG Commercial

#### Members

David M. Bauer, Lubar & Co.

Tony Berndt, Sattell, Johnson, Appel & Co. S.C.

Michael J. Browne, Advanced Financial Training

Andrew Copps, Actuant Corporation

Eric W. Falkeis, Direxion Funds

Thomas Fotsch, EmbedTek, LLC

Jessica B. Gatzke, Scribner Cohen and Company, S.C.

Bradley J. Kalscheur, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP

Melissa K. Koeppel, Grant Thornton LLP

Jeffrey Krol, Jeffrey W. Krol & Associates

Robert D. Love, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Joan Phillips, Deloitte & Touche LLP

James G. Quaid, Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams, Ltd.

David J. Rodgers, Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Greg Ryan, KPMG LLP

Ignatius L. Smetek, Arcataur Capital Management LLC

Daniel T. Szidon, Wipfli LLP

Laurence Tomsyck (retired), Ernst & Young

Victor Weiler (retired), Clifton Gunderson LLC

Ann Marie Wick, Briggs and Stratton

### **Accounting Faculty**

#### **Professors Emeriti**

Don E. Giacomino, DBA (University of Kentucky), CPA and Donald & Beverly Flynn Chair Holder

Frank R. Probst, PhD (University of Florida), CPA

Robert B. Yahr, PhD (University of Nebraska), CPA

#### **Professor**

Michael D. Akers, PhD (University of Mississippi), CPA, CMA, CIA, CFE, Department Chair and Charles T. Horngren Professor of Accounting

#### **Associate Professors**

Qianhua Ling, PhD (Oklahoma State University)

James P. Trebby, DBA (University of Kentucky), CPA and Director of the Master of Science in Accounting Program

#### **Assistant Professors**

Jodi L. Gissel, PhD (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Kevin Rich, PhD (University of Oregon)

Ikseon Suh, PhD (Southern Illinois University)

Joseph M. Wall, PhD (Case Western Reserve University)

#### **Adjunct Assistant Professors**

Michael P. Dole, MS (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), CPA, CFP Douglas O. Smith, JD, MBA (Marquette University)

#### **Adjunct Instructors**

Michael J. Browne, MS (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater), CPA, CMA, CGMA, CFM, CPIM, ABV and Director of the Accounting Internship Program

Cindy Gruber, MS (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee), CPA

Barbara L. Kren, MS (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), CPA

### CONTENTS













#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Marquette University College of Business Administration *Accounting* magazine is published by the Department of Accounting, Marquette University, College of Business Administration, Straz Hall, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881. Phone: (414) 288-4173. Fax: (414) 288-5755. http://business.marquette.edu/departments/accounting

Mark Bielanski, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Kelsey Muth, Patrice Noltimier, Liangchen Zhu, interviewers; Amanda Ames, editor; Dora Hagen, designer; Marcella Akers, copy editor.

©2016 Marquette University

To view the magazine digitally, visit: http://business.marquette.edu/departments/accounting-magazine

#### 4 Don Giacomino

Dialogue between Professor Don Giacomino and Accounting Students Led Him to Marquette

#### 6 Bob Yahr

Professor Bob Yahr hits a grand slam with Pacioli, Banks, Mozart and Accounting Students

#### Bob Bordeman

A Lasting Legacy...Value the Simple Things

#### 8 Derek Tyus

Creating Opportunities and Impacting Lives

#### 9 Colleen Boland

Dr. Colleen Boland: Be the Difference

#### 10 Joe Wall

Dr. Joe Wall Now Invests in Students

#### 11 Graduate Assistant Interviewers

#### 12 Jim Quaid

Advisory Board Member Feature

#### 14 Beta Alpha Psi Update – 2016

#### 15 Ryan Bittner

Beta Alpha Psi Alumnus of the Year

#### 16 Accounting Department News

#### 17 Scholarly Activities by the Faculty

### 17 College of Business Administration Alumni National Awards

### 19 Accounting Students & Alumnus Awards, Accounting Internships

### 20 Accounting Majors Receive Scholarships

### 22 Marquette Teams Participate In Accounting Firm Competitions

#### 23 Class Notes



#### DON GIACOMINO



# Dialogue between Professor Don Giacomino and Accounting Students Led Him to Marquette

fter 39 years, Marquette must finally say goodbye to one of its most cherished accounting professors, Dr. Don Giacomino. Many of his former students, myself included, remember Dr. Giacomino's pre-semester email to his students asking for a quick biography of ourselves. Little did we know that on the first day of class, as well as throughout the semester, Dr. Giacomino would make a point of using those facts to connect on a personal level with each of his students. He believes that such a tack engages not only the students but also himself in the overall desire to learn. Thus, it only seems fitting that his interactions with students will be what he will miss the most at Marquette.

While Dr. Giacomino has a passion for accounting, which he shares with his students, he actually began his collegiate years as an engineering major. Growing up in a small mining town in Montana where everyone in his family worked in the mines, he knew right from the start that he did not want a career underground. His co-workers knew him as the kid who would use the light from his helmet to study calculus and chemistry while working midnight shifts. After attending Montana Technological Institute for one year, Dr. Giacomino joined the Army, where he climbed the ranks to Sergeant. He credits both the military and his Catholic grade school upbringing as providing two of the best learning experiences in his life.

(as he puts it) intermediate accounting, he became aware of the vast opportunities available to someone with an accounting degree. At the same time, he was listening to all his friends talk about their jobs with the Big 8 accounting firms and this helped persuade him to switch his major to accounting. After completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Montana, Dr. Giacomino decided to extend his stay out west and enrolled in the university's M.B.A. program. While teaching undergraduate classes to help finance his education, he realized how much he enjoyed leading the classes. As a result, Dr. Giacomino accepted a teaching position at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire following his graduation. After several years of teaching and with a strong desire to become a professor, he enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Kentucky.

When I asked Dr. Giacomino what led him to choose Marguette for his first full-time position, he immediately cited his on-campus interview with some accounting students enrolled at the time. He felt that the student-led portion of the interview process elevated Marquette above his other prospects because it signaled how much Marquette valued its students' input. Fast forward 39 years and Dr. Giacomino continues to be a walking example of Marquette's commitment to its students. He strongly feels that student feedback is the most important factor in truly understanding how to teach and how to challenge students on a daily basis. During the last six years, Dr. Giacomino has taught

### "Current Marquette students are as bright and respectful as the students three and four decades ago."

After military service, Dr. Giacomino worked for a few years in consumer finance before deciding to return to college to continue his engineering studies. After learning that he would have to repeat his year of engineering courses because of his five-year hiatus from college, he switched to being an economics major; however, one requirement for the degree was an accounting class. After surviving

or advised over 25 students whose parents he had also taught at Marquette. He says, "Current Marquette students are as bright and respectful as the students three and four decades ago." In addition to his experiences with students, Dr. Giacomino credits the Accounting Department faculty as being a fundamental reason behind remaining at Marquette for his entire career. He served as chair of the Accounting

### Dr. Giacomino began publishing the Accounting magazine back in 1998 as a way of showcasing alumni and their accomplishments.



Department for 17 years and his first faculty appointment was Dr. Mike Akers. Referring to Dr. Akers as his closest friend and colleague, Dr. Giacomino said that recruiting him was the best thing he ever did for Marquette.

As another example of how committed he is to his students both past and present, Dr. Giacomino began publishing the Accounting magazine back in 1998 as a way of showcasing alumni and their accomplishments. He felt that highlighting the success of past accounting students would re-awaken the sense of community for them that we all experience at Marquette. Things have come full circle and now Dr. Giacomino is one of the subjects in his own creation as the Accounting Department seeks to recognize his impact on both students and colleagues.

As he nears the end of his time at Marquette, Dr. Giacomino has already started searching for ways to remain engaged during retirement. Between hitting the links more often and catching a few more fish, he wants to actively help people who are struggling right here in the Milwaukee community. Through such organizations as Exploit No More and Habitat for Humanity, Dr. Giacomino wants to follow in the footsteps of two women who have deeply inspired him: his mother, Florence, and his wife, Betty. Betty taught grade school for 18 years before deciding to stay at home to raise their sons, Ryan (St. Louis University, Aeronautical Engineering, 2011) and Anthony (Marquette University, Graphics Design, 2011). In addition to visiting more often with his sons and his brother John, a retired high school principal, Dr. Giacomino plans to meet his best friend Mike Akers for the occasional lunch or golf match.

Elizabeth Cosgrove

To make a gift to the Don Giacomino Scholarship Fund, visit: www.Marquette.edu/giveonline and designate your gift by typing "Giacomino Fund" under "other."

### **Professor Bob Yahr Hits a Grand Slam**

### with Pacioli, Banks, Mozart and Accounting Students



fter 38 years and four months of teaching every variety of accounting course except for tax, Marquette University Associate Professor Robert Yahr retired on December 23, 2015.

Dr. Yahr received his bachelor's in accounting from Drake University in 1970 and his master's from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in 1972. Before beginning his doctorate, Dr. Yahr worked for three national public accounting firms: Ernst & Ernst. Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co., and Wolf & Co. He next pursued and earned his doctorate in accounting from UNL. In addition to teaching at Marquette, he also served as director of the department's Internship Program, director of the initial Master of Science in Accounting program, and as Acting Chair for the Accounting Department.

When asked why he chose Marguette as the place he wanted to spend his career, Dr. Yahr mentioned the generous employee benefits and Marguette's location close to where his parents lived. Over the years, he has found his fellow faculty members to be considerate and easy to work with.

Dr. Yahr enjoys spending time with students both in class and socially on campus. "If you did not enjoy it, you would not be around for 38 years. I guarantee that," he says. One change he has noticed over this long time is that fewer students come to see him during his office hours. He believes it is because the Chinese students, who started coming to the United States in 2002, prefer to work together in groups to come up with solutions to problems. He shared one of his all-time favorite student stories with me about a fellow who took his Accounting Theory class three times and finally received the "A" that he had been striving for.

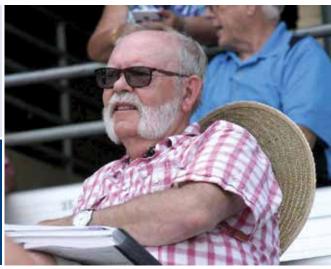
When asked what he considered his greatest accomplishment at Marquette, Dr. Yahr responded that it was his 9-year experience as the director of the Accounting Department Internship Program. His job was to provide guidance and offer suggestions to over 350 students as they started their careers, either in internships or in positions that were full-time. One academic year, that totaled 60 internships! "Helping them to get through this process is amazing," Dr. Yahr said. "It is great to still be in contact with some of them, to receive notes when they move or are promoted."

Dr. Yahr also offered some career observations that accounting students may find helpful. First,

(Continued on page 13)

Dr. Yahr enjoys spending time with students both in class and socially on campus. "If you did not enjoy it, you would not be around for 38 years. I guarantee that."

In honor of Dr. Yahr's contributions to our accounting students for his many years on the faculty, a scholarship is being established in his name, and those of two colleagues, Dr. James Trebby and Dr. Greg Naples. For more information or to make a gift to support future Marquette accounting students, visit muconnect.marquette.edu/naples-trebby-yahr-scholarship



Bob enjoying a favorite pastime

# A LASTING LEGACY...

# Value the Simple Things

very year, the Marquette University Alumni Association National Board of Directors presents a Marquette alum with the Professional Achievement Award. The award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the business world and achieved distinguished professional success. The 2016 recipient of the Professional Achievement Award is Robert Bordeman. Not only did Bob have a successful career, working at various insurance and financial service companies and serving on many institution boards, but his achievements went well beyond his work, as demonstrated by his loving family, sound values, and a willingness to fight all obstacles, one of which was Bob's six-year battle with multiple myeloma. Sadly, Bob passed away on December 10, 2015, due to complications from this illness, but his determination, strength, and caring spirit have left a lasting impact on all those who knew him. I had the pleasure of meeting with Bob's wife, Cathy, to discuss Bob's experiences at Marquette and in the business world.

Bob grew up in Queens, New York, and was the oldest son of six children. His father, who was an engineer and mathematician, served as a continual inspiration throughout Bob's life, and Bob especially valued his intellect, judgment, and work ethic. As the first child to go away to college, Bob did not take the decision of where to attend school lightly, and he greatly relied on his father's opinion. Bob's father had heard many positive things from a friend who had attended Marquette, and he believed the school would be an excellent fit for Bob academically, spiritually, and financially. Without even touring the school, Bob bravely left the East Coast to attend school in Milwaukee, and his experiences at Marquette went beyond his and his father's expectations.

Similar to his father, Bob was "a numbers guy" and took naturally to accounting. Bob earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration, majoring in accounting, from Marquette in 1978, while maintaining a full-time job as a bellhop at the Marc Plaza Hotel, now the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Bob continued his education at the University of Chicago Graduate

School of Business, earning his master's degree in finance in 1986. Bob next passed the exams to become a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Although Bob was busy as a full-time student and employee while at Marquette, he took advantage of his free time to make lasting memories. In 1977, during the summer before his senior year, Bob met Cathy, a Marquette nursing student, through mutual friends and they clicked immediately. The relationship grew and Bob and Cathy married at the Church of Gesu in 1979 with Father Ron Bieganowski, a close friend and Bob's former professor, officiating.

"I think Bob would tell students to embrace their time at Marquette and embrace life because the experience can't be repeated."



After discussing with Cathy some of her and Bob's fondest memories at Marquette, I was pleasantly surprised to hear that many of the activities she, Bob, and their friends enjoyed on campus are traditions that hold true at Marquette today. They valued the simple things like spending their summer days eating lunch at local restaurants on campus, relaxing at Milwaukee's lakefront, going to Summerfest, and hanging out with friends at apartments that are still on campus today, including The Reeves. Of course, during the school year, Bob,

Cathy, and their friends were devoted fans of the basketball team and loved watching all the games.

In 1978, Bob began his career as the controller at Safeway Insurance Group, the largest privately held automobile insurance provider in the country. After working as Safeway's controller for five years, Bob advanced in his career to become chief financial officer for two property/casualty subsidiaries at Lincoln

(Continued on page 13)

#### **DEREKTYUS**



# Creating Opportunities Impacting Lives

erek Tyus, Vice President and Chief Investment Officer at West Bend Mutual, has embraced Marquette's challenge to "Be the Difference" within the Milwaukee community. When asked what he is most passionate about, he responded, "helping young black males through my involvement with education and mentorship." Derek is striving to impact as many lives as possible in Milwaukee with the goal of creating opportunities that may not otherwise be possible. He firmly believes, "challenges can be dealt with if we strive to be involved."

Through his participation as a board member of Pathways Milwaukee, and previous involvement with the Boy Scouts of Milwaukee - Heart of Milwaukee District, the Benedict Center, and the ministry counsel at St. Ben's in downtown Milwaukee, Derek is working to meet his goal of helping the city's youth. He commented, "If children dream big dreams, they can achieve anything."

Pathways Milwaukee is an organization that works with students as early as middle school to help prepare them for high school and college. The organization strives to help make college a realistic opportunity for all students. At the Benedict Center, Derek was involved with advocating for a fair justice system that

treats everyone with dignity and respect. St. Ben's parish, located just east of Marguette's campus, takes pride in providing Milwaukee's largest potluck community meal. Providing for those in need is something that is simple but highly valued by Derek, because he knows that a warm meal is often an aspect of life that is taken for granted.

University in 1987. His decision to attend Marguette was encouraged by his cousin who attended Marquette and was also due to Derek's involvement with the INROADS Program. INROADS is a non-profit organization that helps to develop and prepare Milwaukee high school students for corporate and community leadership. As a high school

### Derek understands the influence the people of Milwaukee can have on today's youth if everyone joins together to achieve a common goal.

Participation as a board member aligns Derek with the core values and beliefs ingrained in him by his parents. Born and raised on Milwaukee's north side, Derek is the youngest of four children and considers his parents his most influential role models. He credits them with providing a strong family foundation and instilling a work ethic that has benefitted him throughout his career. "My parents were the biggest cheerleaders for their children and always wanted better for us."

Derek attended Milwaukee Lutheran High School before deciding on Marquette

student, Derek had the opportunity to become friends with and learn from the experiences of juniors and seniors in Marquette's business school. David Love, a Marguette alumnus and mentor involved with the program, had a significant influence on Derek. Derek would eventually follow David to the University of Michigan to pursue his MBA with an emphasis in finance. Derek is still actively involved today with INROADS.

When Derek arrived at Marquette he initially planned to major in finance; however, the stock

(Continued on page 18)

# **Dr. Colleen Boland:** BE THE DIFFERENCE

sk Colleen Boland and she will tell you Marquette University was never simply a campus or location - it is a feeling. "Be the Difference" has resonated with Colleen throughout her academic and professional life. She believes it is important to be out in the world and live this message.

The first of five family members to attend Marquette, Colleen has many fond memories of her time as an undergraduate accounting student in the college

of business. A management professor provided two of her favorite life lessons. He gave a weekly timed quiz. To encourage guick and concise thinking, students could use only 25 words to respond. He also allowed students to "opt out" of class participation by indicating, "Don't call on me. I'm not prepared." Her takeaway: life happens, own it. She found these lessons valuable.

Always in a hurry to complete her goals, Colleen graduated in three and a half years in December 1985, and started work at Price Waterhouse (PricewaterhouseCoopers) the next day. Colleen and her husband, Tom (Marquette Engineering 1984), married Memorial Day weekend 1986,

two weeks after she took the CPA exam. She started her master's program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1987 and after earning her M.B.A., began working at Ernst & Whinney (Ernst & Young) in Alabama in January of 1988. She described public accounting as "the best mom job ever" and returned to it because of the flexibility it offered. Colleen gained experience working with nonprofits during her time at Crow Chizek & Company (Crowe Horvath) in Michigan, where she helped lead efforts to start the local nonprofit practice. She became managing director for a client and served as an administrative and financial leader. Faith, Inc. coached the poor and

homeless in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to develop work skills and then to find temporary and permanent employment. Inspired by this work, Colleen started her own practice supporting nonprofit organizations. This included providing consulting, accounting, and bookkeeping services, on a virtual basis, to various clients throughout the country.

Feeling the need for a challenge alongside the desire to accomplish a long time goal, Colleen began a Ph.D. in accounting program at Michigan State

University in 2009. Getting her doctorate was something she had always wanted and she enjoyed the rigor and challenge of the experience. Fascinated with the "how and why" behind financials and accounting principles, Colleen researched how auditing standards and regulations are developed. Upon graduation, she moved back to Milwaukee as an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She now teaches accounting information systems and is the advisor to the university's Beta Alpha Psi chapter. She says that her job is to help her students and the chapter's executive board to practice being professionals. She encourages students to



Tom (Eng '84), Kate (Health Sciences '10, DDS '13), Sam (Exercise Physiology '12, DPT '14) and Colleen Boland

understand the reason why they are doing something. To foster professional communication, Colleen requires her students to attend office hours to review their exams.

Outside of her work life, Colleen enjoys spending time with her husband, Tom, and two children, all Marquette alumni. Kate earned Marquette degrees in Health Sciences and Dentistry (DDS) and now serves as a Navy Lieutenant. Sam earned his degrees in Exercise Physiology and Physical Therapy (DPT). After taking up running during her doctoral program, Colleen has completed multiple half-marathons. She describes herself as a "social

(Continued on page 13)

"Accounting is just like journalism, only the mediums are different. Both professions tell a story."

### **Dr. Joe Wall Now Invests in Students**

r. Joseph Wall joined Marquette University as a faculty member in August 2015, after earning his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, his M.B.A. from Marquette University, and his bachelor's degree in Engineering from Purdue University. Prior to joining Marguette, Dr. Wall worked for seven years as an assistant professor at Carthage College, serving four years as department chair.

Dr. Wall chose Marquette for many reasons but especially because he identifies with the mission, which is often stated simply as, "Be the Difference." As a teacher who aspires to make a difference and to be a person for others, Dr. Wall, while visiting other schools and considering other teaching positions, considered Marquette his dream school and knew when the offer came, that he would accept. While completing his M.B.A at Marguette, he admired the professors he had in his classes and felt he wanted to join this "superhero" team. "It's nice to work with people whom you know are great," he says.

Between 1993 and 2008, Dr. Wall was a full-time financial analyst and professional investor. In this environment, he learned a lot about the business world. One of the things he learned was that he wanted to be active and contribute to this world in a different way - as an educator. He also hoped that as a researcher, he could make a contribution in the field of fraud, more specifically, in the area of financial injustice. "Sometimes," Dr. Wall points out, "individuals can be disadvantaged unintentionally by the rules we set forth. For example, in a recent paper I examined the effect of the tax code on institutional behavior in the market. I believe that under certain conditions, these institutions may be receiving tax advantaged treatment, whereas a small investor may not be receiving the same benefit."

Throughout my interview, Dr. Wall showed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to work with students, which he indicated was the primary

reason he became a teacher. "Engaging with students is my favorite thing and the No. 1 way that I believe I can make a difference in this world – by helping them realize who they want to become and where they want to go." He likes to see the students progress in their studies, to hear their dreams, and to help them make their dreams come true. The across-theboard high quality of the students here at Marquette impresses Dr. Wall. He commented that Marquette students are highly intelligent and have a great work ethic. He feels they do not rest on their natural abilities but are willing to work extremely hard both in the classroom and, by extension, in the workplace.

The Marquette system that balances teaching and research also impresses Dr. Wall. He was enthusiastic about how supportive both the department and fellow professors have been in working with him and in making Marquette a top-notch research facility. He also remarked favorably on the strong quality controls on teaching, which student evaluations for each class track. He remarked on the intelligence of the accounting faculty members saying, "I already know that they are good researchers, but I have learned so much in just one year. Every person in the Accounting Department has taught me something, in teaching, in research, and in being a friend in life."

One area that Dr. Wall stresses in his classes is the "why" versus the "how" of accounting procedures. Students tend to focus on the mechanics of how to do something, such as how to make a particular journal entry. Dr. Wall advises them to try to understand the meaning behind the mechanics, and then the "how" will become intuitive.

When he is not busy with work, Dr. Wall indulges his passion in classical literature, especially Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. He owns first editions of all but the very first volume of the series. He loves old



"Engaging with students is my favorite thing and the No. 1 way that I believe I can make a difference in this world..."

books and has some unusual ones he especially treasures. These include the first edition of "The Theory of Relativity" as well as some books by Plato. In addition, Dr. Wall loves travelling but especially enjoys spending family time with his wife, Joy, and their twin daughters, Abigail and Isabella, who are 4 years old. "They are twins but they are so different. While they think differently and approach situations differently, they are both great in their own way. As a Dad, it is a great joy for me to see their development." He enjoys being with the girls at their gym and music classes.

Dr. Wall identified China as one of his favorite places in the world, loves the culture and really enjoys that there are so many Chinese

## Graduate Assistant Interviewers

Thank you for conducting the interviews and preparing the articles.



Their names and where they will be in the Fall of 2016 (left to right): Mark Bielanski (Deloitte in Chicago); Patrice Noltimier (PricewaterhouseCoopers in Atlanta); Kelsey Muth (PricewaterhouseCoopers in Indianapolis); Liangchen Zhu (Yizheng, China); Elizabeth Cosgrove (Deloitte in Washington, D.C.)

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

For information on the MSA program at Marquette, contact Dr. James P. Trebby, Director of the MSA Program at james.trebby@marquette.edu or Dr. Jeanne Simmons, Associate Dean, Graduate School of Management at jeanne.simmons@marquette.edu.

> You can also check us out on the Web at http://business.marquette.edu/academics/msa

# Advisory Board Member Feature



James G. Quaid, **Advisory Board** Member, is Director, Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams, Ltd. and is based in Chicago.

### Please tell us a little about: A few sentences on:

#### Your family...

I am very thankful to have a healthy, loving, and supportive family including my wife, Maureen, and children - Brendan (16), Kathleen (15), and Colleen (11). I am also grateful for a very supportive extended family and group of friends.

#### Influential people in your life...

Maureen is my confidant and best friend. She is a great listener and is very practical. I also rely on my extended family, including my dad (who is also a Marguette alum - 1956), brother, and sister, and other family members, for their guidance and support. In my professional life, I owe a lot to the partners and managers at a former firm I worked at who gave me a great foundation to grow and learn as well as to the directors at ORBA where I work now. They saw I had the potential to become a director and now a co-leader of our firm's Not-For-Profit Group. I also had the fortune to serve on the Illinois CPA Society's Not-For-Profit Committee that Scott Steffens, a partner at Grant Thornton and current Chairperson of the Illinois CPA Society, chaired. Scott has been a friend and mentor of mine for a long time.

#### What might surprise some folks about you...

I took up jogging a few years ago and have completed the Naperville Half-Marathon the last three years. Most rewarding is that we were able to raise some funds for the Swifty Foundation, a local charity funding research for pediatric brain cancer (www.swiftyfoundation.org).



Kathleen, Colleen (front) and Brendan Quaid

#### What you especially like about your job...

I enjoy the opportunity to work with my colleagues providing solutions for our clients. Most of the clients I work with are charitable organizations, such as charter schools. foundations, museums, and other civic/social agencies. They are doing amazing things in our community. I hope that our work will teach our clients a few things on financial best practices and allow them to prioritize their efforts on programs and continuing to do good for many years to come.

#### What always stays new about your job...

Every client has different needs with different challenges every day. We work hard to gain the trust of our clients and they rely on me and our firm as one of their business advisers to assist them in both financial and operational decisions.

#### Special memory of Marquette...

There are too many to list for this short article. However, I have many special memories of and great friendships developed during sophomore year living at West Hall, which was located on 26th and Wisconsin. We took a school bus to and from campus every day and got to know each other quite well. It was far (off campus) but we had a lot of fun.

### 1-2 words to indicate your favorite:

### Time of the year...

Movie... A bit corny but I love watching Charlie Brown movies around the holidays.

#### Spectator sport... Hockey



Maureen and Jim

#### Bob Yahr continued from page 6:

public and private accounting are still good choices. Second, with enough experience, an individual can enter the accounting field as a consultant. Third, while Not-for-Profit organizations are always in need of accounting help, they often do not have the financial resources that are available to For-Profit groups to make their positions as attractive.

As anyone who has been in class with Dr. Yahr knows, he is a big fan of the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team and the Kane County (Illinois) Cougars baseball team. Since 2002, he has been a Cougars' season ticket holder and you will find him in Section 106, Row D, Seat 12 on game day. He attested that water balloons usually are a greater potential threat than foul balls. His scorebook easily accommodates the 70 home games the Cougars play each season. In addition,

Dr. Yahr is passionate about classic music and frequents performances by both the Chicago and the Milwaukee Symphony orchestras. I often heard strains of the classics in the fourth floor corridor outside of his office.

Doctors diagnosed Dr. Yahr with prostate cancer in April 2014 but gave him a 97 percent chance of recovery. He travelled to Glenview, Illinois, for daily chemotherapy for a number of weeks. "I treated it more as an inconvenience than anything else," Dr. Yahr said.

For his immediate life after Marquette, Dr. Yahr plans to travel around, visit some baseball parks this summer, and not miss any more games due to final exams! He has been to several parks in the Midwest and he would like to visit more in the Nashville, Tennessee, area. "The former radio broadcaster for the Cougars, Jeff Hem, now is the broadcaster for the minor league Nashville Sounds. I knew Jeff quite well during the six years when he was with the Cougars and I would like to visit him and see their new ballpark. Just trying to hit the schedules so that I can be in a different park every night for a week," he says. Additional plans include traveling across the United States as well as overseas at some point in the future.

On the day I prepared this article, Dr. Yahr had come back to campus to meet with some students, finalizing their recommendation letters for them to apply for graduate schools. He is a professor who continues to give his best to the accounting community.

Liangchen Zhu

#### Bob Bordeman continued from page 7:

National Corporation and then as vice president of finance for the Merrill Lynch & Company Insurance Group. Bob returned to Safeway in 1995 as chief executive officer, a position he held for 20 years until his passing.

What was it about the insurance industry that Bob enjoyed so much? Cathy said she and her youngest son, Adam, had detailed discussions on that exact topic. Overall, Bob loved the many accounting challenges that the strict, highly regulated insurance industry presented, calling it the "ultimate balancing act" for an accountant. Every day, Bob was involved in managing "both sides of the balance sheet," handling premium collections from customers, as well as liability payouts. As someone who embraced all opportunities, Bob loved the fact that each day challenged him in some way, whether it be significant accounting estimates or contingency planning.

As CEO at Safeway, Bob also valued the people-

side of the insurance industry. Not only did he respect the owners of the organization, but Bob also created lasting relationships with the people he worked with. Bob had a supportive, visible management style and enjoyed working with employees at all levels at office locations across the country. During his time as CEO, he received many notes from employees thanking him for being a leader and mentor.

While Bob achieved an impressive career, his family came first, and his greatest pleasure was watching his two sons, Andrew and Adam, grow up to be established, caring adults who shared many of his passions and values. Andrew, Bob's oldest son, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago. Adam earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Marquette and passed the CPA exam. He then obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado and is currently an accounting professor at California State Polytechnic University. Bob took great

pride in their academic accomplishments, but he appreciated the quality time the family spent together even more. Simple things, such as Sunday dinners, morning bike rides, and family golf outings, gave him an incredible sense of joy. Bob demonstrated his love of family time and his adventurous spirit in his passion for excursions to Paris, Italy, Costa Rica, and hiking at Machu Picchu.

I asked Cathy what she thought would be one piece of advice that Bob would give current Marquette accounting students. Cathy answered: "I think Bob would tell students to embrace your time at Marquette and embrace life because the experience can't be repeated. Study hard and maintain the relationships you make here and you'll be a success." This response not only demonstrated the positive impact that Marquette had on Bob professionally and personally, but also confirmed his overall demeanor as an intelligent, grounded, and generous individual.

Kelsey Muth

#### Colleen Boland continued from page 8:

runner" and loves her Saturday morning runs because they end in brunch with her friends. She started traveling, visiting Turkey and Israel, when her husband deployed aboard the USS Saratoga in support of Desert Storm. Recent travels include Italy, Ireland and England. She has combined traveling and teaching, leading a graduate study abroad program each year to Germany. Tom continues his love of aviation at GE Aviation Systems and they take shorts trips in his

private plane.

Colleen says that accounting is just like journalism, only the mediums are different. Both professions tell a story. "For accounting, we document the story of a business or specific industry. Through the financial statements, we record and present what happened in the business and why it happened." Accounting is important because "people spend most of

their lives interacting with a business" and accountants translate these interactions. She advises current Marquette students, "You can have it all, but you can't have it all at once or now," so "Be patient and wait for the right time." When that time arrives "take risks" and "seize every opportunity." Practical and wise words offered from an inquisitive and successful professor and businesswoman.

Patrice Noltimier

### **28 YEARS**



### **Superior Status**

Marquette's Beta Alpha Psi chapter had another impressive year, achieving Superior Status for the 28th year in a row. We did it with the help of many people, but I would like especially to thank Mrs. Barbara Kren for her service to the chapter. Mrs. Kren is the advisor of our organization and puts in countless hours to ensure its success. This was evident in the time she spent discussing the coming week's events with me before and after each meeting. With Mrs. Kren at the helm, I am confident our chapter will continue its tradition of success. In addition, our executive board, especially Dan Laudick as Vice President, was instrumental in planning events, recording hours and managing our finances. None of this would have been possible without our many committed members. I would also like to thank the faculty members who supported our chapter

in the classroom and attended our events. These many contributions ensured that this year was a success for Beta Alpha Psi.

The year began at the Beta Alpha Psi National Conference in Milwaukee. Dan Laudick and Edward Urbina represented our chapter. At the meetings, they learned some of the ways other chapters perform their roles, as well as best practices for other chapters' activities, and they came away with new ideas for professional and service events. Dan and Ed were also able to share some of our practices with the other chapters. They gave a presentation on how we run our auction and our service events. In regards to the auction, the committee co-chairs, Caitlyn Forsythe and Ed, did an amazing job. They raised a record amount of money for the organization. Thank you to all those who donated!

Twenty-eight years of superior status has helped us to build strong relationships with many firms in the greater Milwaukee area. Using these strong relationships, we put together a series of great

professional and service events. Our members were able to network with members of these firms at our new Beta BBQ event, which replaced the volleyball bash. Our members gave back to the community through many activities: the Briggs & Al's Run & Walk for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin; the Aurora Food for Families Thanksgiving meal preparation with Deloitte; PB&J Day with KPMG providing meals for local homeless and low income families; the Bowl-A-Thon with EY, raising funds for the Penfield Children's Center; Project Linus, making and donating blankets with PwC; and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, providing tax return assistance to low-income individuals. Additionally, our members tutored freshmen and sophomore Marguette students in financial and managerial accounting. We place a lot of emphasis of being

the difference both in and out of the classroom, and it is very satisfying to see that so many of our members were willing to volunteer their time.

As a professional organization, Beta Alpha Psi provides our members direct access to representatives from all types of local firms. Our weekly meetings include networking opportunities as well as exposure to a broad range of career topics. These topics ranged from surviving the busy tax season to emotional intelligence. Other topics covered different career opportunities such as audit vs. tax, public vs. private, and life in a rotational program. We would like to thank all of our presenters this year who visited us from Johnson Controls, Rockwell, ORBA, BDO, PwC, EY, Deloitte, KPMG, Baker Tilly, Northwestern Mutual, Scribner Cohen, Grant Thornton, CliftonLarsonAllen, Baird, Sattell, Becker, Associated Bank,

the IRS, the FBI, Cohen Fund Audit Service, Harley Davidson, Schenck, and our very own Tax Panel. All of the presenters shared a wealth of knowledge and insights that will be useful in our future careers. We appreciate the effort and support of these companies and we depend on their partnership for the success of our organization.

In addition to these activities, we welcomed new members in two initiation ceremonies. At our fall initiation, our speaker, Rvan Bittner, CFO at Trachte Inc. and past Marquette BAP president, offered lessons he learned from his own life. He advised us to be resilient, be life-long learners, and build relationships. Joseph Lehmann, a Risk Assurance Manager at PwC, spoke at our spring initiation. He shared a great personal anecdote on why one should be open to all opportunities as well as a summary of characteristics of high-achieving individuals. Both our presenters highlighted the importance of a strong network. To help stay in contact with Beta Alpha Psi alumni and members, we created a LinkedIn page for the chapter.

To join, search "MU Beta Alpha Psi" and request membership. Thank you to both Ryan and Joey - we always enjoy having alumni back on campus!

Marquette's Beta Alpha Psi had another excellent year thanks to the time and effort of our advisor, executive board and our corporate presenters. I sincerely appreciate the participation of the faculty and all of our members. Thank you for helping to achieve our 28th consecutive year of Superior Status. I look forward to returning to Beta Alpha Psi as an alumnus to see what Zach Barbeau, next year's president, has in store for the chapter. I wish the chapter much success in all they attempt in the next academic year.

■ Robert Houle

#### 2015-16 **BAP OFFICERS**

Robert Houle President

Dan Laudick Vice President

Yiren Than Treasurer

Nicole Roy Reporter

Jennifer Liu (Fall) Stephen Osowski (Spring) Corresponding Secretary

> Mrs. Barb Kren Faculty Advisor



### BETA ALPHA PSI ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 2016

# Ryan Bittner



From left to right: Emma, Ryan, Lucy, Mickey Mouse, Johnny, Molly and Liz Bittner

Ryan Bittner, a Marquette University 1993 graduate, is the Beta Alpha Psi executive board's choice for BAP Outstanding Alumnus for this year. Ryan was selected based on his ethical leadership style, professional achievements and contributions to Beta Alpha Psi. Throughout his professional career Ryan has exhibited the values of Marquette University and Beta Alpha Psi.

Ryan is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Trachte LLC, a manufacturer of pre-assembled and modularized steel frame buildings, in Oregon, Wisconsin, near Madison. Prior to joining Trachte, he served as Chief Financial Officer at Angi Energy Systems, a manufacturer of natural gas compression systems.

#### "It is an honor to have Ryan as our Beta Alpha Psi Alumnus of the Year."

- Robert Houle, BAP President 2015-16

### On a more personal level...

The biggest surprise in my career since I left Marquette... The tremendous value of the Marquette experience, especially the faith-based portion, has been in my life and career.

A person, a book, an idea that deeply influenced the course of my life... I have loved Stephen Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People* since first reading it over 20 years ago.

**Special memory of Marquette...** Thursday nights after Beta Alpha Psi meetings and meeting my awesome wife Liz (McKibbinn Nursing '96) at MU.

#### 1-2 words to indicate my favorite:

- Movie: Apollo 13
- Spectator Sport: Football
- Weekend Activity: Being active with my kids and family

What I especially like about my job... The opportunity to be involved in all facets of the business that occurs, in part, because my current employer is a small-to-medium-sized business and because of my accounting-related role.

One place I definitely want to visit to... Rome

Who was my favorite accounting professor at Marquette? Great question. I loved them all. They all had their unique ways of teaching and were expert in their individual fields. I think they were especially awesome on Saturday mornings in the summer during the MU CPA Review. That was fun. Their care for the students as people and willingness to help them succeed, even after graduation, set them apart from other professors.

### **ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NEWS**



#### **University Teaching Award**

Ms. Cindy Gruber was one of four Marquette faculty members recognized at the Père Marquette Dinner on Thursday, May 5, with a 2016 University Teaching Excellence Award. These awards are the university's highest teaching honor. "Being recognized by my colleagues for something that I love to do is a privilege and an honor," says Cindy Gruber. "I'm blessed to be part of the Marquette community and to make a small difference in the lives of our students."



#### **Accounting Faculty Receive Emeritus Recognition from the University, Joining** Dr. Frank Probst in being so Honored

Dr. Robert Yahr and Dr. Don E. Giacomino received Emeritus recognition by the university. Emeritus recognition is based the faculty member's academic professional achievements during his/her career.

#### **Accounting Faculty Promoted with Tenure**

Dr. Kevin Rich was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

#### **Accounting Faculty** receive Prestigious **Research Award**

Dr. Ikseon Suh (lead author) and Dr. Joe Wall's (4th author) paper titled "Boiling the Frog Slowly: The Immersion of C-Suite Financial Executives into Fraud," was unanimously selected to be the recipient of the 2015-2016 Glen McLaughlin Prize for Research in Accounting Ethics. Prior recipients of this award include individuals from some of the top research institutions in the country.



The Committee on Research awarded Dr. Kevin Rich 2016 Summer Faculty Fellowship to support work on his project entitled, Municipal Accounting Outcomes and Accounting Manipulation.

#### **Certified Management Accounting Recognition**

Dr. Qianhua Ling was awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Performance from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants based on her successful performance on the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam.

#### **Charles T. Horngren Research Seminar**

The seminar, named in memory of Charles T. Horngren, Marquette University alum and professor at Stanford University, is a joint effort of the Accounting, Economics and Finance departments. Funding for this seminar was provided through the generosity of Dr. Horngren and his family. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the seminar included two external and one internal accounting presenters. Dr. Timothy Fogarty, Case Western University, presented "Does Mentoring Reduce Turnover Intentions? The Role of Value Congruence and Other Intervening Outcomes," and Dr. Jay Thibodeau, Bentley University, presented "The Effect of a Fraud Story on Auditors' Mental Models. Risk Assessments, and Planning Judgements." During their visits, both Dr. Fogarty and Dr. Thibodeau visited with accounting faculty, individually, to further discuss research initiatives. Additionally, Dr. Jodi Gissel of Marquette's Accounting Department presented her paper "Effects of Disclosing Audit Engagement Partners: An Experimental Investigation."

#### **AACSB Recognizes Alum as Influential Business Leader**

The AACSB and the 100th Anniversary Committee evaluated submissions from 127 universities located in 25 countries and selected Dr. Charles T. Horngren as part of the inaugural class of "Influential Leaders." Dr. Horngren's distinguished career continues to bring recognition to Marquette University.

#### **Accounting Faculty Recognized by EMBA** students

The EMBA class of 2016 selected Michael Browne for the EMBA Excellence in Executive Education Award.

#### **Accounting Program recognized by President Lovell**

During his annual presidential address to the Marguette University community, President Michael Lovell highlighted three projects considered Marquette Difference Makers. The Justice for Fraud Victims Project led by Dr. Jodi Gissel and Tracy Coenen (MU alum and fraud examiner), was one of the three projects.

#### **Master of Science in Accounting Program** ranked by *The Financial Times*

The Marquette University MSA program was ranked 53rd in The Financial Times 2016 Master of Accounting Rankings.

#### **University Assessment Committee Recognizes Accounting Department**

The Accounting Masters Curriculum Map was recognized as a "best practices" by the university assessment committee.

#### Office of Institutional Research (OIRA) **Survey on Most Influential Professors**

During the spring of 2015, OIRA surveyed graduating students to identify their most influential professors from all that they had worked with during their undergraduate coursework. The Accounting Department received the highest number of citations within the College of Business Administration followed by the Marketing Department.

#### **CPA Exam Results – 2015**

During 2015 Marquette was ranked 33rd of large schools (100 or more candidates) for the first-time pass rate. Marquette had a 70.5% pass rate as compared to the national average of 48.4% while the state of Wisconsin had a 65.5% pass rate. Since the Accounting program has separate AACSB accreditation, it is interesting to note that AACSB accredited accounting programs had a pass rate of 63.2% while accounting programs without AACSB accreditation had 54% pass rate.

#### Wisconsin Institute of Board of Directors

Dr. Michael Akers was elected in May 2016 to serve a three-year term on the WICPA Board of Directors.

#### **Accounting Professional Leadership Group (APLG) and Federation Schools of** Accountancy (FSA)

Dr. Mike Akers, Board member of the FSA, served as the co-chair for the annual APLG-FSA meeting that was held in Savannah, Georgia during February 11-13, 2016.

#### **High School Accounting Classes visit Marguette University**

During the past year we had accounting students from Divine Savior High School (DSHA), Random Lake High School and Sheboygan South visit Marquette University. The DSHA students attended one of the beginning financial accounting classes and participated in a discussion on financial statement analysis. The Random Lake and Sheboygan South students toured campus and attended a short presentation by Mr. Michael Browne and Dr. Mike Akers.

#### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES BY THE FACULTY 2016

#### Akers, Michael

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer, Current Issues in Auditing. Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Accounting Education, Journal of Managerial Issues. Editorial Board and manuscript reviewer, Journal of Business Information Systems.

#### Gissel, Jodi

Manuscript reviewer, American Accounting Association 2016 Mid-Year Auditing meeting.

Paper presentation, "Effects of Disclosing Audit Engagement Partners: An Experimental Investigation," Marguette University Marquette University Charles T. Horngren seminar series.

#### Ling, Qianhua

Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting.

Manuscript reviewer, VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations.

Manuscript reviewer, Conference Paper, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, 2016.

Midwest regional coordinator, American Accounting Association Government and Nonprofit section, 2016.

Ling, Q., and Roberts, A., "The Surprising Repetitiveness of Reported Program Ratios," presentation at the 2016 Government and Nonprofit Section Mid-Year Meeting of the American Accounting Association (March 12, 2016), the Telfer Annual Conference on Accounting and Finance at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada (May 13, 2016), and the 2016 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (August 9, 2016).

Rich, Kevin November 2015: "Municipal Accounting Restatements and Top Financial Manager Turnover," Journal of Public Budgeting Accounting and Financial Management. No. 2, pp. 223-250.

Rich, K. and Zhang, J. X. "Municipal Audit Committees and Fiscal Policies" (2016). Forthcoming in the Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management.

Editorial Board and manuscript reviewer, Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting.

Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Public Accounting and Financial Management.

#### Suh. Ikseon

Manuscript reviewer, American Accounting Association 2016 Mid-Year ABO meeting.

Paper presentation, "When brainstorming becomes dysfunctional: Can the generation of many fraud risks cause anchoring on client explanations?" 2016 Deloitte/KU Auditing Symposium (May

Paper presentation, "Boiling slowly the frog: The immersion of top financial executives in fraud," (study funded by Center for Audit Quality and PwC INQuires), University of Oklahoma (April 2016).

Paper presentation, "Internal Auditor Objectivity and External Auditor Reliance: The Impact of Family Firms and Management Training Grounds." University of Central Florida, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and 2015 American Accounting Association annual meeting (Fall 2015).

#### Trebby, James and Noltimier, Patrice (Marquette University MSA student)

"Supreme Court Rules Severance Payments Included in FICA Wage Definition," Practical Tax Strategies, March 2016, Volume 96, Number 3, pages 128-

Wall, Joseph and Fogarty, T. "Foxes in the Henhouse: An Exploratory Inquiry Into Financial Markets Fraud," Journal of Forensic and Investigative Accounting, 2016, Volume 8, 1.

Paper presentation, "Making Crime Pay: Timing of External Whistleblowing," 2015 American Accounting Association Annual meeting.

Paper presentations, "Sympathy for the Devil?"; "Extra-Statutory Sanction Recommendations for Security Markets"; "The "Robin Hood" Effect"; "Making Crime Pay," American Accounting Association (AAA) Forensic Accounting Section Midyear Meeting, March 2016.

Paper presentation, "Sympathy for the Devil?" 2016 American Accounting Association annual meeting.

Alumni National Awards Luncheon Friday, April 29, 2016

# College of Business Administration Award Recipients



**Distinguished Alumnus of the Year** 

George H. Juetten Bus Ad '69

Count globetrotting among George's greatest passions. The retired 40-year veteran financial services executive is happiest when he's working and traveling internationally, meeting people from different backgrounds and cultures.



**Professional Achievement Award** 

Robert M. Bordeman

(posthumously), Bus Ad '78

Bob valued his Marquette education so much that he paid his tuition by working a full-time job at the Marc Plaza Hotel in downtown Milwaukee. Bob, who passed away in December 2015, regarded his Marquette memories among his fondest.

#### Derek Tyus continued from page 9:

market crash of 1987 pushed him to consider a different major. Due to his interest and ability in working with numbers, he decided to give accounting a shot and ended up enjoying it. Derek spent his summers as an undergraduate interning at First Wisconsin Bank (now known as U.S. Bank) where he gained experience in several areas, including internal audit and money market investments. It was not until his involvement in upper level tax courses, taught by Dr. James Trebby, that Derek began considering employment in public accounting. Derek commented, "Dr. Trebby's passion and love for tax accounting was inspiring and helped confirm that I was making the right decision for my career."

After graduating from Marguette, Derek worked for the public accounting firm Arthur Andersen for three years as a tax accountant. He then decided to pursue his MBA at the University of Michigan. One influence on his choice to attend Michigan was his curiosity to "exist away from home." Derek had lived in Milwaukee his entire life and used his time at Michigan to learn about himself and experience new challenges. A highlight of his experience was an internship with Sony Music Entertainment in New York City. He worked directly with the CFO and controller at a time when the company was trying to significantly change the landscape of the music industry. His time in New York revealed to him that the

East Coast was a place he enjoyed visiting but he could not see himself living there.

Derek returned to Milwaukee to work for S.C. Johnson then accepted a position in Northwestern Mutual's private equity group in October of 1997. In his almost twenty years at Northwestern Mutual, Derek has spent time in the private debt, corporate strategy, and real estate private equity groups. Derek was then offered what he called an "amazing opportunity" to help build Northwestern Mutual's wealth management division. The wealth management group has seen a growth in assets from \$900 million to approximately \$2 billion today. Derek is excited about the impact the company's new building can have on Milwaukee stating, "The building will help put Milwaukee on the map while reinvigorating downtown."

Recently, Derek joined West Bend Mutual to become their Vice President and Chief Investment Officer. "The opportunity to join West Bend has opened up many possibilities for continued growth in my career. Additionally, West Bend has an outstanding leadership team and a strong reputation for being a financially sound and well-run organization. I feel very fortunate to be able to transition from one exceptional organization (Northwestern Mutual) to another."

In his free time, Derek enjoys playing and watching sports. In his words, he "pretends to golf a lot" and has had the opportunity to play some of America's finest golf courses. Several years ago, he was fortunate to participate in what he called "the golf weekend of a lifetime" when he traveled to Georgia and played East Lake Golf Club, home of the FedEx Cup TOUR Championship and the famous Augusta National Golf Club, which hosts the Masters. Derek and his siblings have also made a tradition of taking their father to Arizona to watch spring training baseball games. They have gone each year for the past nine seasons to spend time watching the Milwaukee Brewers and other teams located in the same area. Derek also considers himself a foodie and loves trying out new restaurants and dishes in the Milwaukee area. Odd Duck, which offers different menus daily, is currently his favorite restaurant.

Derek Tyus is an outstanding representative of living out Marquette's values within the Milwaukee community. He understands the influence the people of Milwaukee can have on today's youth if everyone joins together to achieve a common goal. Derek's attitude and passion are infectious and he lives by the advice he gives to students today, "do what you love, work hard, and be open to new experiences."

Mark Bielanski

#### Joe Wall continued from page 10:

students in the Accounting program. He is working on his Chinese language skills and has visited Guangzhou, a province in south China, three times. Dr. Wall also established a summer internship program for American students with the Guangzhou Star Sealing Company.

In terms of the personal and professional goals Dr. Wall wants to achieve at Marquette, he is currently focused on becoming a valued and contributing member of the Accounting Department team and helping to make the

College of Business Administration even better than it is. In addition, Dr. Wall is working toward earning tenure. As for a long-term goal, Dr. Wall would like to see all of his students succeed. "If I am lucky enough to keep in touch with some of them and see how their dreams play out step-by-step, I will be very happy." As a teacher, Dr. Wall hopes to continue to learn from his students and to instill in them the pride that comes from earning a Marquette degree in Accounting. His primary goal is to ensure that his contributions in teaching and research increase the value of the degree over time - ensuring both domestic and international students are even more likely to have their choice of dream jobs upon graduation. As a researcher, he hopes to shed light on financial justice issues in the world of accounting. Dr. Wall seems well on his way to achieving all of his goals.

Liangchen Zhu

### **ACCOUNTING STUDENTS AND ALUMNUS RECEIVE AWARDS**

The College of Business Administration held the 92nd Honors Convocation on April 17, 2016. Approximately 173 Marquette University administrators, students, families, and friends celebrated this special occasion in the Alumni Memorial Union. The following received awards for 2016 either at the ceremony or during the spring 2016 semester:

Dr. Frank R. Probst Scholarship Award	Ryan M. Coon, Kevin J. Nolte
Dr. Don E. Giacomino Scholarship Award	Louise Bushman
Deloitte & Touche Scholarship	Deimante Jonaityte, Sarah Kendzior
Federation Schools of Accountancy Student Award	Mark J. Bielanski
GrantThornton Scholarship	Molly Fonk, Stephen Osowski
Outstanding Senior Award in Accounting	Michael W. Reardon
Service and Leadership Award in Accounting	Robert D. Houle
Louis L. Meldman Award	Alexander Wuest
Scribner Cohen Scholarship	Scott Lichner
Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Alumnus Award	Ryan Bittner ('93)
T.R. Martin Award for Excellence in Graduate Education	Mark J. Bielanski
Wisconsin Institute of CPAs LeRoy Schmidt 150-hour Scholarship: Master of Science	Kevin J. Nolte
Walter Froelich Outstanding Senior Award in Economics	Michael W. Reardon
Financial Executives Institute Outstanding Senior Award in Finance	Michael W. Reardon
Service and Leadership Award in Finance	Joanne L. Wycklendt
Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Senior Award	Erin N. Gebes

### **ACCOUNTING INTERNSHIPS**

Each year, students are placed in full-time internships with public accounting firms, corporations, and not-for-profit organizations. Interns work daily with professional accountants on audits, individual and corporate taxes, financial reporting, and cost accounting jobs. The following students interned or worked for the following organizations in the accounting internship program during the indicated semesters.

	Spring 2016	Summer 2016
BakerTilly	Connor Stoffel, John Yurk	
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	Jake Sperka	
Deloitte	Jessica Shell	Ana Cimadevilla, Christopher Gatziolis, Tori Geraldson, Deimante Jonaityte, Kacie Miller, Devika Sharma, Alyssa Stokx, Andrew Szyman
EY	Timothy Hof, Edward Urbina, Nicole Welsh	Dennis Creegan, Vincent Van Dyke
Gardner Denver		Claire Farina
GrantThornton	David Daugherty	Anthony Chan, Logan Hearne
KPMG		Ryan Coon
MU Comptroller		Jiaqi Wu
Northwestern Mutual		Andrew Krueger
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Emily Davenport, Jasmine Gladney, Yuli Pang, Daniel Szczepanek	William Callan, Allison Clark, Eric Hasse, Sarah Hillegass, Jiehui Huang, Scott Lichner, Mark Maurer, Stephen Osowski, Bridget Perry, Saili Raje, William Rasmussen, Robert Von Rueden, Alexander Wuest, Christian Zambrano
Ritz Holman LLP	Yayu Liu	
Vogel Consulting	Yingcong Liu	
Wipfli	Nicholas Scott	

### **ACCOUNTING MAJORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **Père Marquette Award**

Sarah Elisabeth Abramson Austyn Gerald Joy Alt Zachary Ryan Ament Michael Anders Kathleen Elizabeth Anderson Nathan Meyer Anderson Charlene Mae Angeles Mario Luis Asencio Kilty Pauling Aorangi Askin Michael Joseph Atkinson Aissatou Bah Thomas George Baker Allison Marian Bartlett Patrick James Bathon Michael James Baudhuin Alexander J. Behm Mitchell Steven Beine Ryan Matthew Bender Adam John Nicholas Benkovich Jacob Hunter Bishop Kevin Thomas Blank Madison Elizabeth Blazing Brandon Russell Boehm Jonathan Henry Bohmann Courtney Paige Boler Allison Rose Borisek Maura Reidy Boyce Anna Kathryn Brown Ryan James Buckley Morgan Melissa Buschman Louise Rose Bushman Eric David Buss Cameron W. Butler William Michael Callan Carolyn Mary Campbell Liping Cao Lucas M. Carlson Jack D. Carpenter Mark Alberto Casagranda Patrick Kevin Cashner Katherine Doyle Cerotzke Anthony Chan Melissa Chanpaibool Han Chen Yi Chen Xuan Cheng Allison Brooke Chmelik Paul Younggil Cho Eric Joseph Christopherson Diana Chu Ana Carolina Cimadevilla Connor Michael Clancy David Michael Claridge Allison Dawn Clark

Corie Rose Cochran Mollie Marie Collette William Sean Condon Mario Vicente Conforti Ryan M. Coon Nicholas John Countryman Tyler J. Crandall Andrew Scott Crossman Kevin Edward Cull Henry Alexander Czachor David Samuel Daugherty Emily Lynn Davenport Caitlin Marie De Bruin Caitlin Colleen Degnan Andrew John Demichiei Elizabeth Grace Desch Robert J. Dickey Joseph Daniel Diedrich Jingyan Ding Mark Christian Divalerio Xingshuo Dong Timothy R. Donovan Brendan Christopher Downing Nina Marie Doyle Daniel M. Drew Nolan Andrew Durdan Paulina Dynak Wenjun Fan Kaitlin Marie Faoro Claire Elizabeth Farina Mary Elizabeth Finnegan Kathleen Elizabeth Fitzgerald Emily Marie Flynn Joseph Newton Flynn Leo Belden Flynn Molly Rose Fonk William David Ford Caitlin Anne Forsythe Shaun Michael Hedge Frankow Michelle Frederick Mary Caitlin Freschi Anthony P. Frigo Molly Jean Fruland Robert James Fuesel Artis Malcolm Galloway-Landon Luntong Gao Mengrong Gao Alessandro Francis Gariup

Christopher John Gatziolis

Gregory Tanoue Geanon

Tori Elizabeth Geraldson

Jacob Laurence Grinnell

Justin Taylor Geisler

Can Gong

Griffin Scott Gross Yiwei Gu Yulin Gu Destiny Marie Guerrero John Edward Haboush Nicole Marie Hammortree James Aaron Hannack Eric John Hasse Qiyuan He Logan Ryan Hearne Maggie Quinn Hill Sarah L. Hillegass Timothy Patrick Hof Brian Patrick Holland Matthew Peter Holland Robert Dennis Houle Jessie Hu Runzhi Hu Jiehui Huang Yiwen Huang Zhen Huang Ziwei Huang Linda Marie Hucko Zachary Edward Hughes Carlson Symone A. Jackson Brian J. Jacobs Robert Kevin Jakubek Daniel Edward Jarosz Zhiwen Jiang Ryan James Johnston Matthew Richard Johnstone Deimante K. Jonaityte Haley Marie Jones Benjamin Donald Joyce Hailee Victoria Kapla Jacob Gerald Kaufmann Elizabeth Louise Keelty Charlotte R. Kenny Alexander James Kitzerow Jack James Kitzinger Henry J. Klongland Gabrielle Christianna Klug Francesca Ann Knauer **Broc Andrew Kocour** Connor Wilson Konicke Katherine Ann Kostroski Elizabeth Kay Kreilkamp Coreen Ann Kriva Andrew Russell Krueger Kevin Robert Kuchler Mariah Nicole Kuecker John Ralph Kuehn **Emily Annette Kuether** Stephen Prasetya Kusuma Aidan Gill Larson Daniel Joseph Laudick

Kendall Lavelle Madeline Kay LaVine Victoria Lynne Leaf Austin Daniel Lenz Zhenxin Li Zhijun Liao Adam Joseph Lietzau Fan Liu Wengin Liu Wenting Liu Yidi Liu Yinuo Liu Zhiyuan Liu Kevin M. Lois Cynthia Lopez Chengbin Lu Wenfei Lu Xiufeng Lu Christopher Robert Luciano Zhiwei Lyu Michael J. Macek Morgan Marie Malicki Steven Calvin Thomas Mann Bryan Edward Manning Travis Richard Mantel Deanna Claire Marciniak Henry Andrew Martelon Antonio Fidel Martinez James Joseph Martinez Leo Joseph Martinic Mark Anthony Maurer Alexander John McBride Brandon John McBride Casey Joseph McClelland Megan M. McGrath Clare Ann McNamara John Joseph McNeeley Wade M. Meehan Timothy Richard Melland Eric William Melster Chelsea M. Merkle Megan Gayle Meyer Lauren Marie Michael Timothy Michael Milani Cal Edward Miller Chelsea Marie Mingo Melissa Grace Mirenda Alexander George Montesantos Katherine Christine Morris Christopher Paul Morrow Patrick Kelly Mulhall Foster Patrick Mullen Joseph Kurt Mungenast Jake Thomas Neuville Parker Robert Nickelson Kevin Joseph Nolte

Sean S. Nooven Bryan John Oates Frank Edward O'Connor John Dillon O'Connor Allison E. Opgenorth Stephen Michael Osowski Kevin Mathew Panthaplackel Petros E. Papadakos Gina B. Parenti Jae Hee Park Sarah Marilyn Parrottino Nirali Sandip Patel Elizabeth Ruth Patton John Joseph Patton Marqueesha La'Shay Annie Peace Isaac John Pecha Bridget Patricia Perry Timothy James Peterson Michael Frederick Petrella Christopher Richard Pettus Sarah Joan Pezza Thong Pham Chloe Arlene Philipp Shaun Michael Pieper Stephen Thomas Pleasant Eric C. Plotz Brooke Marie Porath Liangvu Qu Murphy Patrick Quill Saili S. Raje Steven Anthony Randazzo William Winston Rasmussen Elizabeth Frances Rauch Michael William Reardon Daniel L. Redd Anthony James Reno Nonna A. Rezina Julia Providence Riedl Victor Rivera Michael Joel Robinson Alejandro Rodriguez Jeremy Tyler Rodriguez Matthew Vincent Romano Nicole Kristan Roy Grant William Runnoe Kelly Jordan Rushman Staci M. Ruzicka Bridget Maureen Ryan Daniel Patrick Rvan Adam Lee Rybakowski David Richard Sando Jordan Elizabeth Sandona Eric Thomas Schleicher Austin Anthony Schmidt Emily Lila Schreck

Thomas Brud Clarke

Michael Frank Scorpio Devika Sharma Sara Elizabeth Sheeran Jessica Elizabeth Shell Brian D. Siggeman Brendan Nicholas Smith Alicia Marie Snipes Brendon Michael Sobien Efrain Sotelo Jake Vincent Sperka Kristin Marie Sperka Holly Lynn Stanger Kaitlyn M. Stanger Michael D. Stelletello Erin E. Sternig John Steven Stillman Connor Thomas Stoffel David Bruce Stoiber Alyssa Erin Stokx Catherine Mae Strietmann HaSherria Shabrie Strong Michael S. Sullivan Reilley Erin Sullivan Shihao Sun Zhengwei Sun Samantha Nicole Swartz Kathryn A. Syzdek Daniel M. Szczepanek Patrick Adam Szczupak Catherine M. Szuba Andrew R. Szyman Colin Nicholas Telmanik Ryan Phillip Thern Hannah Paige Thiry Evan James Thoms William Hammill Thoms Xing Tian William John Toetz Adam Peter Trainor Paul Quang Vu Tran Shree Kamil Trivedi Nathaniel Patrick Tures Edward Manuel Urbina Vincent Gregory Van Dyke Michael Christopher Vidovic Akash Vipani Samuel Nicholas Voboril Carolyn Kathleen Von Arx Robert John Von Rueden Patrick Minihan Wade Nicholas J. Wall Brady R. Walsh Han Wang Jie Wang Tian Wang Wanjing Wang Xiao Wang

Xiaodan Wang

Zhongchun Wang Kelsey Elizabeth Warford Samuel L. Webb, IV Cameron Patrick Weber Samantha Weber Reid Nicholas Weigelmann Olivia Nicole Weinkauf Nicole Elisabeth Welsh T'Yanna Tenae White Benjamin Lee Wichlacz Anne Marie Wiesman Riley Nelson Wogernese Emily Allayna Wong Martha Rose Wong Zachary Thomas Woytych Thomas James Wright Cal Michael Wrobel Mowei Wu Alexander Daniel Wuest Yi Xia Yuanting Xiang Xinrui Xiao Xiaoyang Xu Ya Wen Xu Salim A. Yakubu Yue Yin Brandon J. Yoon Qiaovi Yuan John Clifford Yurk Michael R. Zahorik Christian E. Zambrano Jingwen Zhang Junjie Zhang Tongtong Zhang Xiaohua Zhang Yubing Zhang Jingxin Zhao Yi Zhao Chengen Zheng Guanzhe Zhou Yisen Zhou

#### Adelaide Ott Hayes Scholarship

Mengting Zhuang

Melissa Grace Mirenda

#### Allen Bradley Foundation Endowment

Stephen Michael Osowski

#### Associated Bank Educational Opportunity Program Scholarship

Antonio Fidel Martinez

#### **AUUA**, Inc. Scholarship

Zachary Thomas Woytych

#### **Breadwinner Scholarship**

Mitchell Steven Beine

#### **Burke Scholarship**

Spencer Debruin Brown Emily Ann Harrington Joanne Linn Wycklendt Ivette Zuniga

### **Business Administration Accounting Scholarship**

Allison Marian Bartlett Michael William Reardon

#### Business Administration Scholarship

Samantha N. Swartz

#### Church Mutual College of Business Administration Immediate Impact Scholarship

Caitlyn Colleen Degnan Emily Allayna Wong

#### College of Business Administration Scholars Fund

John Dillon O'Connor

#### Delta Sigma Pi /August J. Witmeyer Endowed Scholarship

Deanna Claire Marciniak Elizabeth Ruth Patton Sara Elizabeth Sheeran Samantha N. Swartz Daniel M. Szczepanek Edward Manuel Urbina Xiaoyang Xu

### Donald A. and Irene S. McGovern Scholarship

Katherine Doyle Cerotzke
David Michael Claridge
Emily Lynn Davenport
Robert Dennis Houle
Brian J. Jacobs
Daniel Joseph Laudick
Austin Daniel Lenz
Charles N. Mau
Nicholas D. Scott
Jessica Elizabeth Shell
Alexander Daniel Wuest
Tongtong Zhang

#### Dr. Francis J. Calkins Scholarship

Mark Anthony Maurer John Connor Muth John Dillon O'Connor

#### GMF Donald J. and Eleanor G. Massa Scholarship

**Emily Annette Kuether** 

### Jannotta, Bray and Associates, Incorporated Award

Melissa Grace Mirenda

#### John C. Seramur Scholarship

Timothy R. Donovan Andrew Russell Krueger Jordan Elizabeth Sandona

### Joseph and Catherine Bennett Family Foundation Scholarship

Holly Lynn Stanger

#### Kathryn M. Gannon Scholarship

Charlene Mae Angeles Symone A. Jackson

#### **Kohler Company Scholarship**

Allison Dawn Clark

Andrew John Demichiei
Shaun Michael Hedge
Frankow
Christopher John Gatziolis
Eric John Hasse
Sarah L. Hillegass
Deimante K. Jonaityte
Sarah Marie Kendzior
Emily Annette Kuether
Wenqin Liu
Wenting Liu
Leo Joseph Martinic
Brendan Nicholas Smith
Robert John Von Rueden

#### Leadership Scholars in Business Administration Scholarship

Jack James Kitzinger Saili S. Raje Bridget Maureen Ryan

### Marquette Transfer Competition Scholarship

Adam Joseph Lietzau Michael Frederick Petrella

# Marquette University Business Administration Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

Tori Elizabeth Geraldson Cynthia Lopez Shree Kamil Trivedi Martha Rose Wong

#### Marquette University Dean's Transfer Scholarship

Kathryn A. Syzdek

#### Marquette University Jesuit High School Scholarship

Zachary John Barbeau
Patrick Gerard Barry
Sarah Marie Kendzior
Kacie Jane Miller
Charles Chambers Muth
John Connor Muth
Matthew Taylor Scheibel
Emily Kathleen Sexton
Christopher Bernard Steiner

#### Marquette University Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Aissatou Bah Victor Rivera Kathryn A. Syzdek

#### Marquette University ROTC Enhancement

Joseph William Kennedy Christopher John Smith

#### Marquette University Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

Sarah Elisabeth Abramson Louise Rose Bushman Haley Marie Jones Stephen Michael Osowski Olivia Nicole Weinkauf Martha Rose Wong Ivette Zuniga

#### **Peggy Lou Prudell Scholarship**

Kaitlin Marie Faoro

#### Uline, Inc. Scholarship

Alexander Michael Isken Haley Marie Jones William Heller Scholarship Kevin M. Lois Patrick Adam Szczupak Yubing Zhang

### MARQUETTE TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN

### Deloitte Tax Case Competition

Deloitte & Touche held its 13th Annual Tax Case Study Competition during the Fall 2015 semester. Students from universities across the nation participated in the competition. Teams of up to four students were given five hours to analyze and develop a written response to a complex, hypothetical tax case. Marquette teams participated in both the undergraduate and graduate competitions.



FanTAXticsTeam #1: Paul Nylen (Deloitte advisor), Yilan Liu, Sarah Kendzior, Alex Gariup, Brandon Boehm, Jon Bohmann



FanTAXticsTeam #2: Jaiqi Wu, Mollie Collette, Cameron Butler, Emily Wong, Jack Carpenter, Jenny Luchs (Deloitte advisor)

### Deloitte Audit Case Competition

Marquette University participated in Deloitte's 9th Annual Midwest Accounting / Audit Case Competition in Chicago. The competition included students from the following schools:

St. Benedict and St John's University **DePaul University** 

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa University of Nebraska-Lincoln University of Wisconsin-Madison

Each school was given four to six weeks to analyze a case. The process culminated with a presentation to a mock audit committee that consisted of Deloitte partners, who recognized the top two teams. Marguette placed 2nd and the team from St. Benedict and St. John's in Minnesota placed 1st.



Jeff Hatke (Deloitte advisor), Bryan Manning, Bobby Von Rueden, Anthony Chan, Joe Mungenast, Frankie Knauer, Kevin Rich (Marquette Faculty advisor).

### Students Attend National Association of Black Accountants Regional Meeting



From left to right: Jeremy Rodriguez, Jasmine Gladney, Artis Galloway-Landon, Alejandro Rodriguez (Not pictured: Antonio Martinez, who was studying abroad when this photo was taken, and Ronnie Terry)

Pictured above are four of the six Marguette University business students (accounting and/or finance) that the Accounting department supported to attend the National Association of Black Accountants Central Region Student meeting in Itasca, Illinois, from October 1-3, 2015. Each of the students commented that this was a great experience. The 2016 and 2017 meetings will be held in Milwaukee, so we are hoping that even more students will be able to participate.

### **ACCOUNTING FIRM COMPETITIONS**



The Alphas: Zachary Wierschem, Justin Geisler, Carolyn Campbell, Joseph Amoroso, Tommy Borin

### PwC xACT Competition

PricewaterhouseCoopers held its 13th Annual xACT campus competition during the Fall 2015 semester. Teams of five accounting students (including at least one junior, two sophomores and two other students, senior or graduate level) were given two weeks to research and prepare a response to a high-level accounting and auditing issue. Each team presented its solution to a panel of judges, consisting of PwC managers and partners. Based on the presentation and demonstration of critical thinking and teamwork, the judges chose one team from each campus to compete in the national competition. The teams listed below competed in the campus competition and the winner was "The Alphas." The team received \$1000 for winning the competition.

#### Hurricane

Brandon Crowe Jingyan Ding Ziwei Huang Wenting Liu Sarah Surges

#### Free Money

Joe Arduini Liam Cureton Ben Eck John O'Connell David Sando

#### **VMDG Management**

Casey Beronilla Clarence Darrow Jacob Grinnell William McMahon Michael Vidovic

#### **CLASS NOTES**

Dorothy (Myers) O'Neill (Bus Ad '49) celebrated her 90th birthday with 90 friends and relatives at an August 1, 2015, lunch at the Milwaukee Athletic Club.

James Hintzke (Bus Ad '76), a Wisconsin CPA with 30 years of experience and owner of James L. Hintzke CPA S.C. in New Berlin, Wis., started the SeniorCare Resource Group of Wisconsin in 2007. In 2015 he opened a second accounting office in Rhinelander, Wis., where he provides tax preparation, tax problem resolution, and business, retirement and elder care tax services.

James Braza (Acco '78) was included in The Best Lawvers in America 2016.

Amy Lynch (Acco '00), a former tax senior manager at Deloitte Tax LLP, has been named president and CEO of K & S LLC, a new company formed by the John and Dyan family of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Amy will determine the strategic goals and priorities for the family office as well as oversee its relationship management, finance, tax and philanthropic functions.

Jessica B. Gatzke (Acco '03, Grad '04) has become a shareholder of the firm. Scribner. Cohen and Company, S.C. Jessica joined the firm in 2003 and specializes in taxation of closely held businesses and high-net worth individuals. She also leads the firm's Internal Revenue Service examination division.

Aaron L. Peters (Acco '04) was named one of Virginia's "Top 5 under 35" CPAs by the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Nicholas Farmer (Bus Ad '07) is a certified public accountant and a financial analyst for City Water, Light & Power. He lives in Springfield, III.

Pete Cooney (Bus Ad '10), in addition to being assistant controller for Milwaukee Bartolotta restaurants, is owner of Pete's Pops, an all-natural frozen fruit popsicle company that "makes the summer rounds at Milwaukee farmers' markets. street festivals and more," pushcart and all. His most popular pop, as of this writing, is avocado.

Jason Dejna (Bus Ad '12, Grad '13) was promoted to senior tax associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, focusing on private equity clients in the company's greater Chicago asset management practice.

Tom Kelly (Bus Ad '12) is a portfolio specialist at Chicago's Christian Brothers Investment Services. He also is vice president and director of operations of the Chicago chapter of the Young Catholic Professionals, which encourages young professionals to work in witness for Christ through speaker events, panel discussions and networking.



Jayne (Grebinski) Briggs (Bus Ad '10) and Steve Briggs (Bus Ad '08) in October, 2015. The couple met on the varsity cross-country and track teams at Marquette and live in Melbourne, Australia.

Kristina Hunt (Bus Ad '11) and Scott Miller (Eng '11) in June, 2015 at St. Jerome in Oconomowoc, Wis. The couple lives in Milwaukee.



Aaron L. Peters (Acco '04) and Meghan Peters have a son, Aaron L. Peters, Jr., born on Dec. 9, 2014.

Mark Hamilton (Bus Ad '07, Grad '08) and Alicia (Fleming) Hamilton (H Sci '08) welcomed their first child, son Charles Stanley, on April 25, 2015.

Claire (Weiss) Allen (Bus Ad '09) and Justin Allen (Eng '10) welcomed daughter Grace Marie on Jan. 16, 2015.





College of Business Administration Straz Hall, PO Box 1881 Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881 http://business.marquette.edu

# Alumni NEWS UPDATE... Let us hear from you!

Changed jobs? Recently promoted? Had a baby? Earned a graduate degree? Passed the CPA exam? Recently certified? Received an award or honor? Please let us know so that we can share the good news with your fellow alumni and former faculty in the next magazine. Photos are welcome.

Please fax to (414) 288-5755, e-mail to michael.akers@marquette.edu, or mail to Department of Accounting, Marquette University, College of Business Administration, Straz Hall 303, PO Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881. We look forward to hearing from you!

	Phone	
	Position	
	Phone	
Major(s)	Class Year	
Your industry?	Accounting topics? (specify)	
		Phone  Major(s)  Class Year

News items (promotions, honors, awards, certifications, degrees, new job, addition to family, other information):