



DHALIWAL-REIDY SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

# Footnotes

ELLER COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT • THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

## Fall 2024

### BCAP 20th Anniversary – Two Decades of Student Impact





## DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL,

My third year as director of the Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy (DRSOA) has wrapped up, and I am excited to share the highlights with you in our newsletter.

We continue to focus on three pillars of excellence: student success, growth and innovation, and intellectual excellence. Our newsletter covers our successes in each of these categories.

We have much to be proud of, including the 20th anniversary of the BCAP program discussed in our cover story. We have also experienced significant growth in our undergraduate and master’s program enrollment this Fall semester. Please check out the enrollment data on page 14. Demand for our students remains high, with a record-breaking number of firms and companies participating in our Meet the Firms event this semester and excellent placement results for our students. Our faculty continue to be highly productive, producing impactful research while engaging with the industry and regulators.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and staying connected with the DRSOA. We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure, which support our efforts to develop exceptional accounting professionals, educators and researchers.

Regards,

Shyam Sunder  
Lou Myers Endowed Professor of Accounting

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Over 700 high school students have been a part of our BCAP program since its inception in 2005.

## DATES OF NOTE

### SPRING 2025

January 31	Accounting Career Immersion Day
February 18	Meet the Firms
May 16	Undergraduate & Master’s Graduation Celebrations

### FALL 2025 *(tentative)*

September 5	Accounting Career Immersion Day
September 18	Meet the Firms
December 19	Undergraduate & Master’s Graduation Celebrations

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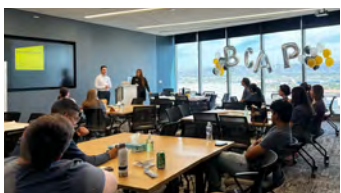
## BCAP 20th Anniversary

This summer, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP). BCAP is a partnership initiative between EY and the DRSOA that gives opportunities to high school students who are typically underrepresented in undergraduate accounting and business majors. In this program, students learn the fundamentals of business and are exposed to business careers, the University of Arizona and the Eller community. BCAP exists because of the creativity, insight and persistence of two individuals – Ron Butler '91 BSBA (Accounting), and retired professor Leslie Eldenburg. Ron graduated from our accounting program in 1991 and has remained engaged and committed to the University since then despite his increasing professional

responsibilities. When Ron was still a manager with EY, he advocated for funding from the EY Foundation to launch the BCAP program. His passion for exposing students to accounting career possibilities has translated into bringing more than 700 students through the program in the last 20 years. In the spirit of celebrating 20 years, Ron made an announcement at the event, committing to adding \$20,000 to the Eldenburg Endowment. This endowment funds one scholarship, given out every year at the end of the BCAP program to a student who embodies the commitment to community and kindness of Leslie Eldenburg. See more about Ron Butler under Alumni and Partner News on page 11.

The 2024 summer program was facilitated by **Rob Stussie '12 BSBA '13 MAcc**, senior lecturer in accounting; **Alison Mackie '08 BSBA**, lecturer in accounting; **Ron Butler '91 BSBA (EY)**, **Felix Garcia Ibanez (EY)**, **Jessica Pensky '11 BSBA '13 MAcc (EY)**, **America Guerrero '23 BSBA '24 MAcc**, **Jacqueline Casillas '23 BSBA '24 MSA**, **Ali Cordova '25 BSBA**, **Gabby Martinez '25 BSBA**, **Alfredo Cuestas '23 BSBA '24 MSA**, **Ryan Gonzales '26 BSBA**, and **Luis Galaz '25 BSBA**.

Interested high school students can find more information and the 2025 application at: <https://eller.arizona.edu/departments-research/schools-departments/accountancy/bcap>.



# SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY ADVISORY BOARD



We applaud advisory board member **Jon Bruflat** '20 MBA for being selected by the Arizona Alumni Association and Eller College to receive the Slonaker Award. This award is given to a graduate of the University who demonstrates continued interest in and loyalty to the university. Jon served as the Curriculum Committee Chair last year, and has recently stepped into the Vice Chair role for the DRSOA Advisory Board.



We also want to recognize advisory board member **Scott Jensen** for being awarded the Advocacy Award by the Arizona Alumni Association and Eller College. This is presented to someone who demonstrates extraordinary efforts in promoting education and the needs of the university. We are grateful for his continuous support and impact on Eller students. Scott served as the inaugural chair of the Advisory Board in 2023.



**Amy Patel** has served on the DRSOA Advisory Board since 2019 and has been instrumental in promoting multiple Deloitte programs that have benefited our students. Last year, she was appointed the managing partner of Deloitte Tax LLP's Arizona business tax services practice.

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Please see <https://eller.arizona.edu/departments-research/schools-departments/accountancy/advisory-board> for a list of our current board members. If you are interested in joining our Advisory Board, please reach out.





## Honors and Transitions



**Denise Burruel**, PhD coordinator, was awarded the Marion Levy Award in appreciation for her contributions to the DRSOA's success.



**Mei Cheng**, associate professor of accounting and Eller Fellow, received the Dean's Research Impact Award for Associate Professors at Eller.



**Preeti Choudhary**, professor of accounting and Eller Fellow, received the 2024 Deloitte Foundation Wildman Medal Award from the

American Accounting Association for her contributions to the paper Auditor's Quantitative Materiality Judgments: Properties and Implications for Financial Reporting Reliability published in the Journal of Accounting Research.



**Nicole Harrigan**, limited term adjunct lecturer, was recognized at the Eller Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things brunch

for outstanding work in the field of accounting and her commitment to developing future professionals.



**Max Hewitt**, associate professor of accounting and Eller Fellow, received the Don Wells Outstanding Faculty Mentor award, which is a

part of the Eller College Dean's Council student choice awards. He was also recognized by the Eller MBA programs as the Most Influential Professor and received the Suzanne Cummins Award.



**Janeé Johnson**, associate director and senior lecturer in accounting, received the 2024 Arizona CPA Foundation for Education & Innovation

Excellence in Teaching Award.



**Alison Mackie**, lecturer in accounting, was awarded the Professional Guidance Eller Instructor Award, chosen and voted

on by students. She received the JUDI Prize, which is awarded to a career-track faculty member who has significantly contributed to the success of the DRSOA.



**Katie Maxwell**, undergraduate program director and senior lecturer in accounting, received the Sunlight Award from the Eller

MBA program due to her constant commitment to excellence and inclusion. She was also recognized as the Most Valuable Professor within the online MBA program.



**Paul Michas**, Deloitte Professor of Accounting, received the Outstanding Accounting Faculty Award, which is a part of the Eller

College Dean's Council student choice awards.



**Sherri Silverberg**, lecturer in accounting, received the University of Arizona Five Star Teaching Award. This award is

granted based on a multi-stage rigorous evaluation process, and Sherri is the first DRSOA faculty member to receive this award.



**Rob Stussie**, senior lecturer in accounting, received the Suzanne Cummins Award for his teaching in the Eller Executive MBA program.

# Faculty Promotions



**Katie Maxwell** and **Karen Otto**, promoted to Principal Lecturer.



**Ben Van Landuyt** promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

# Faculty Farewells



**Dan Russomanno**, assistant professor of accounting, joined the DRSOA in Fall 2014. He has left to pursue other opportunities. We wish him well in his future endeavors and are grateful for his contributions to the DRSOA.

## 2024 Faculty MVPs

Each spring, the School of Accountancy sends out a survey to both undergraduate and graduate students to nominate the Most Valuable Faculty for the academic year. Two award recipients were selected in each of the undergraduate and graduate categories to recognize the efforts of both tenure-track and career-track faculty members. The recipients of the 2024 MVP awards are shown below.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM



*Most Valuable Faculty Award-Tenure Track:*  
**Shannon Chen**



*Most Valuable Faculty Award-Career Track:*  
**Ann McGrath**

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS



*Most Valuable Faculty Award-Tenure Track:*  
**Jeff Schatzberg**



*Most Valuable Faculty Award-Career Track:*  
**Janeé Johnson**

# Select Publications

<b>James Brushwood</b>	“Cannabis Financial Statement Audits in Canada Before and After Legalization: A “Joint” Analysis”	<i>Journal of Accounting and Public Policy</i>
<b>Mei Cheng</b>	“The Role of Equity Underwriters in Shaping Corporate Disclosure” “The Impact of Short-selling Threats on Credit Rating Performance and Usage: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” “Auditor Office Reputation Damage and their Audit Clients’ Voluntary Disclosures”	<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i> <i>Journal of Business Finance and Accounting</i> <i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory</i>
<b>Jeremy Douthit</b>	“Does Auditor Assurance of Client Prosocial Activities Affect Subsequent Reporter-Auditor Negotiations?” “Tend to One’s Own House: The Effect of Firm CSR on Employee Effort” “Does Prior Experience Reduce the Ability of Cooperation-Inducing Controls to Develop Trust between Employees?”	<i>Accounting, Organizations and Society</i> <i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i> <i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i>
<b>Katharine Drake</b>	“Disclosure of Tax-Related Critical Audit Matters and Tax-Related Outcomes”	<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>
<b>Paul Michas</b>	“Air Pollution in the United States and Misstatements in Financial Reporting” “Auditor Office Reputation Damage and their Audit Clients’ Voluntary Disclosures”	<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory</i> <i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory</i>
<b>Dan Russomanno</b>	“Air Pollution in the United States and Misstatements in Financial Reporting”	<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory</i>
<b>Jayanthi Sunder</b>	“Insider Trading Restrictions and Informed Trading in Peer Stocks”	<i>Management Science</i>
<b>Ben Van Landuyt</b>	“The Effect of Uncertainty about Future Accounting Standards on Financial Reporting Quality” “Does Auditor Assurance of Client Prosocial Activities Affect Subsequent Reporter-Auditor Negotiations?”	<i>Management Science</i> <i>Accounting, Organizations and Society</i>



## DRSOA LinkedIn



Stay up to date with all things DRSOA by following [our LinkedIn page!](#) Posts throughout the year include student and faculty spotlights, upcoming events, pictures from socials and more. This is a great way to stay connected with the School and gain insight on what goes on throughout the academic year.

## Student Programming



### Professional Development Programming

Our School continues to focus on the professional development of our students, ensuring their success in the workplace following graduation. This academic school year, the School of Accountancy held the following professional events in both Fall and Spring semesters:

- Accounting Career Exposure for Introductory Accounting Students
- Accounting Major Information Session
- Master's Information Session
- Accounting Career Immersion Days

### Meet the Firms

Each semester, the DRSOA hosts Meet the Firms in McClelland Hall. We are proud of our commitment to connecting students with potential employers and setting them up for success through resume workshops. The event includes over 40 recruiting companies and over 200 participating students.



### Tax Career Exposure Event

This event was held for undergraduate accounting majors, including those newly admitted, to hear about different careers in tax. They worked through a virtual learning experience through PwC, working alongside other students with the help of MAcc-Tax students.

### PwC Connect

PwC Connect is a program designed to expose high-performing, traditionally underrepresented minority first-year students to the professional services profession. PwC has provided funding for this program for the last eight years. This event provides selected participants with the opportunity to interact and learn from knowledgeable PwC professionals. The program includes a series of workshops and one-on-one mentoring with a PwC professional. Approximately 30 students participated in the 2024 PwC Connect program.

### EY Diversity Dinner

The EY Diversity Dinner is an opportunity designed to expose traditionally underrepresented minority students to the many ways that they can get involved with EY at all stages of their academic and professional journey. Students hear from EY professionals who share their personal experiences, career journeys, and what drives them to succeed. Almost 40 students participated in the event last Fall.





# Deloitte Programs

## First Generation Together Program Success

We were pleased with another successful year of our First Generation Together program with the Deloitte Foundation. This program allows us to offer smaller class options for first-generation college students for the ACCT 200 Introduction to Financial Accounting course. This gives the students a more comfortable setting to ask questions and

bond with their peers and faculty. In addition to improving their success in the course, the small sections also lead to an increased interest in the accounting major. The program includes a field trip to the University Campus Store for students to learn how it orders, receives, stores and accounts for their inventories.



## Deloitte MADE Leadership Summit

For the third year, DRSOA was invited to attend the Deloitte MADE Leadership Summit at Deloitte University near Dallas, TX. Two faculty members accompanied nearly 30 students, who received valuable exposure to the accounting profession and career path options while seeing a diverse representation of professionals in the field.

## Deloitte Arizona Latino Student Mentorship Program

The Arizona Latino Student Mentorship program is in its third year with student participation growing each year. This year 25 sophomores and juniors were admitted to the program. During the program, students develop professional networking and communication skills while exploring various career disciplines and functions. The program sessions also focused on career development and breaking through barriers as future Hispanic/LatinX business leaders. The program is led by Deloitte with various corporate partners, including APS, Bank of America, BMO Harris Bank, Gen Digital, and JP Morgan. We appreciate the leadership of Deloitte professionals including Ken Udenze, Jose Bustillos, Maria Zunzunegui-Navarro, Christina Lange ('07 BSBA) and Richard Ortiz.



## Deloitte Audit Innovation Workshop

Over 50 students attended the Deloitte Audit Innovation Workshop to learn more about the latest in audit and assurance technologies. Topics included leveraging AI, advancing ESG readiness, digitizing asset counts, automating valuations, and identifying data trends.



## Deloitte Foundation Accounting Scholars Program

In an effort to increase representation of racially and ethnically diverse students in accounting master's degrees, the Deloitte Foundation continues to partner with the U of A to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for either the MAcc or MSA program. The scholarship recipients must have a strong academic track record and must express interest in pursuing a career in public accounting and obtaining their CPA license. This year, recipients are **Raphael Abeytia, Sebastian Armenta, Abner Arvizu-Zarazua, Veronica Borboa, Alexandra Castro, Alec Garcia, Tanya Jimenez Fuentes, David Moreano, Juan Salido, Sabrina Salinas** and **Nathan Udenze**.



## Graduation

Each semester, the School of Accountancy holds graduation celebrations for undergraduate and graduate programs. Attended by faculty, friends, and family, the event honors the achievements of each student in the graduating class. School of Accountancy Director, Shyam Sunder commemorates the graduating students' continued hard work and dedication at these events.



## Community Building

### MAcc and MSA Social Events

MAcc and MSA students enjoyed several social events this year and got to know each other and the faculty better.

- Happy hours at Illegal Pete's on University Blvd.
- Spring U of A baseball game



### Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP) Reunion

The Dhaliwal Reidy School of Accountancy hosted a Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP) reunion in February. Students who previously participated in the program were invited to eat pizza, discuss their college plans, and play outdoor games. There was also an informal Q&A session for former BCAP students and coaches to share about their experience at the U of A.

### Semester Kick-Off Events

We continue to hold a semester kick-off event each fall and spring, during which faculty, staff and students of all levels enjoy food and games and create a stronger sense of community.





## Alumni Awards and Achievements



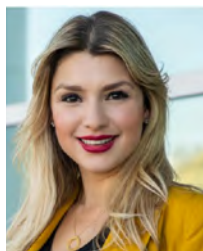
The University of Arizona was proud to recognize **Ron Butler** '91 BSBA, as Eller Alumnus of the Year. This most prestigious award is given to an individual who

has worked to ensure the college's success and future by bestowing honor or recognition on the college and making a significant contribution of time or resources to further the college's mission. Ron started his professional career in Tucson and worked to become an EY Managing Partner in Phoenix. As a partner, Ron has held regional and national leadership positions and served on EY National office committees for diversity and recruiting initiatives. He has remained active on campus by assisting in recruiting, filling guest speaker roles and serving on both the DRSOA Advisory Board and the Eller College National Board of Advisors. Through Ron's contributions, we have been able to continue securing funding for the Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP) and to direct diversity scholarships to our master's students. Moreover, Ron and his wife Cathy have provided an endowment for a scholarship in recognition of the faculty who established the BCAP program. Ron's dedication to his community extends beyond just his service to his alma mater. He has served as the chairman of the Board for Downtown Phoenix Partnership, Expect More Arizona, Arizona Community Foundation, and Teach for America - Phoenix. He has also served as a member of the Executive Board of Education Forward Arizona, Arizona Science Center, Barrow Neurological Foundation, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. This past summer Ron retired from EY after nearly 29 years with the firm. Congratulations Ron!



**Nathan Goldman** (left)

Retired Associate Professor **Katharine Drake** received the American Taxation Association Tax Manuscript Award for the second year, for a paper she co-authored with two former accounting PhD students: **Nathan Goldman** '16 PhD, a professor at North Carolina State University, and **Frank Murphy** '17 PhD, a professor at the University of Connecticut.



**Adriana Martinez** '08 BSBA, '09 MAcc, president and CEO of Casa Martinez Food Company and member of Eller's National Board of Advisors, was invited to the White

House as part of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to speak about Hispanic Business and Entrepreneurship with the Office of the President.



**Elena Matthews** '13 BSBA, vice president of finance at Dentsply Sirona and current member of the DRSOA Advisory Board, was invited with her company to the

Nasdaq MarketSite in Times Square to ring the closing bell.



**Christopher Pings**, assistant director of treasury accounting for the Office of Financial Services at the University of Arizona, was recognized on the 2023 Tucson 40 Under 40 list.



**Norma Steiger** '22 BSBA, is an audit associate at CBIZ and the co-host of the Accounting Twins Podcast. After finishing all CPA exams, Norma was recognized by the

Arizona Society of CPAs as one of the Top 10 CPA Exam Scores in the state of Arizona in 2023.



**Derek Unguran** '13 BSBA '15 MAcc, was promoted to partner at Ludwig Klewer & Rudner in Tucson.



**Josh Wheeler** '23 BSBA '24 MSA, competed at the Paralympics for the third time this year with the USA Men's Wheelchair Rugby team. He was a member of the silver-medalist teams at the 2016 games in Rio De Janeiro, the 2020 games in Tokyo and the 2024 games in Paris.

## Undergraduate and Master's Students

We are pleased to highlight our senior award winners for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 academic year. The School of Accountancy Outstanding Senior Award is given to those who demonstrate excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability and service to the community. The Outstanding Academic Achievement award is awarded to the graduating student(s) with the highest GPA. The Outstanding Service and Achievement Award is given to the students who are leaders in their classes and the Eller community, show dedication to their education and have an impact on the people around them.

### Outstanding Senior Award, Fall '23



**Ngoc Nguyen** '23 BSBA, '25 MSA was selected as the School of Accountancy's Outstanding Senior for Fall 2023. During their time at the

University of Arizona, Ngoc served as Co-President of the Accounting Student Association-Beta Alpha Psi. Ngoc was also the staff and recognition chair of the Eller College Dean's Council and an active member of the Advanced Zipperman Scholars Program. In addition to being recognized as an Outstanding Senior in Accounting, Ngoc was also awarded the Outstanding Senior in MIS for Fall of 2023. Ngoc is currently enrolled in the online MSA program, and will be working as an IT Audit Associate for PwC in Tempe.

### Outstanding Senior Award, Spring '24



**Farida Eyub** '24 BSBA received the School of Accountancy's Outstanding Senior Award for Spring 2024. During her time at

the University of Arizona, Farida was recognized as an Eller Top Collegiate Women of the Year in 2022 and 2023. She was also the Student Success Chair for the Eller College Dean's Council and the president of the Muslim Student

Association. Farida was also actively involved in Eller ELITE, MISA, and ASA. After graduation, Farida joined KPMG in Columbus, Ohio as a Technology Assurance Associate.

### Outstanding Service and Achievement Award

We also recognized five students with the Outstanding Service and Achievement Award. This year, they were awarded to:

**Raphael Abeytia** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Ethan Hefflin** '24 BSBA  
**Tanya Jimenez Fuentes** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Tyler Rountree** '24 BSBA  
**Ethan Williams** '24 BSBA

### Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Throughout the year, we recognized 20 students with the Outstanding Academic Achievement award for maintaining a 4.0 GPA in all university coursework throughout their undergraduate careers:

**Ngoc Nguyen** '23 BSBA '25 OMSA  
**Bradley Nolan** '23 BSBA '24 MAcc  
**Ian Washburn** '23 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**TJ Anderson** '24 BSBA  
**Katie Ausman** '24 BSBA  
**Callum Bikus** '24 BSBA  
**Veronica Borboa** '24 BSBA '25 MSA  
**Ali Brewer** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Annie Frank** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Alexander Gonzales** '24 BSBA  
**Grace Hansen** '24 BSBA  
**Allie Kreda** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Vu Lee** '24 BSBA  
**David Moreano** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc

**Aaron Pavlovich** '24 BSBA  
**Tyler Rountree** '24 BSBA  
**Taylor Schulze** '24 BSBA  
**Kyle Spindler** '24 BSBA  
**Sarah Williamson** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc  
**Zhenfeng Xue** '24 BSBA

### Beta Alpha Psi – Beta Omicron Chapter: Distinguished Chapter

Beta Alpha Psi is the honor society for accounting, finance and information systems in universities across the globe. The University of Arizona chapter, Beta Omicron, was recognized internationally as a Distinguished status chapter for the 2022-2023 academic year and a Gold status chapter for 2023-2024. Beta Omicron has far exceeded the Beta Alpha Psi organization's baseline requirements in academics, professionalism and leadership. Congratulations to the chapter, with special recognition of the co-presidents **Ngoc Nguyen** and **Julia Spencer** (2022-2023), **Raphael Abeytia** and **Ethan Williams** (2023-2024), as well as the advisors during that time, **James Brushwood** and **Alison Mackie!**



## Scholarships

- The Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) awarded scholarships to **Annie Frank** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc, **Eveline Felix** '23 BSBA '24 OMSA, and **Sebastian Perez** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc.
- Ian Washburn** '23 BSBA '25 MAcc, **Kira Okuma** '25 BSBA, and **Megan Taylor** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc were selected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) as their 2024-2025 academic year scholarship winners.

- Madison Mulkins** '26 BSBA was selected by the McCord Scholars Program as a 2023-2024 scholarship recipient.
- Ali Brewer** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc received the William Felix scholarship at the graduation celebration to be applied toward her MAcc program.
- Ethan Williams** '24 BSBA and **Miquela Anderson** '23 BSBA '24 MAcc were recipients of the Financial Executives International



Ethan Williams



Miquela Anderson (right)

(FEI) scholarship. FEI awards scholarships to Arizona state school students earning degrees in accounting, tax or finance. Ethan and Miquela's accomplishments were celebrated at an FEI hosted celebratory dinner at The Scottsdale Resort.

## PhD Student Awards and Updates



Congratulations to **Shoaib Shirazi** for completing the PhD program and accepting a position as assistant

professor of accounting at Embry-Riddle University. We wish him all the best in his endeavors.



PhD student **Rob Jennings** was selected by faculty for the Doctoral Workshop Award for his thought-pro-

voking contributions. This award is given to the student who most actively participates in research workshops through the academic year by offering compelling observations and questions.



Jasmine Han



Tao Peng

### New PhD Students

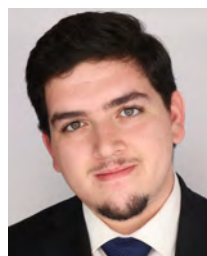
The School of Accountancy is thrilled to welcome two new PhD students. We are proud to have **Jasmine Han** (University of Shanghai, Tulane University) and **Tao Peng** (Sichuan University, Zhejiang University) join us this year.

## Student Spotlights



**Nikhil Reddy** '25 BSBA impacts our campus as an EMT and training officer for University of Arizona Emergency Medical Services. He has also helped support the BCAP program,

encouraging high school students to pursue business degrees. After graduation, Nikhil is heading to EY to join their Assurance practice, with hopes of working with healthcare companies and not-for-profits. In the future, he plans to attend medical school and use his background in accounting to better serve the healthcare industry.



**Raphael Abeytia** '24 BSBA '25 MAcc, was one of the student participants in the Deloitte MADE conference in Dallas his senior year and was also selected to be a part of the Deloitte Foundation Accounting Scholars Program this year. He mentioned his gratitude to James Brushwood, senior lecturer in accounting, for a much-needed nudge to begin his journey in the Deloitte programs. During his

undergrad, Raphael was involved with the accounting club on campus, Accounting Students Association (ASA). He held positions as the VITA director in his junior year and was voted in as co-president in his senior year. Although challenging, Raphael says his time in ASA was very rewarding, and he enjoyed the time he had to give back to the Eller community. Raphael is currently in the MAcc program and working on passing the CPA exams. Following graduation, he will join Deloitte in Tempe, Arizona, in their audit department.

# PROGRAM UPDATES AND PLACEMENT

*U.S. News and World Report* ranks the accounting undergraduate program as **#29 (tied)** overall, and **#15** among public universities.

## Enrollment & Graduation Trends

The table below provides a summary of the enrollment and graduation trends for the last few years. This year, **the undergraduate accounting enrollment increased by 28 percent.**

### Enrollment Trends

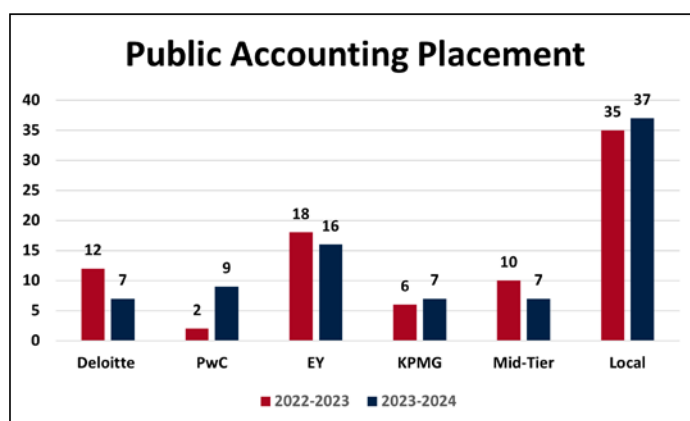
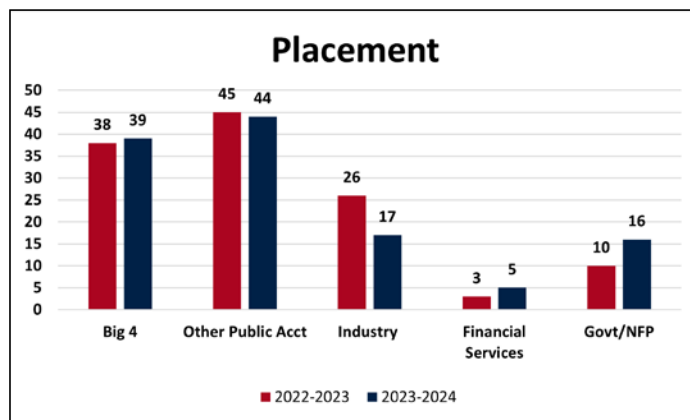
	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
<b>Undergraduate</b>					
Main Campus	313	242	258	311	398
Online	n/a	22	34	50	64
<b>Total Undergraduate</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>462</b>
Audit track	19	31	20	19	22
Tax track	12	10	3	8	9
<b>MAcc Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
Main Campus	26	21	18	18	32
Online	34	51	55	52	58
<b>MSA Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>90</b>
Online Grad. Certificate	25	18	16	22	24
<b>Total Masters</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>145</b>

### Graduation Trends

	Fall '21/ Spring '22	Fall '22/ Spring '23	Fall '23/ Spring '24	Expected Fall '24/ Spring '25
<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>155</b>
MAcc	40	22	28	30
MSA	37	45	35	60
<b>Total Masters</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>90</b>

## Where do our Graduates go?

The graphs below show a breakdown of where students have gone to work after graduation. Between Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 graduates, **the undergraduate placement rate (including continuing education in graduate school) was 96 percent, main campus master's placement rate was 100 percent, and online MSA and Graduate Certificate placement rate was 92 percent.** These statistics capture all students with the legal right to work in the United States.



About 60 percent of graduates accepted jobs in Arizona. The next most popular destination for our graduates was California, with 10 percent.



# DONOR RECOGNITION

## Donor Spotlight



**Doug Rogers** '75 BSBA '77 MBA, co-founder of Sonora Investment Management, LLC, has been giving to the DRSOA since 1998. During his senior year at the U of A, he developed a friendship with accounting PhD student, Dan Dhaliwal. This lifelong friendship has contributed to Doug's philanthropic attitude toward the DRSOA; however, he credits his donations to his fond memories and excellent education at the university. Doug specifically remembers the following accounting faculty that had a lasting impact on him: Russ Barefield, Bill Foster, Don Vickrey, Bill Barrett, and the professor of his very first accounting class, Lou Meyers. We thank Doug for his generous donations to the DRSOA, which help us continue our efforts to provide top quality education for our students!

## Thank You for Your Support!

Gifts to the School of Accountancy are divided into the following categories: business (matching and non-matching) contributions and individual contributions.

### Business Levels

Benefactor	\$40,000 or more
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