Mid-semester hustle

Last Business meeting

The UW IMA Student Chapter meeting scheduled for October 19th, 2009 covered upcoming events. Also, it was decided upon that for the next meeting and all meetings thereafter we would invite the business students from Laramie County Community College. The next business meeting will be held on November 12th.

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What is IMA all about?

The Institute of Management Accountants is the world’s leading organization dedicated to empowering management accounting and finance professionals to drive business performance.

Mission

To provide a dynamic forum for management accounting and finance professionals to develop and advance their careers through certification, research and practice development, education, networking, and the advocacy of the highest ethical and professional practices.

Business Creed

IMA Members are today’s leaders, managers, and decision makers in management accounting and financial management. As Members, we are dedicated to continued professional development, to achieving the highest levels of professional certification, and to supporting each other in our commitment to professional excellence.

The Facts

Founded: 1919  
Network: about 60,000 professionals  
Chapters: more than 200 in the U.S. and internationally  
Student Members: approximately 4,000  
Student Benefits: reduced CMA exam fees, annual scholarship awards, and annual national student leadership conference  
Academic Members: approximately 2,000  
Growth: 18% to 26% job growth rate expected through 2014 for accounting and finance professionals  
CMAs: earn 25% more than those without CMA certification

Professional Development

IMA offers members continued learning opportunities both online and in person. For the CMA, IMA offers an exam prep through CMA Learning System. They also offer subscription for CPE programs through the online Professional Learning Center. IMA also addresses continued learning for technical, professional, and ethical skills.
Interview and Job Skills

- Before the Interview
  - Research
  - Practice questions
  - Arrive early
  - Eat, sleep, prepare
  - Review resume

- Dress and Grooming
  - One step above position applying for
  - Professional
  - Dark colors, clean clothes
  - Light make-up
  - No perfume

- During the Interview
  - Firm handshake
  - Answer concisely
  - Talk about qualifications, not need for a job
  - Assertive body language
  - No gum, smile
  - Sit up straight
  - Direct eye contact
  - Be positive
  - Never bring up compensation, benefits, etc.
  - Give examples, not short answers
  - Thank the interviewer

- After the Interview
  - Send a thank you letter
  - Appropriate to send a handwritten letter
  - Avoid e-mail thank yous

- Types of Interviews
  - Traditional Interviews
  - Telephone Interviews
  - Behavioral Interviews
  - Case Interviews

Jo Lynne Stalnaker – Interview Skills

October 1st marked a speaker event featuring Assistant Lecturer in the Accounting Department Jo Lynne Stalnaker. She spoke to around forty students about how to accomplish a successful interview. She also discussed the different types of interviews and gave sample interview questions. For interview questions, Stalnaker suggests to look on-line. The internet is a useful guide for preparing for an interview.

Student’s CMA Testing Campaign

The Denver-Centennial Chapter of IMA is encouraging student’s to take the CMA examination by offering a $500, $300, $200, and two $100 awards to students who pass any section of the exam until mid-February. These awards are given in order from greatest amount to least. The University of Wyoming is proud to claim students who have received the two highest awards (see Student Recognition below and on previous newsletter). The $200 award went to a student at Denver University. The next testing window starts in January and we are encouraging two more students to take the exam and pass. This is a great way for our chapter to receive recognition from our parent chapter.
Up ‘til Dawn

On October 28th, our officers will be attending Up ‘til Dawn. It is a charity event to encourage people to donate money for the St. Jude’s Children Hospital. This will be held from 4p.m. until 9p.m. in the Wyoming Union.

Halloween Safe Treat

This Friday, October 30th, the student chapter of IMA will be participating at safe treat. In the Wyoming Union, from 4-6 p.m. The community is invited to participate in a safe and friendly atmosphere. We will hold a booth with Beta Alpha Psi and be dressed up in our Halloween costumes.

Upcoming Speaker Event

Thursday October 29th is our next speaker event. Wal-Mart will be presenting to not only our chapter, but also Alpha Kappa Psi and other business students. The representative for Wal-Mart will give a current overview of the company and provide insight into new initiatives. Furthermore, the representative will discuss sustainability, economic opportunities, healthcare, community relations, and management opportunities. Afterwards, there will be a reception. This is something all business students would be interested in, and we invite interested people to come. It will be at 7:00p.m. in Classroom Building room 310.

Student Recognition

Jeremy Wilkey passed the second part of the CMA examination – Management Accounting and Reporting. The exam covered material from courses such as Cost Accounting 1 and 2, Intermediate Accounting 1, 2, and 3, as well as some Information Technology. One of Jeremy’s recommendations is “if you go to the Prometric test center in Casper, it’s a good idea to not go right after someone who’s trying to take the TOEFL”. Please congratulate Jeremy if you see him.

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