



BETA ALPHA PSI

DELTA CHAPTER



OFFICERS WORDS *By Michael Van Volkinburg*

Welcome. We are excited to present to you our first Beta Alpha Psi Delta Chapter Newsletter. We hope that this will serve as a tool to connect members and alumni with each other, foster and maintain relationships, and inform about current news regarding the Delta Chapter and the world of accounting. The Officer's Words will be a place to reflect on the year, see what there is to look forward to, and provide a forum for the Officer's to speak.

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"It's humbling to interact with global business leaders... [but] nobody says 'No'"

Our year has been very exciting and eventful. We kicked it off with a blast with the Welcome BBQ and Meet The Firms events, and have continued to strive for excellence as a chapter ever since. Our membership group of 230 plus has been highly motivated to make a difference this year, and we have contributed nearly 7000 hours by actively participating in 24 professional events, 13 one-time service events, and 4 ongoing service events. We can't wait for the rest of the year to unfold, and are eagerly anticipating the events that it will bring, including our professional dinners, annual banquet, and Relay for Life service event.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS *By Matt Jensen*



Jens Anderson, a Junior in Accounting, is not only involved in Beta Alpha Psi, but is also a member of the

Undergraduate Management Consulting Association and treasurer for the Chi Psi Fraternity.

Even with all that on his plate, he has found time to go sky-diving and work two summer jobs. For the last 5 years he has been a lifeguard on Lake Washington, where he has gotten to work on his tan as well as his CPR. Saving lives is an everyday thing for Jens Anderson, and fun fact: his roommate is one of the lucky few that gets to be Harry the Husky at sporting events.



Adding to the accounting programs' world renown, Eric Le, a native to Vietnam, spends most of his time studying for the rigors of the upper division accounting program

and working more than 20 hours a week.

Like many in school, he relies on his summers for a break from it all, describing it as a blur of eating, sleeping, and playing; in no particular order. He has thoroughly enjoyed the professional meetings in Beta Alpha Psi, saying that they, "give [him] a greater insight into the world of business," and that "dinner is provided after every meeting. How cool is that?"

I'm sure we can all agree with both of these statements. So that others like him don't feel alone, he would also like us all to know that he can't swim, and there is nothing wrong with that.



Erin McKeighan is a senior majoring in accounting with a focus in tax, and will be pursuing a master's in Taxation next year. She hails from Oregon, our great neighbor to the south, and goes to

Portland each summer to work. Erin is also a part of the Sigma Alpha Lambda honors and service organization.

Anyone going through the MPAcc for tax will tell you that it is good to have a hobby or a stress reliever to take the occasional break from the tomes of tax code. For Erin that stress reliever is running. She even plans to take part in a marathon in the near future.

Like many of our members, Meet the Firms has been one of her favorite Beta Alpha Psi events, giving Erin a great opportunity to find out about different career paths and get to know the people that might be her employers soon enough.

ALUMNI CONNECTION

My name is Bonnie Walter and I graduated in June 2009 from the Foster Business School. I joined Beta Alpha Psi as a junior and was President my senior year. After graduation I took some time off to spend five weeks in Europe, raise a puppy (Charlie), and move into a house. Currently I work as a Tax Associate at Clark Nuber. I did an internship there the summer before my senior year and started full time this past December.

Starting right before tax season has been challenging. There is a lot to learn, but it's been fun to see how much I've grown in just a few months. I've been working on a lot of real estate partnerships. I enjoy seeing how a company can use different tax laws to their advantage and the best way to structure certain entities.



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OFFICER'S WORDS

Several officers have been asked what has stood out to them this year, and here is what they have to say:

Karlyn Kurokawa:

"Nationals – an excellent bonding experience that helped set up this year and reminded us why we are working so hard and what we are trying to achieve. It was good motivation to remember what we represent and are striving for."

Jacky Tang:

"The Mentor Breakfast – seeing all of the professionals and mentees get together and talk about their experiences and networking. It was a huge event with 120 people attending."

Jenny Park:

"The year has gone by so fast! Meeting new people is one of the highlights. This has been such a great opportunity to meet interesting people both at the firms and with the new members of BAP."

Maria Kleiber:

"It's humbling to interact with the global business leaders. People don't say no [to BAP], its just finding a date that works. My goals were to get more female speakers, and I'm happy I accomplished that."

Donna Onevathana:

"Learning the nuts and bolts of running a business, building leadership, and learning to delegate tasks."

Marilu Cruz:

"This year has been a great opportunity to improve on leadership, networking, and relationship skills."

LEADERSHIP IN MANAGEMENT: WHAT YOU CAN DO

By Michael Van Volkinburg

I have been a student worker at the Center for Leadership and Strategic Thinking (CLST) for the past six months, and here are some of the insights that I have gained in that time.

Leadership is relevant to all professions, including accounting – The Enron Scandal has shown how important leadership truly is to us.

What I've learned since working at CLST is that leadership doesn't mean just the top people at an organization. It occurs in interactions with all of your peers, subordinates, and supervisors.

If you are in a middle management position, you must be able to both influence those below you, but also those above you.

The transformational leadership model is a strong way to accomplish this: by cultivating relationships with those around you, and knowing the needs of who you are interacting with.

Effective leadership involves a critical set of personal characteristics, which revolve around knowing your beliefs and values and knowing how you effect those with whom you interact, e.g. self awareness.

It also involves being able to effectively implement your ideas: speaking well, writing well, and knowing how to persuade other people in a way that is collaborative. Being an effective leader involves strategic thinking in terms of picking your battles and having long-term goals that you can slowly

work towards, both as an individual and within the organization. Three traits of leadership to keep in mind are:

- **Knowing yourself**
- **Acting effectively**
- **Having an impact**

For those accountants at Enron that knew what was going on, if they had been more effective leading up with their supervisors, or leading horizontally with their peers, they would have been more effective at preventing the scandal and would have given their company a chance.

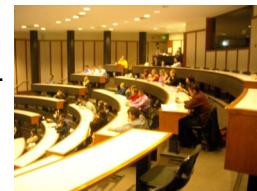
The CLST was started in 2009 and works with the MBA and Undergraduate programs to increase leadership effectiveness among students. For more information, please visit their page at the Foster website.

PHOTO OF THE QUARTER



PROFESSIONAL MEETING OF THE QUARTER

Chevron was voted the professional meeting of the quarter for Fall 2009, followed closely by Berntson Porter and Clark Nuber. Members chose Chevron because of its engaging speaker, audience interaction, and the variety of interesting and relevant topics such as working abroad and performing different jobs at the same company.



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Transitioning from school to work can be difficult. There are more deadlines, time constraints, etc. Having a BAP leadership position helped me learn to balance my time, not only between projects, but between my work and personal life.

One of my most memorable moments was during VITA my junior year. I wasn't the most active member my junior year and felt that VITA would give me the chance to gain tax knowledge while meeting the required volunteer hours. One day I had an older woman come in and I saved her about \$800. She was

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so happy she gave me a hug. It was then that I realized I truly enjoyed volunteering. I wasn't a big volunteer before joining BAP, but now volunteer at a variety of organizations.

I recommend taking an active role within BAP. My junior year I was the member that would show up three minutes before the presentation started and leave the second it ended. I made the decision to become more active and it was the best decision I made during college. I developed my leadership skills, social skills, and met a range of people interested in business. I had the chance to meet my fellow classmates, recruiters, and even Bill Gates, Sr. Many of the connections I made have lasted well past graduation. It may be cliché, you really only get out as much as you put in.