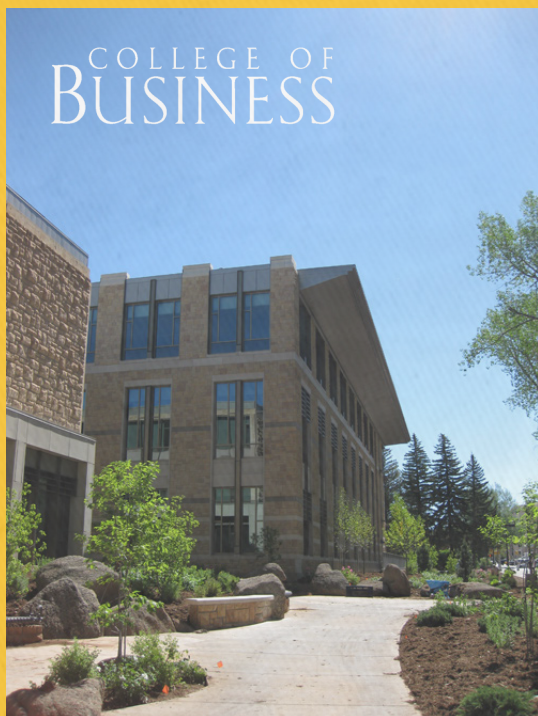


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# Accounting News



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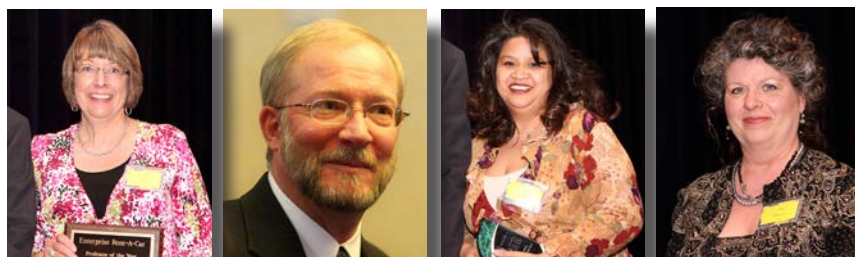
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Not just for alumni; for our friends too!

## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Calendar year 2012 resulted in many accomplishments.

During the College's 62nd Annual Recognition Dinner, Jan Benson was named Enterprise Rent-A-Car Professor of the Year (for the second year in a row!), Michael Doherty received the College of Business Outstanding Junior Teaching Award, Eric Johnson received the College of Business Outstanding Senior Research Award, Plum Schultz (Office Assistant, Senior) received the College of Business Outstanding Junior Staff Award, and Teresa Stephenson received the College of Business Advisory Board Faculty Performance Award.



Linda Kidwell was elected Vice President of Communications of the International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER) during a meeting in Frankfurt, Germany in February 2013. She will hold this role for two years.

We welcomed a new face to the department during the spring 2013 semester. Dr. Joy Embree, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in December 2012. Dr. Embree is teaching Financial Statement Analysis and Intermediate Accounting III.

Mike Doherty is the Solomon D. Trujillo Distinguished Senior Lecturer. Eric Johnson is the Clara R. Toppan Professor and was promoted to full professor effective July 2013.

Adrienne Hammond (BS 2013), member of UW's chapter of Mortar Board, the senior honor society, selected Michelle Beracha as her 2012 "Top Prof."

Sadly, we said goodbye to Gary Fleischman, who accepted a position at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas and Jo Lynne Stalnaker who accepted a position at Manhattan Area Technology College, Manhattan, Kansas. We also bid fond farewell to Ron Pedersen who retired in December 2012 and Stuart Webster who retired in May 2013.



Finally, the faculty completed 15 refereed publications (published or accepted for publication), one published book, and five presentations.



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# STUDENT NEWS

The Department has two active student groups —Beta Alpha Psi, a national honorary for accounting and information systems students and the student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, a professional organization sponsored, in part, by the Denver chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. Both groups are active in providing speakers and information regarding the profession and careers in accounting. In addition, both groups participate in community service activities.

## *Graduates responding from the class of 2012–2013 are employed by:*

Zachary Bayles, Air Methods, Englewood, CO  
Brooke Beckstead, Ernst & Young, Denver, CO  
Tristan Burke, United Parcel Service  
Lane Clark, McKee, Marburger & Fagnant, PC, Lander, WY  
Elijah Cox, Snowfly, Laramie, WY  
Christopher Douglass, US Bank, Energy Industries Division, Denver, CO  
Dawood Esmail, Lovelett, Skogen & Associates, LLC, Casper, WY  
David Garcia, KPMG, Billings, MT  
Michael Grieve, McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP, Cheyenne, WY  
Kyle Gruver, McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP, Cheyenne, WY  
Jesse Hemming, Ernst & Young, Denver, CO  
Andrew Koski, Jim Reed, CPA, Jackson, WY  
Aaron Lopez, Schuck, Bennett & Weber, LLP, Gillette, WY  
Steven Petersen, Mader, Tschacher, Peterson & Co., LLC,  
Laramie, WY  
Heath Rainbow, Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Loveland, CO  
Laura Schroll, Schroll Cabinets, Cheyenne, WY  
Kalie Spurgas, Wyoming Entrepreneur Market Research Center,  
Laramie, WY  
Libby Stetson, Rylander, Clay & Opitz, LLP, Fort Worth, TX  
Ashley Swinney, Lovelett, Skogen & Associates, LLC, Casper, WY  
Kevin Taucher, Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC, Casper, WY



## Need a Career Change?

We continue to receive inquiries from firms looking to hire qualified professionals with two or more years of experience (if you have less experience, but are still interested in a change, don't hesitate to contact us). So if you are looking to make a career change, please let us know at 307.766.3136 or e-mail [acctdept@uwyo.edu](mailto:acctdept@uwyo.edu) or contact Jo Chytka, Director, Peter M. & Paula Green Johnson Career Center, via e-mail [jchytka@uwyo.edu](mailto:jchytka@uwyo.edu) or at 307.766.4807. We can get you to the people who would love to hire you!

Left to right (front):

Vu Cat, Breanna Bredthauer, Rebekah Woody, Sennin Thompson, Lori Lewis, Melanie Stull, Victoria Schilt, Libby Stetson, Kenton Walker

Left to right (back): Kyle Gruver, Keegan Hall, David Garcia, Robbie McNaughton, Chris Douglass, Woody Esmail



Michelle Beracha and Eric Johnson  
"hooding" Kevin Taucher (MS 2013)



Scott, Jeff and Gary Buckingham



Heather Lenardson



## ALUMNI NEWS

***Congratulations to the following for passing the CPA exam ...*** Christopher Anacker (MS 2011), Brooke Arnold (MS 2012), Andrew Beyeler (MS 2010), Brenton Bright (MS 2010), Cody Carter (MS 2010), Ryan Drake (MS 2010), Kelly Fargen (MS 2012), Amanda Hauser (BS 2010), Thomas Helfrich (BS (2011), Ishtar Hogsett (MS 2012), Danielle Ireland (MS 2011), Jennifer Love (MS 2012), James Martineau (BS 2010), Mellissa McCarthy (MS 2011), Jennifer Wade (MS 2011), Jenna Whipple (MS 2012), Jia Wu (MS 2012), Jeffrey Yennie (MS 2011).

***Bits and pieces ...*** Accountants are not just about debits and credits. Scott Buckingham (MS 2003) enjoyed his third successful sheep hunt—having got a Dall a few years ago as well as a Wyoming Bighorn in 2011. He scored a Montana Bighorn in November 2012 with a permit he drew for an area where they only give three tags. What luck! He is pictured at left with his brother Jeff and his dad Gary.

Jessica Arcega (MS 2012) is a staff accountant with McKee, Marburger & Fagnant, PC, Lander, WY.

Cody Carter (MS 2010) is a Customer Ally with virtual accountants, Blumer & Associates, CPAs, PC.

Brenda (Hlavac) Elliott (BS 2001) was promoted to Senior Manager at McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP in September 2012.

Trevor Frohne (BS 2011) is a Fixed Asset Accountant with MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. in Colorado.

Heather Lenardson (MS 2008), Senior Accountant at Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC, Casper, WY, has been selected as one of just 38 CPAs under age 36 to participate in the American Institute of CPAs 5th annual Leadership Academy in Durham, North Carolina during fall 2013. She will join rising stars in the accounting profession from across the country to learn leadership theory and strategic planning techniques, develop tools for handling complex management challenges and discuss the most important issues facing CPAs and the accounting industry.

Kelly (Stubbs) Rafferty (MS 2003) and husband, Michael, welcomed Abigail in October 2011.

Cade Scholl (BS 1999) is Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller at Mercy Housing in Denver, Colorado. Mercy Housing is a non-profit that develops low income housing units and "sells" Low Income Tax Credits to investors.



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### **May 2013 Commencement Speakers**

Kasey Watson (BS 2013), Libby Stetson (MS 2013),  
and Derrek Jerred (BS 2013)

## Dates to Remember

Beat the Firms, golf tournament, hosted by Beta Alpha Psi

Saturday, September 21

Articulation Conference with the Community Colleges

Friday, September 27

Meet the Firms, hosted by Beta Alpha Psi

Monday, September 30

Practitioners' Day, hosted by Beta Alpha Psi

Friday, October 11

Homecoming

Saturday, October 12