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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
Professional Program in Accounting, Group XV
Master of Science in Marketing
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

May 2008

Certified Public Accountant, Texas

License Awarded: March 2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Director, PPA and MS Accounting Programs

September 2022 – Present

- Supervise Assistant Director of PPA and MS ACCT programs and PPA advisor and oversee student workers and Program Coordinator positions
- Manage impactful relationships with all big 4, middle market, and industry firms
- Lead the PPA Alumni Advisory Board in annual meetings and manage board memberships
- Implemented all Reimagine PPA recommendations including PPA bootcamp, addition of new consulting and HRM PPA tracks, and new PPA recruitment strategies
- Created PPALO (PPA Leadership Organization) to get more current students involved in recruiting prospective students to be accounting majors and ultimately apply for PPA

Senior Lecturer, James Benjamin Department of Accounting

September 2022 – Present

ACCT 321, Professional Development Seminar (spring and summer semesters)

- Form PPA Bootcamp to frontload course information to utilize class time in more effective ways
- Create as many pools of opportunities as possible for PPA students by fostering impactful relationships with big 4, middle market and industry firms
- Coordinate, plan and facilitate networking events to help students find internships
- Bring in a variety of speakers to talk about the challenges and rewards of a career in accounting
- Build curriculum so students are fully equipped to network, interview, and receive internships and full-time job offers before they graduate

ACCT 625, MS ACCT Professional Development Seminar (fall semester)

- Coordinate, plan and facilitate networking events with public accounting and industry firms
- Bring in a variety of speakers to talk about the challenges and rewards of a career in accounting
- Create as many pools of opportunities as possible for MS ACCT students by fostering impactful relationships with big 4, middle market and industry firms
- Build curriculum so students are fully equipped to network, interview, and receive internships and full-time job offers before they graduate

ACCT 689, CFOs and Financial Leadership (spring semester)

- Advertise course and hold information session during the fall semester
- Create application and select students through a competitive process
- Coordinate with current CFOs to see if any changes need to be made to the case schedule or course topics
- Grade all assignments and projects and be an active facilitator of the course
- Prepare students for course expectations and participation structure of the course

Assistant Director

January 2016 – August 2022

- Oversaw student workers in our office and helped with their evaluations
- Mentored and trained new BBA ACCT advisors that came through our department during this time
- Served as a resource for other faculty and staff on complex academic course issues
- Prepared students for interviews and recruiting through development seminar
- Coordinated with recruiters and firms to place students in a career of their interest
- Created plan of study for each student during an advising appointment to help them register for courses
- Counseled students on personal, professional, and academic issues
- Facilitated and planned firm visits to the Texas A&M campus

Senior Academic Advisor I & II, Professional Program (PPA)
Academic Advisor IV, Professional Program (PPA)

May 2010 – December 2015

- Prepared students for interviews and recruiting through development seminar
- Coordinated with recruiters and firms to place students in a career of their interest
- Created plan of study for each student during an advising appointment to help them register for courses
- Counseled students on personal, professional, and academic issues
- Facilitated and planned firm visits to the Texas A&M campus

Lecturer, Accounting Department

ACCT 321, Professional Development Seminar

Summers 2021 and 2022

- Teach ACCT 321 to students that are newly admitted into the Professional Program
- Coordinate, plan and facilitate networking events to allow students to get an accounting internship
- Bring in a variety of speakers to talk about the challenges and rewards of a career in accounting

ACCT 450/650, Accounting Ethics

July 2013 – July 2018

- Teach Accounting Ethics stacked courses, ACCT 450-501 and 650-601
- Incorporate case discussions and real-life examples of ethics to engage students
- Bring in a variety of speakers to help understand the importance of ethics

Societal Impact Statement: As an instructor and director, my goal is to support student success by developing professional interview and networking skills to help them receive the best internship and full-time job opportunities. While accounting programs are truly struggling across the nation, ours is holding steady because of the program that we have. To continue this trend, I desire to continue impactful relationships with employers to ensure our students are getting the best opportunities. I encourage students to be their true selves as they embark on the recruiting process in my seminar courses. I mentor students to help them build confidence in who they are and how they tell their story.

Becker CPA Review, College Station, TX

January 2011 – May 2015

Instructor

- Run review course for approximately 200 students on all four exam sections
- Communicate to students any new updates to material

Ernst & Young, LLP, Dallas, TX

September 2008 – May 2010

Audit Experienced Associate, Assurance Services

Industry Experience: Technology, Healthcare, and Communications

- Promoted to Senior Associate a year in advance on a public and private engagement and became responsible for supervising 2 to 3 Staff members, coordinating with audit Managers and audit Partners, and managing day-to-day activities for engagements which included completing projects timely and within budget.

- Performed annual audits and quarterly reviews of public and private companies which include completing Sarbanes-Oxley 404 internal control and compliance testing.
- Built strong relationships with all clients and made a strong effort to understand their needs.
- Provided regular performance feedback on engagement team members including Staff and Managers.

Recruiter

- Active member of core recruiting team for Southern Methodist University and University of Texas at Dallas
- Host for seven different Ernst & Young office visits where prospective students go through the interview process
- Organized recruiting events and was heavily involved in intern selection process
- Involved in making presentations to students about being an associate at Ernst and Young

Audit Intern, Assurance Services

Spring 2007

- Completed internal control and compliance testing
- Performed substantive testing of various accounts including cash and accounts payable
- Communicated audit findings with audit team members

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- APT to LEAD program – selected as 1 of 20 APT faculty members to participate in leadership program, Spring 2023
- American Accounting Association Member, Fall 2022 – Present
- American Accounting Association, Leadership in Accounting Education Section Member, Fall 2022 – Present
- GALA (Graduate Accounting Leaders Association) Member, Fall 2022 – Present
- Aviles - Johnson Fellowship Program Application Review Committee, Spring 2023
- Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Alumni Advisory Council Member, Fall 2011 - Present
- Faculty Advisor for Aggie Belles Women Organization, Fall 2012 – Present
- Mays Staff Council Member, Spring 2011 – Fall 2015
- Mays Communications Committee Member, Fall 2011 – Spring 2015
- Mays Assessment and Curriculum Committee Member, Fall 2015 – Fall 2018
- Faculty Advisor for Chara Christian Dance Company, Fall 2011 – Spring 2021
- MSC Fall Leadership Retreat Small Group Leader, Summer 2012, 2013, 2014
- BCAP Program Presenter, Summer 2012
- Fish Camp Support Staff Member, Summer 2011
- Texas A&M BCAP Mentor through Ernst & Young - Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

AWARDS

- James Benjamin Department of Accounting Hero of the Semester Award, Fall 2020
- President's Award for Academic Advising, 2017
- Mays Star Performer Award, 2012 and 2016
- Mays Outstanding Staff Award, 2013

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Junior League of Bryan College Station, Fall 2014 – May 2019
- Finance Committee, FBC Bryan, Spring 2014 – Spring 2016
- Small Group Leader, First Baptist Church of Bryan, Fall 2010 – Fall 2013
- Mary Branch Elementary School Tutor – HOSTS program – Fall 2011 – Spring 2014
- Bohman Elementary Reading Buddies – Fall 2015 - Present