



DHALIWAL-REIDY SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

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ELLER COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT - THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL,

I am thrilled to share my first Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy (DRSOA) newsletter with you in my new role as director of the DRSOA!

It is an incredible honor to step into this role, and I want to begin by expressing my deep gratitude to our former director, Shyam Sunder for his dedicated leadership over the past four years and his lasting impact.

Many of you may know that I've been part of the DRSOA and Eller College of Management family for the past 15 years, most recently serving as Eller College vice dean. I am delighted to return to the DRSOA and excited for what lies ahead. We have an amazing team of talented, passionate, and committed faculty and staff, and I feel incredible fortunate to lead such a dynamic group.

As I step into this role, I look forward to deepening relationships with our Advisory Board members. Their insight and expertise are essential to our mission, and our continued engagement will play a critical role in shaping our future and setting the DRSOA up for continued success.

The energy in the school has been palpable these past few months. We kicked off the year by welcoming another large and impressive group of undergraduate and master's students. I am proud to see our enrollment grow while we have maintained the exceptional academic quality and student support that define the DRSOA experience. None of this would be possible without the relentless effort and dedication of our faculty and staff. You'll find more details about the DRSOA's efforts to increase enrollment in the cover story.

Our research enterprise is also thriving with multiple DRSOA faculty publishing their research in top-tier academic journals and getting invited to present at universities and prestigious conferences around the world. Our PhD program continues to excel, and we are proud that a current student, Youkun Huang has received two awards this year for her dissertation paper.

None of our achievements would be possible without the generous contributions of time, talent and resources from you—our valued alumni and friends. Your support helps us develop the next generation of accounting professionals, educators and researchers.

Thank you for being an essential part of the DRSOA family. I'm excited for all the great things we will accomplish together!

Regards,

Jayanthi Sunder
Dhaliwal-HSLopez Chair in Accounting

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over **600** accounting undergraduate and master's students this Fall!

DATES OF NOTE

Spring 2026

January 30	Accounting Career Immersion Day
February 19	Meet the Firms
May 15	Undergraduate & Master's Graduation Celebrations

Fall 2026

September 4	Accounting Career Immersion Day
September 17	Meet the Firms
December 18	Undergraduate & Master's Graduation Celebrations

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Accounting Enrollment Increases for Fourth Year in a Row

Accounting major enrollment has been on the rise since Fall 2021 at the Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy. A number of initiatives and dedication have led to this upward trend.

Much of our efforts focused on Acct 200 Introduction to Financial Accounting. This is the first accounting course, and usually the first accounting exposure that students have. It is our first opportunity to help students see themselves as accounting professionals and attract them to the accounting major.

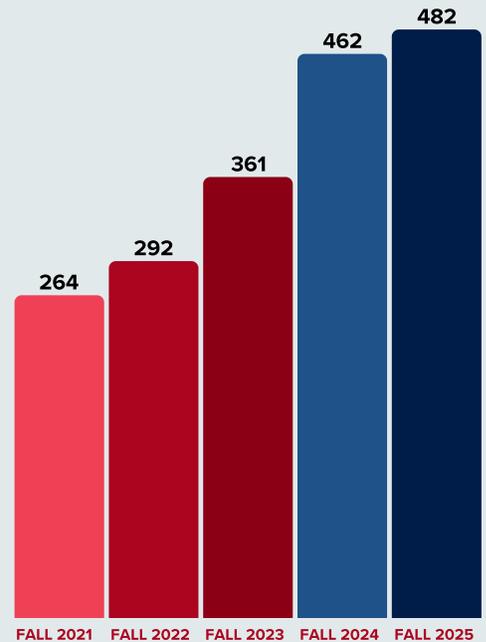
For many years we have invited Acct 200 students to an Accounting Career Exposure event during which they hear from three accounting professionals with varied backgrounds, helping students see professional pathways available with an accounting major. Three years ago an assignment was added in which the students watch videos from alumni describing their accounting careers and pathways. The students read short descriptions of the alumni positions and career paths and can select videos that interest them most. This assignment exposes students to career paths they never considered possible. (Alumni interested in submitting a short video? [Contact us!](#))

The Acct 200 event and video assignment have helped students see the possibilities with an accounting degree, but many students continued to struggle with the course content. A thorough analysis was completed to determine the key drivers behind students' struggles, and significant changes have been implemented over the past two years. One of the most significant changes was to the course structure. This course is taken by all business students, causing the lecture sizes to be well over 200 students each. Many students struggle to learn in this environment. Therefore, starting in Spring 2024, a required weekly discussion section was added to the course format. These sections range from 25 to 50 students, and are taught by our master's and PhD student teaching assistants. The smaller size allows the students a better opportunity to complete practice exercises, ask questions and seek clarification on difficult concepts. The impact of this and other structural changes to Acct 200 have led to a significant improvement in student success in the course.

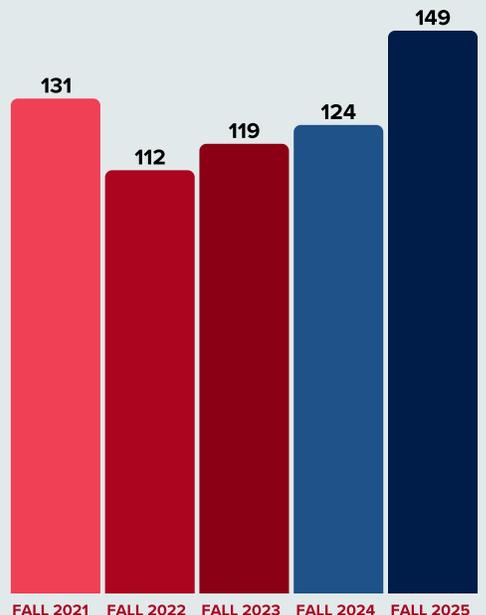
Master's program enrollment has also been on the rise in recent years. Efforts were made during the 2022–2023 academic year with the implementation of an "auto-admission" policy for our own undergraduate students, and the removal of the GMAT requirement for all applicants. These changes have encouraged more students to join our master's program in recent years.

While efforts are being made at the national and state levels to address the accounting pipeline issue, the DRSOA will continue its efforts at attracting and training top students to enter the profession.

Undergraduate



Graduate



*Full data table and enrollment breakdown on page 12

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY ADVISORY BOARD



Elena Matthews '13 BSBA, was selected by the Arizona Alumni Association and Eller College to receive the Young Professional Achievement Award for attaining prominence in her field. After her quick rise at Honeywell, Elena took a position as the director of finance at Dentsply Sirona. After four years rising in the ranks at Dentsply Sirona, Elena returned to Honeywell as a vice president of Supply Chain Finance for Energy and Sustainability Solutions. We are grateful for Elena's continued involvement with the DRSOA. She joined the DRSOA Advisory Board in 2019 as one of our inaugural members, and has played a pivotal role in shaping our Board.

Karen Mlawsky '87 BSBA, was selected by the Arizona Alumni Association and Eller College to receive the Bear Down Award. This award is given to an individual who has performed noteworthy and meritorious service on behalf of the U of A. Karen joined the DRSOA Advisory Board in 2019 as one of our inaugural members, and volunteered in 2023 to be the first chair of the newly formed Brand and Community Outreach Committee. We are grateful for Karen's leadership and commitment to the DRSOA's success.



[Click here for a list of our current board members.](#)

If you are interested in joining our Advisory Board, please reach out!

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Honors and Transitions



Alessandra Amado joined us as a student services administrative professional and coordinator of the PhD program. She has extensive experience in customer service in diverse industries.



Stephanie Amado served as our master's program coordinator for three years. We are grateful for the contributions she made to our graduate programs. Stephanie started a new position at the U of A with the aerospace and mechanical engineering program, and we wish her all the best in this new role!



Denise Burruel served as our PhD coordinator for three and a half years. We are grateful for all the contributions she made to our students, faculty and staff. Denise started a new position at the U of A with the Ken Coit College of Pharmacy, and we wish her luck in her new endeavors!



James Brushwood received the department's Judi prize for 2024-2025 for his dedication to the growth and improvement of our master's programs and his outstanding contributions in the classroom.



Preeti Choudhary received the Suzanne Cummings Teaching Award, recognizing MBA faculty that have unique hands-on projects or go the extra mile in developing opportunities for their students. She was also reappointed to the PCAOB Standards and Emerging Issues Advisory Group, continuing as the chair of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee.



Jeremy Douthit received the Eller Dean's Council Student Choice Award for being an outstanding accounting instructor.



Max Hewitt was the recipient of the ASAB Faculty Service Award for his dedication to students.



Cindy Kaiser joined the DRSOA as our new master's program coordinator. Cindy has extensive experience working at the U of A including at the Alumni Association, Eller UG Programs, and most recently with the School of Nutritional Sciences and Wellness.



Katie Maxwell received the Eller Dean's Council Student Choice Award for being the Undergraduate Faculty Member of the Year in Lower Division. She was also voted the Most Valuable Professor by the Evening MBA Class of 2025.



Jeff Schatzberg was presented the Dean's Service Award by Dean Kannan for his years of dedicated service to the college, including serving twice as both interim dean and vice dean.



Sherri Silverberg received the Professional Guidance Instructor Award from the Eller College Dean's Council for her commitment to providing excellent guidance and advice to her students.



Leigh Weisshaupt has joined as the new Accounting career coach with Eller Undergraduate Programs. Leigh has extensive experience in finance roles, and will be a great resource for our accounting students navigating their job searches.

Work Anniversaries

10 Years

Heather Altman
Max Hewitt
Jeff Yu

15 Years

Kathryn Chavez
Jayanthi Sunder
Shyam Sunder

20 Years

Katie Maxwell

Thank you to our faculty and staff for your amazing commitment to the DRSOA and Eller College!

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Faculty Promotions



Mei Cheng, promoted to professor of accounting

Faculty Publications

Jeremy Douthit	
“How the Realized Measure of a Worker’s Performance Affects Their Perception of Their Compensation”	<i>Management Accounting Research</i>
Paul Michas	
“The Opportunity for Partner Industry Knowledge Sharing within Audit Offices and Audit Quality”	<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i>

Birth Announcements

- **Max Hewitt** (associate professor) and his wife welcomed Alanna Celeste Hewitt, November 2024
- **Reed Dickson** (PhD Student) and his wife welcomed Rhett Philip Dickson, December 2024
- **Rob Stussie** (senior lecturer) and his wife welcomed Evelyn Jane Stussie, January 2025

2025 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 2025 MVP awards are shown below.

Undergraduate Programs



Most Valuable Faculty Award-Tenure Track

Jeff Yu



Most Valuable Faculty Award-Career Track

Katie Maxwell

Graduate Programs



Most Valuable Faculty Award-Tenure Track

Ben Van Landuyt



Most Valuable Faculty Award-Career Track

James Brushwood

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

[Click here to visit our LinkedIn Page](#)

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 DRSOA 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 Day

Meet the Firms

Each semester the DRSOA hosts Meet the Firms within the McClelland Hall building. We are proud of our commitment to connecting students with potential employers and setting them up for success through resume workshops. The event includes nearly 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.

EY Dinner

The EY Dinner is an opportunity designed to expose 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. Nearly 20 students participated in the event last Fall.



PwC Connect



PwC Connect is a program designed to expose college freshmen to the professional services profession. PwC has provided funding for this program for the last nine 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 40 students participated in the 2025 PwC Connect program where they learned about career opportunities and helpful tips and tricks to secure a job after graduation. We are also grateful to PwC for the INquires grant which allows us to purchase databases for faculty research.

Graduation

Each semester the DRSOA holds graduation celebrations for undergraduate and graduate programs. Attended by faculty, friends, and family, the event is spent honoring the achievements of each student in the graduating class. The director of the DRSOA commemorates the graduating students' continued hard work and dedication at these events.



Deloitte Programs

Close Connections Program Success

With the support of the Deloitte Foundation, the Close Connections program provides smaller class options for the ACCT 200 Introduction to Financial Accounting course. Over 95 percent of the students in the program would recommend the smaller sections to their peers primarily due to their increased comfort level in asking questions and getting help. Students in the small sections are also more likely to choose accounting as their major. Approximately 25 percent of students in the small sections have selected accounting as their top choice major compared to 11 percent in the large sections.

Deloitte's Future Accounting Leaders Summit



For the fourth year in a row, DRSOA was invited to attend Deloitte's Future Accounting Leaders Summit at Deloitte University near Dallas, Texas. A faculty and staff member accompanied 29 students who received valuable exposure to the accounting profession and career path options while connecting with Deloitte professionals and students from universities around the country. Students completed a business simulation, made shark tank style presentations, participated in a service activity, and heard from inspiring speakers.

Deloitte Foundation Accounting Scholars Program

The Deloitte Foundation continues to partner with the U of A to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for 10 students to attend 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, our recipients are Orlando Acosta, Karla Arvizu, Derek Encinas, Isabella Estrella, Cassandra Gonzalez, Olivia Hum, Madai Ruiz Palacios, Cesar Wrenn, Jennifer Vargas and Darlette Zuniga.

Community Building & Outreach

MAcc and MSA Social Events

MAcc and MSA students enjoyed several social events this year and were able to get to know each other and faculty better.

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



Semester Kick-Off Events

We continue to hold a semester kick-off event each Fall and Spring where faculty, staff and students of all levels (undergraduate, master's and PhD) enjoy food and games, and create a stronger sense of community.



Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP)

Business Careers Awareness Program (BCAP) is a partnership initiative between EY and the DRSOA that introduces high school students to various business professions. Since its inception, 740 high school students have participated in BCAP. This program teaches students the fundamentals of business and ultimately leads to many students expressing interest in pursuing a business major.

The 2025 summer program was facilitated by: **Sherri Silverberg**, lecturer, **Rob Stussie**, senior lecturer, **Luis Galaz** '25 BSBA, '26 MS MIS, **Gabby Martinez** '25 BSBA, **Sabrina Lopez** '25 BSBA, **Tanya Jimenez Fuentes** '24 BSBA, '25 MAcc, **Ryan Gonzales** '27 BSBA, **Easton Butler** '25 BSBA, and **Ali Cordova** '25 BSBA, '26 MSA.

Interested high school students can find more information and the 2026 application for an in person week-long program here.

[Learn More](#)

Ethics CPE

Each spring the DRSOA hosts an Ethics CPE seminar for partner firms and friends as a token of our appreciation for their continued support of our programs and initiatives. Last spring 40 professionals were in attendance. Thank you to PhD student Reed Dickson for teaching the course.



ALUMNI AND PARTNER NEWS

Alumni Awards and Achievements



Lani Baker '02 BSBA received the Extraordinary Award by the Professional Women in Business Association (PWMBA) as a Commercial Real Estate Honoree. As a principal partner and chief financial officer for Holualoa Companies, Lani holds a wide area of expertise in her field. She is a native Tucsonan who has been a very active member in her community. She has held positions for the Lupus Foundation of Southern Arizona, CREW Tucson, Tucson Medical Center, and is a member of Angel Charity for Children. She has been recognized for her contributions through the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40 award in 2016, being named a Tu Nidito Remarkable Mom in 2018, and the 2020 Women of Influence Real Estate Champion.

Melissa Tomlinson '11 BSBA was honored at the Eller annual Women's Tea event which highlights female leaders who are paving the way for future generations. Melissa is principal of Tomlinson Financial Group where she specializes in providing CFO and advisory services to help entities streamline financial processes and ensure compliance. She also serves on the Finance and Ethics Committee for Pima Community College and on the Finance Committee for the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. With a strong commitment to mentorship and community service, Melissa is dedicated to making a lasting impact on both her clients and the next generation of leaders.



Adriana Martinez '08 BSBA, '09 MAcc is a member of the Eller National Board of Advisors. Adriana was named 2024 Business Woman of the Year by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Through her entrepreneurial spirit and strategic business mindset, Adriana exemplifies the leadership qualities we foster at Eller. Her success showcases how our graduates transform their education into meaningful impact for our community.



Lindsey Benson '09 BSBA has been promoted to managing director and shareholder with CBIZ CPAs. Lindsey was also a recipient of the Phoenix Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list for 2025.



Curtis Hall '13 PhD began a new position as department head of Accounting at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business.



Nathan Goldman '16 PhD was invited to join Forbes as an academic contributor, writing articles on taxes in our society.

Top CPA Exam Passers by the Arizona Society of CPAs 2024

Michael Capel '23 Graduate Certificate, **Matthew Distler** '22 BSBA, '23 MAcc, and **Ryan Odom** '22 BSBA, '23 MAcc

STUDENT NEWS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduate and Master's Students

We are pleased to highlight our senior award winners for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 academic year. The DRSOA 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.

Outstanding Senior Award, Fall '24



Kendra Marutani '24 BSBA, '25 MAcc, was selected as the DRSOA Outstanding Senior in Fall 2024. Kendra served as a resident assistant in the Honors Village and Coconino Hall for four semesters. In this role, Kendra guided up to 40 students through academic and personal challenges and planned educational and recreational programs to help them build connections. Kendra also volunteered with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and served as a chemistry and accounting preceptor supporting faculty and student success. While participating in all of these activities, Kendra maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and also received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award. Kendra joined our Master of Accounting program on the tax track in January where she serves as a teaching assistant. After graduating, she plans to attend law school.

Outstanding Senior Award, Spring '25



Karla Arvizu '25 BSBA, '26 MSA, was selected as the DRSOA Outstanding Senior in Spring 2025. Karla is a first-generation college student and was part of our first cohort of students in the Close Connections program of small Acct 200 sections. Karla served as the vice president of the Eller Hispanic Honorary and has been recognized as an Eller Top Hispanic Scholar of the Year in 2021 as well as a Top Collegiate Woman of the Year in 2023. Karla was also selected as one of Eller's two Outstanding Scholars of the Year for 2024. During her time at the U of A, Karla was an intern at Cultural and Inclusive Experiential Learning Opportunities (CELO) and served as the vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion of the Eller College Dean's Council. She has completed two internships with Deloitte and plans to return for full-time employment in Audit and Assurance after completing our MSA program.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Throughout the year, we recognized twenty-four students with the Outstanding Academic Achievement award for maintaining a 4.0 GPA in all university coursework throughout their undergraduate careers: **Kendra Marutani** '24 BSBA, '25 MAcc, **Cesar Wrenn** '24 BSBA, '25 MAcc, **Ishita Badola** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Kennedy Bailey** '25 BSBA, **Lauren Cruise** '25 BSBA, **Jase Derry** '25 BSBA, **Gregory Gallagher** '25 BSBA, **Jacob Hamel** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Alexandra Hughes** '25 BSBA, **Jessica Klebosky** '25 BSBA, **Luke Lawson** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Lucas Liberatore** '25 BSBA, **Ashleigh McNamara** '25 BSBA, **AJ Michael** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Rylee Monfre** '25 BSBA, **Kira Okuma** '25 BSBA, '26 MSA, **Alexis Rasch** '25 BSBA, **Olivia Rubio** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Jayden Sahlin** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Tana Savage** '25 BSBA, '26 MSA, **Megan Sims** '25 BSBA, **Elise Sixta** '25 BSBA, **Jennifer Stulik** '25 BSBA, **Easton Villafuerte** '25 BSBA.

Beta Alpha Psi – Beta Omicron Chapter: Gold Status Chapter

Beta Alpha Psi is the honor society for accounting, finance and information systems in universities across the globe. The U of A chapter, Beta Omicron, earned Gold status chapter for the second year in a row- both in 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Beta Omicron far exceeded the baseline requirements of the Beta Alpha Psi organization, in the areas of academics, professionalism and leadership. Last spring, they had the opportunity to connect with chapters from ASU and NAU to pack food for the homeless and play kickball. Congratulations to the chapter, with special recognition of the 2024-2025 Co-Presidents, **Perry Zoumas** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc and **Brynna Fisgus** '25 BSBA, as well as the faculty advisor, **Alison Mackie**. Additional congratulations to **Jace Dana** '27 BSBA on receiving the Student Service Award for his contributions to the chapter.



Student Spotlights



Olivia Rubio '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, graduated in May with majors in Accounting and Management Information Systems (MIS) and minors in Spanish and Statistics and Data Science. During her undergraduate career, Olivia succeeded as a student and as a member of the U of A beach volleyball team. She was named one of the Big 12 Conference Student-Athletes of the Month in February 2025, and she also received the Unsung Hero Award at the Arizona Athletics banquet. Olivia worked as a tutor in the university's Think Tank and sat on the board of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Last summer, she worked at EY as an audit intern in Dallas and plans to return for full time employment after completing the MAcc program in May.

Nicholas Tobin '26 BSBA, '27 MAcc, is a senior in the Accounting major. In his time at the U of A, Nicholas was a member of the Zipperman Scholars Program as well as PwC Connect. Both programs have furthered his professionalism and strengthened his ties within the Eller community. He also represented the university at Deloitte's Future Accounting Leader's Summit in Dallas. His experiences inspired him to pursue a career in auditing, which led him to intern this past summer for KPMG in their audit practice. After graduating next May, Nicholas plans to join our MAcc program and then return to work full-time for KPMG in Tempe, Arizona.



Caitlin Campos '26 BSBA, '27 MAcc, is a senior majoring in Accounting and minoring in Classics: New Testament Language and Literature. She has received several awards and scholarships, such as the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Scholarship, and was named a Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar. Caitlin worked for EY as a launch intern this past summer and had the opportunity to travel with them for training and development across the U.S. She loves to travel and has completed two study abroad opportunities with the university. Currently, Caitlin is working for the U of A Housing and Residential Life as a desk manager and is working on her honors thesis in her minor. She also volunteers in several organizations including La Casa De Cristo Lutheran Church and Feed my Starving Children. After completing her undergraduate degree, Caitlin plans to join our MAcc program, earn her CPA license and work in the media and entertainment industry.

Scholarships

- The Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) awarded scholarships to **Cassandra Gonzalez** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, **Andre Alvarez** '26 BSBA, and **Alexandra Thieme** '26 BSBA.
- **Emily Barsheff** '25 BSBA, '26 MSA, **Haden Eastman** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, and **Ivanna Esquer** '26 BSBA, were selected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) as their 2025-2026 academic year scholarship winners.
- **Annie Frank** '24 BSBA, '25 MAcc, received the Master's Citizen Scholarship for the Spring 2025 semester due to her participation and positive attitude in the classroom.
- The McCord Scholars Program awarded scholarships to **Nicholas Davis** '26 BSBA, **Rylie Adams** '27 BSBA, **Ivan Becerril** '27 BSBA, **An Dang** '27 BSBA, and **Roberto Salazar-Bojorquez** '27 BSBA.
- **Luke Lawson** '25 BSBA, '26 MAcc, was the recipient of the William Felix Scholarship. We are confident Luke will continue to exhibit the service to others and passion for learning that William Felix brought to students each day of his career.

PhD Student Awards and Updates



Youkun Huang won the Best Paper Award at the Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium (RADS) for her dissertation, *How Does the IRS Use Private Information from the SEC?* Youkun earned a spotlight at RADS 2025 to present her paper. She also won the 2025 Edmund Outslay Outstanding Paper Award at the Tax Doctoral Consortium VII.



Rob Jennings was selected by faculty for the Doctoral Workshop Award which is given to the Accounting PhD student that most actively participates in research workshops throughout the academic year by offering compelling observations and questions. Rob graduated in the spring and is now at UMass Amherst starting his career as a professor.



Alex Whitecotton graduated in the spring and started his career at Hope College.

PROGRAM UPDATES AND PLACEMENT

The *U.S. News and World Report* ranks our accounting undergraduate program as #37 overall, and #17 (tied) among public universities.

Enrollment Trends

The table below provides a summary of the enrollment and graduation trends for the last few years.

	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Undergraduate					
Main Campus	242	258	311	398	409
Online	22	34	50	64	73
Total Undergraduate	264	292	361	462	482
Graduate					
Audit track	31	20	19	21	35
Tax track	10	3	8	9	16
MAcc Total	41	23	27	30	51
Main Campus	21	18	18	33	24
Online	51	55	52	49	56
MSA Total	72	73	70	82	80
Online Grad. Certificate	18	16	22	12	18
Total Graduate	131	112	119	124	149

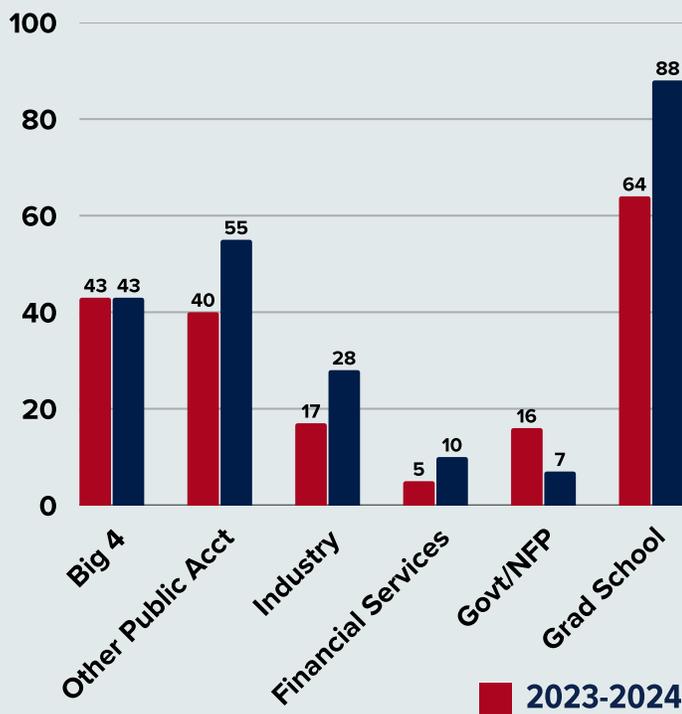
Graduation Trends

	Fall '21/ Spring '22	Fall '22/ Spring '23	Fall '23/ Spring '24	Fall '24/ Spring '25	Expected Fall '25/ Spring '26
Undergraduate	132	121	136	200	200
MAcc	40	22	28	29	51
MSA	37	45	35	57	45
Total Masters	77	67	63	86	96

Where Do Our Graduates Go?

The graphs below show a breakdown of where our students have gone to work after graduation. Between our Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 graduates, **the undergraduate placement rate (including continuing education in graduate school) was 92 percent, main campus master’s placement rate was 100 percent, and online MSA placement rate was 83 percent.** These statistics capture all students with the legal right to work in the U.S.

Placement



Public Accounting Placement



About 60 percent of our graduates accepted jobs in Arizona. The next most popular destination for our graduates was California with about 15 percent of our graduates.

DONOR RECOGNITION



Teresa Briggs ('82 BSBA), a proud U of A graduate and retired managing partner at Deloitte, has been a dedicated supporter of the DRSOA since 1989. A first-generation college student, Teresa credits the DRSOA with changing the trajectory of her life by providing her with a high-quality education at a cost her family could afford. Through U of A career services, Teresa secured an interview with Deloitte, launching a successful 37-year career with the firm. She rose to the role of managing partner and served on the Deloitte Board of Directors. Teresa was a member of the Eller National Advisory Board from 2001 to 2019 and was honored as the Eller Alumna of the Year in 2015. We are grateful for Teresa's long-standing generosity and commitment to Eller and the DRSOA. Her support helps us continue to deliver exceptional educational opportunities to future generations of accounting professionals.

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
Executive	\$20,000-\$39,999
Partner	\$10,000-\$19,999
Director	\$5,000-\$9,999
Leader	\$2,500-\$4,999
Friend	Up to \$2,499

Individual levels

Benefactor	\$10,000 or more
Platinum	\$5,000-\$9,999
Gold	\$2,500-\$4,999
Silver	\$1,000-\$2,499
Bronze	\$500-\$999
Copper	\$100-\$499
Brass	Up to \$99

We wish to thank the following individuals and employers for their contributions to benefit 2024-25 as posted by the University of Arizona Foundation. If we have excluded you, or have not correctly acknowledged your contribution, call the DRSOA at 520-621-2620 so we can correct any errors in acknowledging your generosity.

Business Contributions

Firm/Employee

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Special thanks for the Close Connections Program grant and the DFASP scholarships.

Teresa Briggs	Benefactor
Scott Jensen	Benefactor
Keith Renken	Benefactor
Donald and Mallory Riegger	Benefactor
Kevin Dueck	Platinum
Everett Johnson	Gold
Amy Patel	Gold
Paul Herrera	Silver
John Mitzel	Silver

Giving Status

Benefactor

Firm/Employee

Bradley Smith
Frederick and Janet Williams
Matthew Carr

Giving Status

Silver
Bronze
Copper

EY

Special thanks for the Business Careers Awareness Program grant.

Ronald Butler
Cale Whittington
Eric and Nicole Lewis
David Damron
Carlos Fimbres

Benefactor

Benefactor
Platinum
Gold
Silver
Silver

Firm/Employee **Giving Status**

John Gaylord	Silver
Nancy Hernandez	Silver
Carl Mackleit	Silver
Kevin McHolland	Silver
Brent Papek	Silver
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