

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT - MARC GIULLIAN

As part of the parent's breakfast during new student orientation, parents are asked to come to the microphone and share "their story" about why their son or daughter chose MSU. At this year's breakfast on Thursday, August 23rd there was an amazing story from a New Hampshire mother.

When considering where to go to college her son was giving serious consideration to the MSU accounting program. During the time they were researching MSU, they contacted Marc Giullian to get more information. It took some time but eventually the decision was made to come to MSU.

They were not able to find two plane tickets to fly to Bozeman on the same flight, so, they booked tickets with different airlines with similar arrival times. Unfortunately, the mother's flight was delayed and it was clear that she would be stranded in Denver over night. She left a pleading voice mail message with Marc, asking if he would make arrangements to have someone pick up her son and take him to a local motel.

When her plane landed in Denver she checked her cell phone and found two voice messages waiting for her. One was from her son indicating that he was just boarding his plane in Minneapolis and was headed for Bozeman, and was wondering what their plans would be. The second message was from Marc indicating that he and his wife would be picking up her son and taking him home with them for the night--no point in spending your first night in Bozeman alone in a motel room. She quickly dialed her son's cell phone number and found that he was on the ground in Bozeman and was waiting for his luggage with the Giullians. Marc and Marianne Giullian had prepared a sign with the student's name, met him at the airport, put him up for the night, fed him breakfast and took him to the dorms to get him checked in.



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CHRISTENSEN AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS HONOR FROM THE AMERICAN TAXATION ASSOCIATION

Anne Christensen was awarded the 2007 Outstanding Service Award by the American Taxation Association (ATA) at this year's national meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

This is a very prestigious award within the ATA, the premiere professional organization for tax accounting professors. The Outstanding Service Award is only given to people who have served the organization in an exemplary fashion for many years and this achievement award brings national recognition to Anne and Montana State University.

Anne has been a long-time member of the ATA, serving as the President from 2001-2002, after serving as President-Elect and Vice President. Christensen has also twice served as ATA Trustee. Those who have served on the board with her describe her as "extremely well organized, thorough, efficient, prompt, and considerate." She has been on the Editorial Review Board for The Journal of the American Taxation Association (JATA) and has long served as an Ad Hoc Reviewer for JATA. Christensen has chaired numerous committees and has been a panel member five times at the ATA Midyear Meetings. Her research has been published in journals such as JATA, Issues in Accounting Education, and The Tax Advisor.

Christensen became a part of the Montana State University College of Business Accounting faculty in 2002 and has since contributed in great part to many of the College's academic programs. Similar to her work with the ATA, Anne has served on numerous university committees such as the Strategic Initiatives Committee, Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Accounting Search Committee. She has also been a faculty advisor and Director for various accounting programs. With her taxation specialization, Christensen has maintained and continued to develop the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistant) program, which provides income tax help to students and lower income Montana residents.



Commencement Ceremony Awards

Anne Christensen, professor of accounting, received the **Dean's Award for Outstanding Performance in Service**.

Micki Munro, adjunct instructor of accounting, received the **Dean's Award for Outstanding Performance in Teaching**. Both these awards are faculty selected.

Christie Johnson, associate professor of accounting, received the **Anna K. Fridley Distinguished Teaching Award** presented by the Phi Kappa Phi honorary. This prestigious award is given annually to one or two persons at the MSU campus. The staff, faculty and students nominate a person whom they feel demonstrates distinguished teaching and the winner is selected by the Phi Kappa Phi President and anonymous committee members.

Bonita Peterson-Kramer, professor of accounting, received the **Scott and Barbara Heck Faculty Scholar Award**. This award supports the recipient's outstanding teaching performance and fosters the sharing of educational experience with students.

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THE WAY BACK HOME

Ever thought about returning to Montana? The Montana Society of CPAs has launched a new website called Montanaconnection.org. It's a site dedicated to connecting Montana employers with Montana graduates. As a job seeker you can post your resume, browse job openings, set up search criteria for jobs and receive emails when jobs that match your criteria are posted and you can save job postings for later consideration . . . all for FREE! The site also has great information about working and living in Montana. Go to www.montanaconnection.org and find your way back home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are there things that you know now... that you wish you would have known when you were an accounting student? Here's your chance to help! We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to answer questions from students who are considering accounting as an option. If you would like to share your wisdom with the future accountants, we would like to hear from you! We will post a general e-mail address for students to send their questions and contact information on the accounting website (www.montana.edu/acctg). Then we will forward their requests directly to you. What a great way to stay connected with the incoming generation! If you would like to volunteer, send an e-mail to dschmidt@montana.edu.

BETA ALPHA PSI

The Eta Chi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi with Christie Johnson, advisor, has had yet another successful 2006-2007 academic year. The Beta Alpha Psi Board of Directors have recognized our chapter internationally as a "Superior Chapter." This designation is a significant accomplishment. Under the leadership of Christie Johnson, Eta Chi has far exceeded the minimum requirements of Beta Alpha Psi, and has excelled in the areas of academics, professionalism and leadership.

Calendar of Events:

- **November 10:** MSU\PSU Football with Alumni Event in Portland
- **November 15-16:** Accounting Advisory Board
- **November 18:** Cat/Griz football
- **April 1:** Entrepreneur Day
- **April 18-19:** Women's Circle of Excellence event

SAVE THE DATE!

Professor Spotlight: Micki Munro, MSU College of Business



Micki Munro, an MSU College of Business alumna and CPA, returned to the university as an adjunct instructor in 2004. She currently teaches Principles of Accounting I and II and is the co-chair of the College of Business Women's Circle of Excellence.

Following Micki's graduation in 1995 with a B.S. in Accounting, and the completion of the MPac program in 1997, she worked as a staff accountant at Galusha, Higgins and Galusha. She also served as the Controller for Yellowstone Harley Davidson. When the opportunity arose to return to MSU, she jumped at the chance. "I had such a positive experience while attending classes at Montana State University. I'm delighted to be able to give back to the current students. I find teaching an incredibly rewarding career."

Besides her involvement as an accounting instructor, Micki has also given back to the College of Business through charitable contributions. While a student at MSU, she was one of the annual College of Business scholarship winners. As an instructor,

Micki was invited back to the annual scholarship dinner as the night's guest speaker in 2006. She was also there as a scholarship donor.

During her speech, she told the students, parents, faculty, and scholarship donors she had come "full circle," with the College. It all started with one scholarship. Munro concluded her speech that night by explaining how she completed the circle. Out of appreciation for that scholarship which impacted her in such a positive way, she and her husband in turn set up a scholarship. She said, "I wanted to help make a difference in other students' lives." She continued, "Without a doubt, the joy I receive from awarding this scholarship far surpasses that joy I felt 12 years ago when I received my scholarship."

Her words and actions have impacted those attending. That year the recipient of the new Munro Scholarship was Gillian Erlandson, an accounting student similar to Micki not that long ago. Gillian has now set up her own scholarship through the College of Business. This is just one example of how Micki has positively affected the students and the College.

Help Us Find Missing Alumni

Can you help us located these lost alumni? The following is a list of Accounting graduates for whom our alumni office has no current contact information.

If you know where to find anyone on this list, please email: accountingalum@montana.edu.

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| Mrs. Karen Kay Clark '81 | Ms. Donna M. Hausler '98 |
| Mr. David M. Trippe '83 | Mrs. Heather R. King '96 |
| Mr. Ronald J. Ahlers '76 | Mr. Kwan Ming Wong '81 |
| Ms. Elizabeth Kaufmann '01 | Mrs. Kim Halstead Blascoe '88 |
| Mr. Scott A. Fritz '91 | Ms. Misha A. Siemens '97 |
| Mrs. Zoe A. Palczewski '81 | Mr. Floyd M. Adkins '90 |

We Want to Hear From You!

Tell us your success story and we'll try to include it in a future *4th Floor Footnotes*. Make sure to include your degree and the year you graduated as well as your career path up to this point.

E-mail: accountingalum@montana.edu

This is a great way for us to all stay connected and we really value your contributions.



Women's Circle of Excellence

Mentoring, Inspiring, Networking, and Educating...

On April 18-19, 2008, the Women's Circle of Excellence is excited to present "Links of a Lifetime" a forum designed to link College of Business women alumnae of all ages with the vision to promote leadership through mentoring, inspiring, networking, and educating. This premier event will include keynote speakers, workshops, and an evening of entertainment provided by the national comedy group, Broad Comedy. For more information, please contact Kapri Byrne (kbyrne@azworld.com) or Micki Munro (mmunro@montana.edu).

The Montana State University College of Business Women's Circle of Excellence mission is to enhance and enrich the lives of our women alumnae by opening doors for mentoring and networking, while creating educating and inspiring opportunities for women by women.

College of Business Alumni - Share your experience and knowledge

Alumni, we need your help to bring real-world knowledge and experiences into our accounting courses! The professors and students benefit from guest speakers to touch on various topics covered in accounting courses. See a list of topics below for which presenters are needed, or if you have something else to share, let the professors know as they may be able to include it in their course work!

Topic	Course	Professor
Activity Based Costing	Cost/Management Accounting	Priscilla Wisner
Auditing - Current Issues	Auditing	Bonita Peterson-Kramer
Business Valuation	Advanced Accounting	Christie Johnson
Capital Budgeting Analysis	Cost/Management Accounting	Priscilla Wisner
Choice of Entity	Advanced Accounting	Christie Johnson
Customer Profitability Analysis	Cost/Management Accounting	Priscilla Wisner
Due Diligence	Advanced Accounting	Christie Johnson
Estate Tax Planning	Estate and Gift Taxation	Robyn Jarnagin
Fraud - Current Issues	Auditing & Fraud Investigation	Bonita Peterson-Kramer
Stock Options	Accounting Theory	Marc Giullian
Ssystems/Technology Issues	Accounting Information Systems	Dennis Schmidt
Tax Research in Practice	Tax Research	Anne Christensen
Variable Interest Entitites	Advanced Accounting	Christie Johnson

An up to date topic list and faculty director is maintained on the MSU accounting program web site at the following web site: www.montana.edu/acct/guest-speaker.