Another year passes—hard to believe!

Please enjoy this 2016 issue of the Case Western Reserve University Department of Accountancy newsletter. The news inside provides updates on our faculty—including two new faculty who have joined us—, the 2015 Braden Award, news about our alums—including the sad news of the passing of one of our dearest supporters, upcoming events and much more! We’re delighted to announce in this issue that Associate Professor Greg Jonas was awarded tenure as of July 1, 2016! Please send him a note of congratulations. It has been many years since tenure was awarded to an accounting faculty member in our Department.

As I noted in last year’s newsletter, we will soon commemorate our 90th year of offering high quality accounting education here at Case Western.

Please don’t be shy. We would all love to hear from you and hope you’ll join us in our efforts to continue to strengthen and renew our programs. Send us an update about your career and life successes and milestones at AccountancyNews@case.edu. And plan a visit. Campus continues to evolve under the leadership of President Snyder. Come back and see our progress!

Sincerely,

Chair, Department of Accountancy
Welcome new faculty

Tom King, DM, CPA

Tom King joined the Department on July 1st after having served as an adjunct instructor since 2007. He has taught at the undergraduate, master, and executive education levels.

Tom wrapped up 30 years at Progressive Insurance, working in various line management, accounting and financial roles. He was general manager of the business unit that sold the first-ever car insurance policy purchased by a motorist over the Internet and head of investor relations when Progressive became the first company in the world to disclose financial statements on a monthly basis. Before joining Progressive, he worked on the audit staff of Arthur Andersen & Co. in New York.

King's research focuses on disclosure policy and earnings guidance. Specifically, he studies what happens when corporate executives provide financial forecasts to investors. He is also interested in how accounting systems reduce uncertainty for various stakeholders. He is author of the book More than a Numbers Game: A Brief History of Accounting.

Married with three children, King lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He enjoys crime novels, art history, and the Cleveland Metroparks. He graduated with honors from Harvard College and Harvard Business School and was the recipient of Weatherhead’s Scholar Practitioner Award within his Doctor of Management cohort. Accounting education, he believes, should rest on a liberal arts foundation.

Sharon L. Martin, EMBA, CPA

Sharon L. Martin brings a wide range of experience directing learning systems and knowledge development in the corporate sector. Martin has taught in the Management, Accounting and Economics Department of Hiram College as well as in the Department of Accountancy of the Weatherhead School of Management. She recently completed a year-long contract with her former employer, EY, in the West Region’s Assurance Enablement and Implementation group. In that role, she coordinated pre-issuance quality reviews, quality network newsletters and webcasts, and the project management milestone program for the audit practice. In her role as Associate Dean for Finance and Administration at Weatherhead, Martin served as the chief financial and operations officer.

A graduate of John Carroll University, Martin is also a CPA. She obtained her Executive MBA from Baldwin Wallace College. During an extensive career at Ernst & Young, Martin first provided audit services to clients as a staff through senior manager. Later, as a principal in the Global Assurance & Advisory Business Services (AABS) group, Martin was in charge of the Americas Knowledge Network and built a knowledge management framework supported by coaching and teamwork that improved audit quality and employee morale. She wrote and designed materials for the classroom and the web. As Global Director of AABS Technology Implementation, she managed the implementation of technology solutions in five global geographical areas, shaping their activities for maximum ROI.

Among her many outside activities, Martin is heavily involved in her church and served as the chair of their strategic planning committee. She currently serves as the treasurer and chair of the finance committee of the non-profit Building Hope in the City. Martin also presides over the Florence Crittenton Services Fund of the Cleveland Foundation. Martin is a seasoned traveler both domestically and internationally, and most enjoys traveling with her family. When her schedule allows, she can be found relaxing with a walk in the park, enjoying high tea, or fitting together a jigsaw puzzle. She is also an avid NPR listener and theatre aficionado.
After 31 years, Larry Parker retires from Weatherhead, awarded emeritus status

At his retirement lunch, the department presented Larry with a shadowbox highlighting a few of his many intriguing characteristics.

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Rob Bricker receives emeritus status

Several years ago, Rob Bricker opted for early retirement from Case Western to pursue a business opportunity. This year Rob was officially awarded emeritus status and was presented with a hand-drawn portrait at this year’s BAP Awards Banquet.

Rob’s portrait will be on display in the Department of Accountancy along with the Department's other emeriti portraits.

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13 Things to Know About Larry Parker

A: Instructor/black belt in Taekwondo.
B: Assistant professor at the University of Wyoming prior to joining Case Western.
C: Not just a CPA, also the department’s CPD: Certified Public Defender.
D: Worked in academia > 35 years.
E: The frog poem, enough said.
F: His favorite eraser.
G: Accountancy’s “Candy Man”.
H: Baseball: player, coach, fan.
I: Spring ’83, AAA Ohio Regional Meeting at Miami University, new department chair GJP meets LMP and reaches out when recruiting.
K: Born on Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan.
L: Animal lover and rescuer, “father” to many fur babies... and a turtle.
M: Long-time “MACc Daddy” and hoarder of red files.

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Fogarty and Parker Publish in Accounting Horizons

“The Center Cannot Hold: The AICPA and Accounting Professional Leadership 1997–2013”

R. Drew Sellers, Timothy J. Fogarty, and Larry M. Parker


Trade associations should play an integral role in defining and defending the legitimacy and jurisdiction of a profession. In addition, they should provide a field upon which individuals can rise above the confines of their organizations and grow their professional leadership capacities. Evidence in the literature suggests that U.S. accounting conformed to this pattern under the auspices of the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). However, various recent events have transpired that reduce the confidence that this continues to be the case. Using network analysis on longitudinal data from 1997 to 2013, this paper documents an increasingly fragmented and isolated leadership structure. This finding suggests the reduced influence of the AICPA. Surprisingly, this decline has not been offset by the stronger influences of the large international firms. Implications for the profession are discussed.

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Former faculty member, Radcliffe visits department


Ivy Business School
Western University
Faculty highlights

In addition to his teaching, Lee Blazey continues to fill the role as Village Clerk for the Village of Bratenahl, as well as manage his tax practice in which he often provides students the opportunity to gain professional experience.

Even while navigating his way through his first year of teaching at Weatherhead, Tony Bucaro managed to find time to devote to his academic research, which is focused on factors that influence the judgments and decisions of financial statement auditors. Specifically, he attempts to identify internal attributes (e.g., cognitive limitations, personality factors, etc.) and external factors (regulatory, environmental, etc.) that may cause auditors to make less than ideal judgments while evaluating financial statements. More importantly, he attempts to identify additional factors that can be introduced into the environment (education, continuing training, tools or methodology) to improve those decisions.

Melissa Carlisle was selected as a member of the Weatherhead Search Committee for a new dean.

Dennis Conrad was nominated for the 2016 Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

John Keyser recently presented his dissertation proposal focused on testing whether creating EQ review teams will mitigate the influence of engagement teams over EQRs.

Karen Braun active on and off campus

Not only does Karen teach classes, but somehow she finds the time to advise Beta Alpha Psi, participate on a variety of committees, work on the next edition of her textbook and serve as a co-organizer of the 9th Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning in Accounting ("CTLA"). The CTLA takes place prior to the AAA’s Annual Meeting and is part hands-on teaching clinic, part mentoring by master teachers, and part staying current on emerging topics in accounting.

Previts’ global accounting history series published in Chinese

The Global History of Accounting, Financial Reporting and Public Policy four volume series coauthored by Gary Previts, Peter Walton (ESSEC Business School, France) and Peter Wolnizer (University of Sydney, Australia), published in English by Emerald Group Publishing, aims to establish a benchmark reference source that covers the evolution of accounting, financial reporting and related institutions for all major economies in the world in a comparable way. Covering 28 countries in total, each chapter is authored by a specialist from the country concerned.

All four volumes were also recently published in Chinese by Lixin Press.

Volume One (Europe): France, Germany, Italy, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland.

Volume Two (Americas): Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

Volume Three (Asia and Oceania): Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Volume Four (Eurasia, the Middle East and Africa): Egypt, Iran, Israel, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Turkey.

Congratulations!
Greg Jonas awarded tenure as of July 1st.

Public Accounting Report
35th Annual Professors Survey - 2016

Top 25 Undergraduate Rankings
Schools with 15 or Fewer Full-Time Accounting Faculty
Case Western Reserve University - #13

Top 25 Master’s Rankings
Schools with 15 or Fewer Full-Time Accounting Faculty
Case Western Reserve University - #8
Jeanette M. Franzel was appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission as a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in February 2012.

Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Franzel served for almost 23 years at the Government Accountability Office, spending a decade in the Senior Executive Service. She ended her tenure at the GAO as a Managing Director overseeing all aspects of the organization’s financial audit oversight of the U.S. federal government. In this capacity, she supervised audits of large, complex agencies with annual budgets in the hundreds of billions of dollars, as well as small programs and agencies with limited resources.

From 2008-2011, Ms. Franzel’s team performed oversight of the U.S. government’s efforts to help stabilize the financial markets and promote economic recovery. From 2003-2012, Ms. Franzel oversaw the periodic updating and issuing of GAO’s Government Auditing Standards (“The Yellow Book”), used throughout the world.

She also provided extensive policy and technical support to the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, which develops auditing standards for national government audit offices around the world.

In 2011, Ms. Franzel received the GAO’s Distinguished Service Award and the AICPA’s Outstanding CPA in Government Award. In 2010, she received the International Achievement Award from the Association of Government Accountants. Earlier, Ms. Franzel worked for three years at a small CPA firm. Prior to her career in accounting and auditing, Ms. Franzel taught elementary school and high school in South America.

Ms. Franzel has a B.A. in Accounting and Spanish from the College of St. Teresa and an MBA from George Mason University. She also completed the Senior Executive Fellows program at Harvard University. Ms. Franzel is a certified public accountant, a certified internal auditor, a certified management accountant, and a certified government financial manager.
Mr. Vikas Agarwal: Thomas Dickerson Lecturer and 2016 Accounting Alumnus of the Year Recipient

Vikas is a Partner in PwC Risk Consulting Practice and leads its Financial Crime Technology practice. The practice which was founded by Vikas at PwC in 2012 is today composed of over 400 professionals in the US, London, Singapore, Hong Kong and India and focuses on helping clients enhance controls related to money laundering, fraud and rogue trading technology and analytics.

In addition to his practice leadership responsibility, Vikas is the lead partner on several high profile engagements for government agencies and financial institutions in the fight against terrorist financing, leads learning and development for the Financial Services Risk and Regulatory practice, and also chairs the firm’s financial services audit analytics transformation committee and global risk analytics committee with 15 other members firms.

- In 2004, Vikas started his career at Ernst & Young where he was part of the international data analytics center and helped the firm design and build analytical models and systems to test journal entries as part of SAS 99 accounting procedures and also help build the first generation of Tax Analytics reporting systems supporting Like Kind Exchange systems.
- In 2006, Vikas joined EY’s Financial Services Office as it was re-building its advisory business. Vikas acted as an engagement manager helping design, build and test complex models to detect various types of suspicious activity for these institutions.
- In 2011, Vikas joined Goldman Sachs & Co. as an executive director, where he served as the Global Head of Analytics for the Legal and Audit department.
- In 2012, Vikas joined PwC as a Managing Director, responsible for helping build a new risk and regulatory technology and analytics practice.
- In 2015, he was named one of PwCs first millennial partners and leader of its Financial Crime Technology practice.

Vikas has a B.S. in Management from CWRU ('04) and completed his M.B.A. from Columbia Business School in 2014.
Beta Alpha Psi - From Good to Great!

The Pi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi has had an exciting year and has once again been awarded a “Superior Chapter” status by the national organization. The chapter started the fall semester by hosting the annual “Meet the Accountants Breakfast” which was attended by 28 firms and over 120 students. Many students received internship and full time job offers as a result of the event. The chapter began the spring semester with a new “rush week” initiative to increase membership, boost student engagement, and strengthen the sense of community within the organization. The leadership team planned a full slate of rush week events which culminated with pledges signing a commitment to attend weekly meetings and engage in service events. The spring semester came to a close in April with the 85th annual awards banquet in which students, faculty, and professionals joined together to celebrate the achievements of so many excellent accounting students.

Some other highlights of the year included the following:
- BAP members donated over 190 service hours to clients served by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Cleveland
- New mentor-mentee program strengthened relationships between members
- Weekly meetings featured a wide variety of firms, organizations, and accounting career options
- Young professionals panel featured returning alumni
- Off-campus tour of a Sherwin Williams plant and the Progressive Insurance Open house allowed members to see organizations in action
- Officers attended the National BAP meeting in Maryland and the spring Regional meeting in Kentucky

We look forward to another rewarding year of engaging with accounting professionals, mentoring new accounting students, and serving the community in 2016-2017.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Pi Chapter receives
Superior Overall Chapter Status for 2015-2016

-- Karen Braun
Faculty Advisor

Department of Accountancy: Beta Alpha Psi

Fall 2015 Officers
President - Chris (Yang) Yu
Treasurer - JJ Rathbun
Secretary - Aria (Tianyue) Gao
VP of Community Service - Junhui Lin
VP of Membership - Issac Yeh
VP of Social Events - Stella (Shiyu) Gong

Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 Officers
President - Zoe (Ruolin) Yang
Treasurer, Spring - Chris Dunlap
Treasurer, Fall - Melinda Qiao
Vice President, Fall - Chris Dunlap
Secretary, Spring - Lexie (Yinxi) Gao
Secretary, Fall - Chelsea (Jiuzhu) An
VP of Community Service, Spring - Vivi Tamprateep
VP of Community Service, Fall - Amber Rohrer
VP of Membership - Lu Jiang
VP of Social Events, Spring - Andy Landschulz
VP of Social Events, Spring - Brian Dunlap

(left to right)
Vivi Tamprateep,
Lexi Gao,
Chris Dunlap,
Zoe Yang,
Andy Landschulz,
Lu Jiang

Department of Accountancy: Beta Alpha Psi
On April 20, the Pi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi hosted its 85th annual banquet, where Mr. Vikas Agarwal was presented with the Beta Alpha Psi Alumnus of the Year Award. Also presented that evening were several undergraduate and graduate Department of Accountancy awards. Faculty, staff and students were joined by members of the professional community, including several of our local alumni. This year the banquet was again held in the Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom. Thank you to everyone who was able to join BAP for another successful banquet. A special thank you to all of those, both individuals and firms, who sponsor our student awards and scholarships.

**Accounting Alumnus of the Year Award Past Recipients**

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2016 
Cash Family Scholarship 
Sean Carson 
Sijie (Angela) Peng

2016 Andrew D. Braden Award for Excellence in Auditing and Financial Reporting
Haley Kauffman

2016 Louis E. Levy Scholars in Accountancy
Daniel Cronin, Gregory Ott and Galilea Sanchez

2016 Thomas Dickerson Award for Excellence in Professional Accountancy Studies
Ryan Donohue

Special Congratulations
2016 Weatherhead School of Management Award (Accountancy)
This is the department’s top award for an undergraduate accounting student.
Taylor Sweeney
These are just a few of the highlighted student awards, several other students also received awards which were announced at both the Beta Alpha Psi Banquet and one of the university honors assemblies.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award!

A special thank you to the individuals and firms that support these awards, we appreciate your generosity.
Beta Alpha Psi Annual Awards Banquet - April 20, 2016

Department graduates first two doctoral students since 2010

Congratulations to Andrea Scheetz, PhD, CPA

Andrea is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at Radford University in Radford, VA.

Congratulations to Aleksandra (“Ally”) Zimmerman, PhD, CPA

Ally is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

Best wishes as you begin your careers in academia!

Current PhD candidates

Mary Sasmaz

Mary Sasmaz has completed the coursework portion of the PhD Program at Case Western Reserve University. She had the opportunity to participate in the AAA Accounting, Behavior, and Organizations Doctoral Consortium at the Research Conference this past fall. She also participated in the AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium held at Deloitte University this summer. Mary served as a reviewer, discussant, and teaching tips panelist at the AAA Ohio Regional Conference in April. She also served as a reviewer for the AAA Annual Meeting this summer. Mary spent the summer working on her qualifying paper to enter the PhD Candidacy Phase of the program. Mary continues to have research interests in taxation, family wealth transfer, and family business.

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Students find practicum experience invaluable

Practicum allows students to retain their student status while participating in a full-time work experience. We've received wonderful feedback from students and we thank the employers for providing these opportunities to our students. If your firm is interested in hiring students for a practicum experience, please contact the University Career Center.

The following are students who took part in a practicum experience during the 2015–2016 academic year.

- Wei Fei, Cohen & Company
- Shiuyu (Stella) Gong, Charles E. Harris & Asso.
- Jason Grote, GBQ Partners
- Samantha Jacobs, BDO
- Yaqi (Kelly) Li, KD Financial Services
- Junhui Lin, China Merchants Bank
- Matthew Plecha, Ciani & Panichi
- Andres Rios, Zinner
- Fanxin (Amy) Shen, EY
- Kaiyu (Sisi) Shi, Cohen & Company
- Sipei Wang, Moxie Tax & Financial Services
- Minjun Xu, Linda Liu CPA
- Yang (Chris) Yu, Meaden & Moore

Welcome to our newest PhD student, Azzam Alsuhaihani

Azzam earned his Bachelor of Accounting from Qassim University and Master of Accountancy from Case Western Reserve University in 2009 and 2014, respectively. Azzam joined the PhD in Management – Accountancy program at Case Western in the Fall of 2015. He is a CPA with professional and academic experience including working as a financial auditor at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund and serving as a teaching assistant at Majmaah University. In addition, Azzam worked as a Senior Accountant in a small accounting firm in Cleveland, OH in the Fall of 2014 and is a member of the American Accounting Association. Azzam's research interests include auditing and the impact of the information technology on accounting and auditing. In his free time, Azzam enjoys playing soccer.

The Ohio Society of CPAs Accounting Ambassador program

This year Haley Kaufmann filled the role as Weatherhead’s Accounting Ambassador. Since its inception in 2002, the Student Ambassador Program has introduced thousands of Ohio college students to the opportunities and benefits that come with an accounting degree. Student Ambassadors employ the power of peer-to-peer networking to reach students who have not yet declared a major with information about accounting and the CPA profession.

The Student Ambassador Program operates at 15 universities and the Student Ambassadors are accounting majors who are in their junior, senior, fifth year or enrolled in a graduate-level accounting program. They are chosen from participating schools based on academic achievement, as well as traits such as an outgoing personality, strong communication and presentation skills, and commitment to a career as a CPA.
**Tim F. Soltis**
**Deputy Chief Financial Officer**
**U.S. Department of Education**

Tim F. Soltis, deputy chief financial officer, was delegated the authority to perform the duties and functions of the chief financial officer (CFO) in May 2016. In this role, he leads the Department of Education’s (ED) accounting for financial information about its grants and loans programs, which include a portfolio of over $1.2 trillion in assets and almost $70 billion in budget authority. Soltis oversees the preparation of the Department’s Agency Financial Report (AFR) and supports its annual audit. He also oversees ED’s financial management operations, contracts and acquisitions programs, financial management IT investments, indirect cost management, external audit tracking and resolution, and the internal control program. As a member of the federal CFO Council, Soltis actively participates in major cross-agency financial management topics, including shared services, enterprise risk management, data analytics, and financial management competencies.

A Cleveland native, Soltis earned his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Case Western Reserve University (cum laude), and he has completed executive leadership programs at Harvard and the Federal Executive Institute. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

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**Grindel competes in 13th Pan American Maccabi Games**

Senior midfielder Jacob Grindel of the CWRU men’s soccer team was selected to compete in the 13th Pan American Maccabi Games by the Maccabi Games USA Organizing Committee. The games took place from Sunday, December 27, 2015 through Monday, January 4, 2016 in Chile.

Grindel competed on Team USA. Team USA consisted of 314 athletes on 33 teams in Open, Juniors, Youth and Masters divisions competing in 14 sports.

More than 2,500 Jewish athletes from 22 countries participated in the event. Team members reside in 32 states plus the District of Columbia.

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**Victor S. Voinovich Is Named as a Top Advisor by SVN**

Sperry Van Ness International Corporation (SVNIC), a full-service commercial real estate franchisor of the SVN brand, has announced its top 100 grossing Advisors of 2015. Individuals named as an SVN Top Advisor represent SVNIC’s highest performers from across the world. Mr. Voinovich, who specializes in investment sales and leasing throughout the Northeast Ohio market, was honored to be ranked among SVNIC’s elite top producers on an international level.

Voinovich commented: “SVN is a powerhouse for providing not only the technology necessary to compete in the global marketplace, but also the experts to whom I can call on to assist with every conceivable product. This enables me to be a generalist specializing in people and bringing my clients the best of the best product and geographic knowledge in the markets we serve.”

SVN is the only major commercial real estate brand that markets all of its qualified properties to the entire brokerage and investment community and participated in approximately $10.1 billion in sales and leasing transactions in 2015.

Victor received his bachelor’s from Case Western Reserve University in 1968 and is a current member of the Department of Accountancy’s Advisory Board.

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**Alumni spotlights**

Ken Ashe, BS in ACCT ’01, MAcc ’02, is a Project Manager in Enterprise Services & Financial Systems at Prudential Financial in Newark, NJ.

Valbona Bushi, BS in ACCT ’07, MAcc ’08, joined SALO, LLC in Minneapolis within the Finance & Accounting Compass rotational program.

Sabam Hutajulu, PhD ’01, is CFO at PT Tugu Pratama Indonesia in Jakarta.

Leo McNeeley, BS in ACCT ’03, MAcc ’04, is now a Tax Manager at Jones Day.

Brandon Pokersnik, BS in ACCT ’08, MAcc ’09, graduated from Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall School of Law.

Viestarts (“Vier”) Rutenbergs, BS in ACCT ’00, MAcc ’01, was promoted to CFO of Maersk Oil in Doha, Qatar.

Yue (Judy) Zhao, MAcc ’12, started a new position as a Tax Analyst at Overhead Door Corporation.
Accounting majors study abroad
Sarah Berchuck - Full Year, London School of Economics (United Kingdom)
Alexis Febres - SU16, London School of Economics (United Kingdom)
Kaitlyn Gorski - SJ16, Danish Institute for Study Abroad (Denmark)
Jacob Grindel - SP16, Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts & Sciences (Ecuador)
Anjay Khurana - Full Year, London School of Economics (United Kingdom)
Samantha Lettieri - SP16, University College London
Aditya Rengaswamy - SP16, Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia)
Magle Shi - SP16, Tongji University (China)
MGMT 315 - International Management Institute, Two weeks in May 2016 at Tongji University (Shanghai, China); Keniece Gray and Kylene Ye. Next year the Weatherhead-run program travels to Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.

2016 CWRU graduate receives prestigious Theta Chi Fraternity 2016 Colley Award
Newly minted Case Western Reserve graduate Aditya Rengaswamy was in Warsaw during an extensive international “graduation tour” when he received a phone call with some unexpected news: The Theta Chi Fraternity had selected him for the 2016 Reginald E.F. Colley Award, a national honor presented annually to an undergraduate member who best demonstrates distinguished service to his alma mater, fraternity and community. In other words: the 2016 top Theta Chi undergraduate in the country.
Rengaswamy, a Troy, Mich., native and former president of the Beta Nu chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at Case Western Reserve, had built an impressive resume in his four years at the university. But Theta Chi’s prestigious, highly selective accolade surprised even him.

“This is a huge honor that I did not expect,” said Rengaswamy, who received the award during Theta Chi’s international convention in Atlanta earlier this week. “I am very thankful for the opportunities CWRU has given me. I can’t wait to see where my life takes me.”
Rengaswamy, a 2016 graduate in accounting, will be starting his own limited liability corporation in Miami as a consultant for business development and financial matters.

Haley Kauffman named to the All-UAA first team
The 2015 season served as one of the most historic in program history as the Case Western Reserve volleyball team finished the year with a 25-8 record, the most wins by the team since 2000 and the second-most ever by a Spartan volleyball squad.
After finishing the regular season with a 24-7 record, the Spartans qualified for the NCAA Championships for just the second time in program history, and claimed its first-ever NCAA Tournament victory after defeating Mary Washington in the first round of the tournament.
With a 5-2 record in the University Athletic Association, the Spartans finished in third place. The third place finish for the Spartans was the volleyball program’s best finish since a third place finish in the UAA Championships in 1997.
The Spartans were paced by senior Haley Kauffman, who was named to the All-UAA first team. Kauffman became the first Spartan since 2011 to be named to the All-UAA First Team. She finished the season with a .354 hitting percentage, the best-single season mark in school history, and is second in school history with a .289 career percentage. Kauffman also became the first UAA Athlete of the Week honoree, earning the award the week of October 12, since the 2013 season.
Haley will be joining EY Cleveland’s Transaction Support within the Transaction Advisory Services group.

Peter A. Margaritis, CPA publishes Improv is No Joke
Peter Margaritis’ role is to help business leaders strengthen their business success skills to create positive results. Through his experiences in business and his training in improvisational comedy, he brings a fresh perspective on how to develop non-technical, professional skills training like Presentation Skills, Business Development Skills and Leadership Skills. Improv is No Joke teaches business professionals how to become more effective, sharpen their creativity, and develop leadership skills needed to succeed and improve business results through improvisational techniques.

Margaritis’ credentials include a BA from University of Kentucky and a Master’s in Accounting from Case Western Reserve University. He is a CPA and Certified Global Management Accountant with a certificate in IFRS from the Institute of Chartered Accountant in England in Wales.
Intern challenges assumptions and chooses accounting

Today’s students are under a lot of pressure. From getting into top colleges to deciding on a major to figuring out how to pay for an education, expectations are high. For Andres Rios, a junior accounting major at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, his first internship came with a lot of trepidation.

“I came in with a lot of thoughts and concerns,” Rios said. “I wasn’t really sure what it would be like. I wondered, can I do this? Am I good enough compared to my peers? For me, my experience at Zinner really took care of a lot of these.”

Rios said because he is gay and of Colombian descent, he was uncertain how he would be welcomed in an industry he perceived as being conservative; he now chalks up some of those questions to his own youth and inexperience.

He said fortunately his first foray in public accounting was a great experience, so much that he can see a long-term future for himself in the industry. His tax internship at Zinner & Co. gave him hands-on experience with clients and the opportunity to produce real work for the firm.

AFC Cleveland Royals win NPSL National Championship, Bell named Man of the Match

On August 6th, before a sold out crowd of 2,205 fans, AFC Cleveland twice rallied from being a goal down to defeat Sonoma County Sol and win the NPSL National Championship. Cleveland forward Vinny Bell recorded two goals on the night to claim Man of the Match honors as AFC won their first national title in club history.

As the referee blew the final whistle, both players and fans stormed the field, eager to celebrate the Royals’ first ever National Championship, and the third one for a Cleveland sports team this year.

For players like Vinny Bell, who has been with the team since its first season, the victory felt like a reward for the loyalty shown to the club.

“To go through five years and finally cap it off like this, it’s been a fun journey and I’m glad we could reach this point,” stated Bell.

In Memory of Harry Cashy

Harry Cashy, age 55, of South Russell passed away on April 13, 2016 at home surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Catherine, Elaine, George, and John; dearest son of Catherine and the late George; devoted brother of Maria and Laura.

Harry Cashy was born and raised in Greater Cleveland and earned a Master of Accountancy degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1986. Mr. Cashy a CPA, started his professional career at Deloitte and over the years served as the chief executive officer for manufacturing, contracting and real estate companies, last serving as president of Dynamic Surface Applications, Ltd. He also volunteered for several religious and educational non-profit organizations, including the Chagrin Falls Board of Education, Saints Constantine & Helen Parish Council & Foundation and the Weatherhead Department of Accountancy’s Advisory Board. In 2005, Mr. Cashy was the recipient of the Accounting Alumnus of the Year Award.

The Cashy Family Scholarship, established in 2005, assists students enrolled in the accountancy department at WSOM as Mr. Cashy strongly believed in the long-term support of the accountancy program. Over the years, his generosity has helped nearly 50 Weatherhead students achieve their academic goals. Mr. Cashy’s sister Maria Cashy, a 1990 graduate of WSOM MBA program has also joined in funding the Family Scholarship.
7th Annual Chinese New Year party & Valentine's Day celebration

On February 11th, the department held its 7th annual Chinese New Year party and this year combined it with a Valentine's Day celebration. As usual, the department selected local restaurant, Li Wah, to prepare an array of delicious traditional Chinese dishes from potstickers to steamed buns and picked up Valentine's Day treats and candies from local bakeries. We had another strong turnout and the party was a success for the department, bringing together both domestic and international students from both the undergraduate and graduate accounting programs, as well as faculty and staff.

Happy Year of the Monkey!

Watch the video above to see some of our 2015-2016 Master of Accountancy graduates and their guests at the 2016 MAcc Hooding Ceremony.

For only the second year, the Department of Accountancy held a hooding ceremony for MAcc students the day before commencement. Faculty, staff, students, family and friends were all on hand to participate and to enjoy light refreshments.

Not sure what a hooding ceremony is?
The Hooding Ceremony is a special recognition ceremony for masters or doctoral degree candidates. During the ceremony, a faculty member places the doctoral hood over the head of the graduate, signifying their success in completing the graduate program.

Multi-Platonic Relationships

Yixuan Li, Haley (Hongshuang) Ma & Chris (Jingle) Jiang

Vivi Tamprateep & Zoe (Ruolin) Yang
Department of Accountancy Advisory Board 2015
Gary Juhnke, Chair - Deloitte
Mark Barrus - Fairmount Santrol
Philip (Chip) Bell - Accenture
Harry Cashy - Dynamic Surface Applications, Ltd.
Larry Cruise - EY
Kevin Dudgeon - PwC
Ken Haffey - Skoda Minotti
J. Michael Kolk - Cohen & Co.
Michele Kuhrt - Lincoln Electric
Patricia (Patty) Rubin - BDO
Victor S. Voinovich, Sr. - SVN/First Place Commercial Realty LLC
Stephen J. Young - Citigroup, Inc.

Case Young Accountancy Advisory Board 2015
Joseph Ammon (BS ‘12, MAcc ‘12) – Deloitte, National Office
William Boyer (BS ‘11, MAcc ‘11) – Cohen & Co.
Susan Pho Burnoski (BS ‘07, MAcc ‘07) – Apple Growth Partners
Valbona Bushi (BS ‘08, MAcc ‘09) – SALO
Tom Cregan (BS ‘09, MAcc ‘09) – Houlihan Lokey
Matthew Galen (BS ‘06, MAcc ‘07) – EY
John Hill (BS ‘08, MAcc ‘09) – Deloitte Consulting
Matthew Hurley (BS ‘07, MAcc ‘07) – Deloitte
Emily Barkas Kirsch (BS ‘09, MAcc ‘09) – PricewaterhouseCoopers
Simeng Liang (MAcc ‘12) – EY
Ashley Lu (MAcc ‘09) – Case Western Reserve University
Mark Schierholt (BS ‘08, MAcc ‘09) – KPMG
David Srsen (BS ‘10, MAcc ‘10) – EY
 Marc Walters (BS ‘09, MAcc ‘09) – Indiana University, Bloomington, JD Program

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Save the Date

Meet the Accountants Breakfast
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, 9-11:30 a.m.
Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom

2016 Braden Award Presentation
Robert H. Herz, chairman of the FASB
Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Woodland Hall, Cleveland Botanical Garden

2017 Beta Alpha Psi Annual Awards Banquet
and Thomas Dickerson Lecture
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2017
Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom