Welcome back to an exciting new semester!

Success in Spring 2009

Last semester went very well. IMA has been working out kinks and trying to be more active with members and its goals both at the student level and Denver-Centennial level. We had six students and two faculty advisors attend student night in Denver. We hosted two speakers that covered useful material such as leadership and how to execute a meeting successfully. We even had a successful recruitment campaign. It was a fantastic semester and we can only hope for greater things in the future!

Lots of Action in Fall 2009

The first meeting on Monday August 31st showed promises for another successful year. The informal officer meeting had guests from Dr. Stephenson’s Cost Accounting courses and all of the officers were in attendance. Discussions included the layout of events for this semester, the student conference in St. Louis, and most importantly the Gold Award. Part of the energy from last semester is the desire to achieve the Gold Award. This will require active participation from all members and strict deadlines. For more information see page 5 or talk to one of the officers.

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Introducing the Current Officer Team

President
Corey Peacock
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting

Goals: Earn a Masters in Student Affairs, and then apply my analytical business skills to a college administrator/student development environment.

Hobbies: Hiking, swimming, hanging out with friends, and watching movies.

Vice President
Jeff Yennie
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting with a minor in Criminal Justice

Goals: Attend grad school at Montana State University upon completion of his Bachelor’s degree at UW. I would like to eventually obtain CPA and CFE certifications.

Hobbies: Enjoys fly fishing and hiking on weekends.

Secretary
Stephanie Duncan
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting

Goals: For IMA to be recognized by the College of Business students

Hobbies: Golfing, reading, and camping.

Treasurer
Tyler Alexander
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting with a minor in Finance

Goals: I really want us (IMA) to work hard and receive the Gold Award. Next summer I plan to be an intern again at a financial institution.

Hobbies: Triathlons, road cycling, mountain biking, anything outdoors. I have been doing triathlons and half Ironmans for eight years.
All of the officers are excited and ready for a fun-filled year. If you have any questions regarding a specific area, please see the contact list at the end of this newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to communicate your ideas to the officer team.

Website Director
Jeff Fife
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting and Women’s Studies
Goals: Pass the CMA examination and work for a non-profit organization in an accounting position to help social justice advocacy groups.
Hobbies: Playing video games, reading and writing on social justice topics, and wasting time.

Director of Communications
Desirai Lopez
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting and Honors Program with a minor in Economics
Goals: Hopes to improve UW’s IMA student chapter. After graduating from UW, I would like to continue my education and sit for the CMA and CPA exams.
Hobbies: Water sports, outdoor activities, and traveling.

Community Service Director
Jenna Whipple
Academic Profile: Major in Accounting
Goals: Hopes to participate in making this a fun year for our chapter of IMA :)
Hobbies: Loves animals, horseback riding, and running.

Faculty Advisors
Jan Benson and Teresa Stephenson

The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.
-Henry Kissinger
Summing up Adair’s Meeting Protocol

Running Effective Informal Meetings
- Send Agenda out 3-7 days early
- Make sure you have all supplies
- Delegate so you can focus on conducting a successful meeting
- Formulate good questions
- Increase Interactivity
- Send out minutes within 5 days of meeting to all participants
- Make note of who said what

Possible Problems
- Dominant or silent individuals
- Weak leadership, lack of control
- No goals or agenda
- People arrive late and/or unprepared
- No noticeable results
- Revisiting previously discussed or decided upon topics
- Sidebar discussions
- Long discussion of controversial issues

Make Meetings Fun!
- A little laughter can help improve productivity & morale—but no “forced fun”
- Include hands-on activities, live demos, games, role-play
- Offer prizes to encourage participation & generate ideas
- Spend a penny to talk
- Appoint Director of Fun
- Do it in “talk show” style

Follow-up & Assignments
- Reinforce the completion of objectives by summing results
- Review action items, assignments, and deadlines
- Ask for participant feedback—what worked, what could be improved?
- Thank people for time and participation!

Student Night

On February 13th over 100 people attended the student night dinner. It was quite a success. $6,500 was awarded that night to students in the Denver-Centennial Chapter. Featured speaker C. S. “Bud” Kulesza, CMA, CFM and former chair of IMA gave a talk on the “Profession of Many Hats”. It was a great time for networking and we hope to see many students attend next year.

No Parli, Plenty of Pro

Last semester, Becky Adair spoke with the student chapter and guests about running an effective informal meeting. She had several volunteers play roles that imitate common “meeting behaviors”. Please see the side panel for more information on meeting protocol according to Adair.

Dawn Browne – Leadership

A former president of the Denver-Centennial IMA chapter, Dawn Browne, also came last semester and spoke about leadership in volunteer organizations. She also gave encouraging words to take the CMA exam.
Gold Award

Last semester, the officer team decided to work for the Gold Award. In order to achieve the Gold Award, the members must meet certain requirements such as competing in the IMA Student Conference Case Competition or Manuscript Competition and hosting five special presentations among many more requirements. It is a big task that demands effort and time spent from every member, but we are confident that we can do it!

Student Conference

The National IMA Student Leadership Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri this year in November. There will be five officers and one faculty advisor attending this event.

Upcoming Speaker Event

Mark your calendars for our upcoming speaker Professor Stalnaker. On October 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom 214, Professor Stalnaker will be talking about interview/job search skills. Please join us for this event. Subs and drinks will be provided.

Student Recognition

Chris Anacker passed Part 1—Business Analysis of the CMA exam this past June. Chris was the first student to pass part of the CMA exam during the Denver-Centennial IMA Chapter campaign receiving the maximum prize of $500!

Chris used the Gleim review book, old test questions, and knowledge from previous classes such as ECON, DCSI, and Auditing to study before the exam. He studied approximately five hours a week for two months, which can be done during the school year. Chris says, “Most of the topics covered on the test are learned in the first few years of college, so it’s better to sit early for this section while the material is still fresh.” Plus, he said passing the test is a great way to network and receive job offers. He was recognized by our parent chapter, Denver-Centennial, at their monthly meeting.

With three more sections to go, Chris will keep the books open. He plans to take Part 3—Strategic Management in the January-February testing window. If you see him around campus be sure to tell him good luck!

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