2013 Scholarship Banquet

Dean Kregg Aytes Tells Students About the Importance of Scholarships

At the 2013 Scholarship Banquet, the Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship (JJCBE) gave roughly 136 scholarships and awards for students majoring in business options for the 2013-2014 academic year. The scholarships, announced Tuesday, April 23 at the banquet, were provided through endowments and funds established to grant financial aid to students enrolled in the JJCBE. Approximately 250 people, including family and friends, attended the event.

Dr. Kregg Aytes, the dean of the College, was the keynote speaker for the event. He talked to the audience about the numerous scholarships that were awarded that night and how the recipients could take responsibility to make Montana State University an even better place while they are here.

“You owe it to your fellow students, as well as those that made college a possibility for you, including your family members and the donors,” said Aytes. “How do you do that? You do it by creating a vibrant, exciting place to learn. And how do you do that? By truly engaging in the learning experience. Don’t just ask “what’s on the test,” but rather, find connections among things, ask questions, help your classmates, and in general, take responsibility for your learning and performance and demand that your fellow students do the same.”

Aytes ended, “We want you all to have a memorable experience here at MSU. It’s up to you to make it that way and to expect your fellow students to do the same. And maybe some years from now, you’ll be sitting here as one of the donors, glad that you gave these years your best effort.”

If you would like more information about JJCBE scholarships, please contact Halina Rickman at hrickman@montana.edu or 406-994-4423.

Four Business Seniors Honored at 31st Annual Awards for Excellence with Mentors

Forty of Montana State University’s top seniors and their faculty or staff mentors were recognized Tuesday, February 19, at the 31st annual Awards for Excellence banquet held on the MSU campus.

The MSU Alumni Foundation and the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the banquet. Honored students were nominated by faculty in their college or department and had at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, as well as demonstrated campus leadership and community service.

Anna Adolphson, a business accounting major, was one of seven seniors awarded the Torlief “Torley” Aasheim Community Involvement Awards, the top award for student service.

Adolphson is also a member of the Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants. She has also been an officer in Beta Alpha Psi, a national accounting club, and she co-taught MSU’s freshman business seminar as a student associate. Adolphson has volunteered through VITA, a program that is designed to assist people who may find it difficult to pay for tax preparation services. She has also participated in Relay for Life.

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The award-winning students selected mentors who were also honored with them at the event.

The JJCBE students and mentors who were honored at the banquet were:

Shaina Adami, marketing/management, Stillwater, MN / Craig Ehlert
Anna Adolphson, accounting, Hamilton, MT / Anne Christensen
David Albright, finance, Bozeman, MT / Gary Caton
Amanda Powell, accounting, Seattle, WA / Angela Woodland

Please note: Every effort has been made to include each student and academic group or club selected for an award. If your name has been inadvertently omitted or misspelled, please accept our sincere apologies.
Every year, the College of Business (CoB) recognizes students and faculty in the spring for their accomplishments throughout the year.

Four students, one in each option, were awarded the Dean’s Award for Excellence during the graduation celebration on Friday, May 3, 2013. Award recipients were chosen by the faculty.

- Accounting Option: Alyssa Sipes
- Finance Option: Amanda Johnson
- Management Option: Lynnea Nelson
- Marketing Option: Hunter Metcalf

This year, six professors received honors, based on outstanding performances in teaching, research and service. Some of the awards, provided through endowment programs, give faculty members financial resources for scholarly and pedagogical development.

Brent Rosso, assistant professor of management, received the Thomas Nopper Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is given annually to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the teaching mission of the CoB.

This year’s recipient for the Joe and Sharlene Loendorf Excellence in Teaching Award was Graham Austin, assistant professor of marketing. This award is given annually to a faculty member who has made an impact through successful teaching and mentoring of students.

CoB colleagues selected the following faculty members for special performance recognition awards:

- Dean’s Award for Outstanding Performance in Teaching: Greg Durham, associate professor of finance
- Dean’s Award for Outstanding Performance in Research: Laura Black, associate professor of management
- Dean’s Award for Outstanding Performance in Service: Frank Kerins, associate professor of finance

The CoB senior students voted on the most prestigious faculty award. They selected Gary Bishop, associate teaching professor of management, to receive the Gary K. Bracken Student’s Choice for Excellence in Teaching.
Forty-First Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

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Jim Alderson Entrepreneur Scholarships
Paul Quigley, Sydnee Tobiason and presenter Scott Bryant

Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co. Scholarship
Samantha Ince with presenter Bill Mills

Armistead International Study Scholarship
Presenter Kristi Mills with Molly McCabe

U1 Gaming Scholarship
Robert Lawson with presenter Mike Eide

Mary F. Bennett Scholarship
Presenter Mike Gold with Daigen Afdahl
Beta Alpha Psi & MSU Accounting Scholarship
Presenter Perry Solheim with Renee Waterland

Big Sky ACFE Scholarship
Darcy Blanksma with presenter Tom Gibson

Big Sky Western Bank Scholarship
Presenter Mike Money with Josh Wike

John W. Blankenhorn Scholarship
Luke Benz *in absentia

The Boeing Business Scholarship
Presenter Eric Smith with Kevin Peterson

Mike Bowen Memorial Scholarship
Caroline Benson *in absentia
Donald Bullock Memorial Scholarship
(Back): Lyndsie Berens, Madison Cebuhar and Kaci Shea
(Front): Erin Baragar, Muriah Stahl and presenter Brent Rosso

CoB Board of Advisors Scholarships
Scott Kundert with presenter Alan Kahn

Gary K. Bracken International Study & Gary K. Bracken Scholarships
(Back): Tevis Goolsby, Rachel Hancock, Abigail Lair and Ryan White
(Middle): Arnie Kleinsasser, Jodie Lindgren and Carlee Bracken
(Front): Natalie Dodge, Zakir Afridi, Garrett Bracken and Dottie Bracken

David and Tanya Cameron Scholarship
Joshua Hamilton and presenter Mike Shaw

Gil Crain Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Christie Johnson with Luke Arbib
Eide Bailly LLP Consultants/CPAs Scholarship
Katrin Locke with presenter Eric Roberts

D.A. Davidson Scholarship
Presenter Ron Matelich with Todd Brunner

Burke & Rena Dambly Business Scholarship
Robert Atwood with presenter Marc Giullian

Eide Bailly LLP Consultants/CPAs Scholarship
Katrin Locke with presenter Eric Roberts

American Bank/Carolyn Erickson Finance Scholarships
(Back): Amber Stenson and Brit Kessner
(Front): Todd Brunner, Wade McAlpine, Elizabeth Van Dyke with presenter Tyler Erickson

Joseph Eve CPAs Scholarship
Presenter Blakely Threadgill with Amanda Powell
Farmer Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Brianna Taylor

Friends of the Open Classic Golf Tournament Scholarship
Heather Ridley, presenter Julie Kostelecky and Emily Allen

Galuscha, Higgins & Galusha Scholarship
Presenter Kyle Viste with Heidi Balus

Russell B. Hart Memorial Scholarship
Nethia Lavering with presenter Tim Alzheimer

Harold & Reta Haynes Student Mentoring Scholarship
Kristin Laird with presenter Harry Benham
Russell B. Hart Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Nethia Lavering with presenter Tim Alzheimer

KPMG LLP Scholarship
Presenter Nate Jeppson with Elisa Canevascini and Leah Richards

Scott & Barbara Heck Scholarship
Presenter Angela Woodland with Katrin Locke

Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens (JCCS) Scholarship
Kimberly Graffel, presenter Morgan Scarr and Anna Swoboda

KPMG LLP Scholarship
Presenter Nate Jeppson with Elisa Canevascini and Leah Richards

J & H Office Supply Scholarship
Presenter Brent Rosso with Natalie Dodge

Howard Kelsey Scholarship
Edward Lally and presenter Kelly Kelsey
Neil Klusmann Memorial Scholarship
Mikaleen Lowe and presenter Dan Klusmann

Harvey A. Larson Scholarship
Joseph Fauth with presenter Tim Alzheimer

James & Margaret Lyons Scholarship
Presenter Linda Ward with Jordan Feldkamp

Mary Elizabeth McClure Memorial Scholarship
George McClure, Berthiaume Lord and presenter Marta Yellin

Mike McCue Memorial Scholarship
Bradley McClelland *in absentia

Montana Bankers Association 25 Year Club Scholarship
Jacob Bourdow *in absentia
The new Jabs Hall at Montana State University will help mold Montana’s future entrepreneurs, according to Kregg Aytes, dean of the MSU Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship (JJCBE).

“The building will shape our behavior, and we will become more collaborative and innovative,” said Aytes, who was one of several officials who spoke Friday, May 3, at a groundbreaking ceremony held for the new building.

The event began with a processional of students, faculty, staff and friends from MSU and the community. The MSU Spirit Band, members of the ROTC, and horseback riders from a local drill team also participated in the event’s processional.

Jabs Hall will be the new home of the MSU JJCBE, formerly known as the MSU College of Business. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and will be completed in 2015. Both the building and the college are named for Jake Jabs, a Montana native and Montana State College alumnus who in 2011 announced a $25 million gift that will completely fund construction of the building and other programs.

Jabs’ spirit of entrepreneurship and decision to give back to students in his home state is “exciting and empowering to our students,” said Lindsay Murdock, a sociology student and president of the Associated Students of MSU, during her remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony. “We are very excited,” Murdock said.

Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian said that the building will “mean good things for students in Montana, mean good things for Montana State University, and mean good things for the state of Montana.” Montana is very fortunate to be the home state of Jake Jabs, he added.

MSU President Waded Cruzado said that the university has a “bold vision” — for its business school to be one of the best in the nation. Jabs Hall, she said, will help the university achieve that goal. Jabs himself noted that everyone needs business skills, and that there “is more need for entrepreneurs today than there has ever been.”

Jabs, 83, grew up on a farm near Lodge Grass and received a degree in vocational agriculture from Montana State College in 1952. While at Montana State, he played music with the band, was on the rodeo team and joined the ROTC. Jabs is now president and CEO of American Furniture Warehouse based in Denver. The company is one of the largest retail furniture companies in the U.S. and one of the largest privately held businesses in Colorado. Jabs credits his parents for providing him with a strong work ethic, and Jabs’ father, who had no formal education beyond the second grade, shared with Jake and his siblings his belief that education was essential.

Jabs’ $25 million gift—the largest private gift in the history of higher education in Montana—will also be used to develop new scholarships and academic programs in entrepreneurship, professional skills development, and fostering collaborative work between business students and students in other disciplines.

In addition to his $25 million gift, Jabs gave $3 million in 2010 to the MSU JJCBE for the Center for Entrepreneurship, plus additional funds for scholarships for entrepreneurship students. Of his decision to invest in education, Jabs said in a 2010 interview that, “education gives you the confidence to take risks, and to be successful in life you have to take risks.”

Others speaking at the groundbreaking event included Montana Lt. Gov. John Walsh, who said the new building will help produce the next generation of business owners, leaders and executives; and Angela McLean, chairwoman of the Montana Board of Regents, who noted that Jabs Hall and the students who take classes there will have a bright future. Michael Stevenson, president and chief executive officer of the MSU Alumni Foundation, thanked Jabs on behalf of all of MSU’s alumni.

After the prepared remarks, Jabs and the other members of the platform party ceremonially turned ground at the building site. Young children wearing T-shirts that read “I’m a future entrepreneur” helped the group break ground.
Montana Society of CPAs Scholarship
Juliann Urban and presenter Mike Williams

Elizabeth Seitz-Moyer Memorial Scholarship
Casey Moore, Marissa Riopelle, Sarah Combs and presenter Sally Richardson
Jessica Schram *in absentia

Bettie Eagle Nelson & Peggy Roman Taylor Scholarship
Sina Sandholt, Peng Min Tang and presenter Laura Black

Parent Family Association Scholarship
Larissa McCollum, Erica McKay and presenter Matt Caires

Harlan F. Patterson Scholarship
Presenter Perry Solheim with Renee Waterland and Joel Barker
Amy H. Pound Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Brenda Truman with Michael Ryan

Frank Preston Scholarship
Julie Spika, Candice Johnston, Jori Davis, Kristin Laird and presenter Chris Lamb

Jeanne M. and Harold Roby Scholarship
Cole Gibson and presenter Pat Dunn

Grace Rosness Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Anne Christensen with Jeffry Nation

Robert Simkins Memorial Scholarship
Robert Todd
Syverson Family Scholarship
The Syverson Family with Cahill Maffei

Jerry Trainer Scholarship
Tracy Kilday, presenter Steve Ault and Colleen Kinsey

US Bank Scholarship
Presenter Tanner Aasheim with Jennifer Trotter

Women’s Circle of Excellence Scholarship
Jordan Larsen with presenter Molly Mason

Jake Jabs Scholarships
(Back): Cody Casperson, Madison Cebuhar, Kathleen Chamberlin, Katherine Dawson, Corbin Hutchinson and presenter Scott Bryant. (Front): Arnie Klein-sasser, Abigail Lair, Kristin Laird, Jodan Larsen and Desirae Lindquist
Jake Jabs Scholarships
(Back): Michele McDonald, Mariah Meyer, Kevin Peterson, Paul Quigley, Derek Tilzey and presenter Gary Bishop (Front): Whitney Milo, Shayla Preeshl, Heather Ridley, Rose Smith, Jeff Teufel and Elizabeth Van Dyke

David W. And Dorothy E. Patterson Scholarships


Alex Fuller *in absentia

(Back): Jamon Knudsen, Wayde Martinson, Mariah Meyer, Thomas Mitzel, Kasey McManis, Andrew Page and presenter Jerry Carvalho (Front): Arnie Kleinsasser, Desirae Lindquist, Wade McAlpine, Amanda Neumann, Shayla Preeshl and Crystal Reichhoff

(Back): Tyler Reichhoff, Cain Rinehart, Cassie Schnittgen, Leighton Seder, Kaci Shea, Mariah White and presenter Greg Durham (Front): Alyssa Sipes, Muriah Stahl, Amber Stenson, Jennifer Trotter, Jacque Walters and Katrina Wilhelm
2013 Special Awards

Alfred L. Day Academic Excellence Award
Presenter Chris Lamb with Alyssa Sipes

Dean’s Award for Excellence - Graduate
Presenter Anne Christensen with Molly Zander

Montana Society of CPAs Medallion Award
Presenter Mike Williams with Katie Majerus

Bracken Professionalism Award
Dotty Bracken with Mikaleen Lowe and Carlee & Garrett Bracken

Harrington’s Bottling Company Student Mentorship Award in Honor of Bob Arrotta
Arnie Kleinsasser with presenter Scott Leese
Student Success in Competitions

**Students Impress Judges with Comprehensive Advertising Campaign**

Calling themselves Caldera Collective, sixteen MSU College of Business and College of Arts & Architecture graphic design students spent two semesters creating a brilliant advertising campaign which earned them 2nd place honors at the regional National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC) in Boise, Idaho this April. Moriah Ellig, an MSU graphic design student, won the best female presenter award, and the MSU team won the award for the best guerrilla marketing idea.

The team of students presented this extensive advertising campaign to a panel of judges, consisting of professionals in the communications industry, during the competition in Boise. Other schools represented at the competition included Boise State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Idaho State University, Portland State University, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, and Washington State University.

**Accounting Students Place 3rd in Best Practices Competition**

The Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) team comprised of five accounting students (L-R): Alyssa Sipes, Caitlin Kilroy, Renee Waterland, Anna Adolphson, and Amanda Powell traveled to Denver, Colorado on March 22-23 for the annual BAP Rocky Mountain Regional Conference.

They competed and placed third in the Best Practices Competition in the "Inspiration" category. The team developed an inspirational, creative, and fun "Careers in Accounting” presentation geared for high school seniors in under-served communities. The JJCBE students competed against accounting students from University of New Mexico, Utah Valley University, BYU, University of Utah, and Fort Lewis College.

For full stories, please see: [www.montana.edu/cob/bracken/studexcel.htm](http://www.montana.edu/cob/bracken/studexcel.htm)
Three Montana State University (MSU) teams qualified for, and competed in the John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition, in Missoula, on May 16. The three teams represented MSU well, presenting their business plans in front of hundreds of people including venture capitalists and investors, business leaders, and other business students from around the state. Alex Crosby and Tim Reusch, both students in the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship (JJCBE), presented their business plan for Babylon Produce, a hydroponic heirloom tomato facility, and came away from the competition with several awards. They placed third, out of 37 undergraduate and graduate teams and go to Denver, Colorado as one of six finalists for the 12th Annual Bard Center for Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition on June 18.

The other two teams also presented well at the competition. Blaine Towels, pursuing a B.S. in film making, and minoring in entrepreneurship and small business management, presented a plan for “Magpie,” a fictional movie about the Bakken Oil Fields. Don Powell, pursuing a B.S. in psychology, and minoring in entrepreneurship and small business management, pitched his idea for SIR, which stands for safe, independent and reliable, a rental property software company.

Crosby and Reusch, with a compelling business idea and persuasive presentation, also took home the People’s Choice Award, given to the team with the highest score from the audience, as well as the Environmental and Social Responsibility Award. The latter is awarded to the team that best incorporates the concepts of social responsibility, sustainability, and environmental conscientiousness. The winner of this award demonstrates the opportunity for economic prosperity with a business model that includes a focus on both profitability and these social and environmental concerns. In addition, Reusch was presented the Brandon Speth Award, which recognizes the individual student who exhibits the passion, poise, and charisma to successfully launch a new venture. In all, the duo walked away with $5,000.

Both Crosby and Reusch were a part of the JJCBE’s BMGT 491 Advanced Business Planning course, taught by Tim Lolatte. The two students met each other in class; both were interested in renewable and sustainable means of doing business, which led them to team up for the business plan project. Reusch, currently pursuing a masters in Health and Human Development with an emphasis on Sustainable Food Systems, and Crosby, an undergraduate marketing student, with a minor in entrepreneurship and small business management and finance, teamed up to form Babylon Produce.

The concept behind Babylon Produce is to build a year-round, hydroponic heirloom tomato production facility that will fulfill the demand for locally grown, high quality produce. This facility would provide locally grown, fresh tomatoes during the long Montana winter months, using hydroponic growing techniques. Reusch says the idea came from his personal interests in hydroponics and wanting to eat locally here in Montana. He enjoys fresh vegetables and believes there is an incredible opportunity to use this technique to meet the need for locally grown produce year-round. This idea was the basis for the business plan he and Crosby presented.

Lolatte’s course was key in preparing Reusch and Crosby for the competition. Reusch said, “It [the course] helped us combine our areas of competence into a comprehensive plan that illustrated in-depth analysis of almost every facet of the business. We also had the ability to learn a lot from the guest speakers who came in to talk about what they do, and they listened to our ideas and gave us a lot great feedback to refine our ideas and turn them into feasible business plans.”

Ultimately, all of their preparation led to the competition, which took place after the semester’s end. Crosby and Reusch described the competition as interesting, challenging and full of excitement. They also said the competition was very long, intense, and caffeine-infused, and a proverbial “emotional rollercoaster.” Crosby and Reusch enjoyed meeting the other competing teams and believed they received a very warm welcome and well wishes for their success from the other teams. Crosby and Reusch said that the opportunity to network with and receive feedback from the competition judges was incredibly valuable to them in terms of identifying the areas of strength and improvements to be made to their business plan.

Lolatte said that the evening of the competition, the three participating MSU teams displayed posters of their business plans. In a period of two hours, between 200 and 300 people saw their business ideas and each team talked to at least five people who were interested in potentially implementing their ideas and wanted to continue the conversation over the next several months. Lolatte added, “The John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition was a life changing event for Babylon Produce. With the awards they received and contacts that were made, it solidified that they had a sound business plan and their idea could turn into a future business.”

Crosby and Reusch were extremely pleased with the knowledge gained and the connections they made at the competition. They wanted to keep the large cardboard checks they were presented, but were told that these are reused every year. “It is an incredible feeling to see that so many people believe in the idea, from both a business perspective, as well as socially conscious ideological standpoint,” Reusch said. “The awards were an incredible prize for us; however we found that the ability to network and meet potential partners was ultimately the most valuable prize we could have obtained.”

For more information about the Advanced Business Plan course, please contact Tim Lolatte, timothy.lolatte@montana.edu.
Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Inducts 13 Business Students

The prestigious international honor society in business, Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), inducted 13 Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship (JJCBE) students on Thursday, April 4, in the Strand Union Building on the Montana State University (MSU) campus. Founded in 1913, only the top 10% of juniors and seniors and the top 20% of the graduate accounting students in the Masters in Professional Accountancy (MPAc) program are chosen as initiates to the honor society. BGS provides the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an accredited, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), undergraduate or master's program.

Dr. Susan Dana, BGS advisor, welcomed everyone to the induction luncheon and then introduced the 2012 BGS officers who brought the initiates were brought to the front of the room for the induction ceremony. President Lauren Jackson, VP of Membership, Marci Kolar, and VP of Programs, Kaci Shea talked to the initiates about what BGS stands for and what it means to be a member of the society. Initiates recited the member's oath, received their certificates and pins, and were inducted into the society.

Next, the Beta Gamma Sigma Professor of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Anne Christensen, professor of accounting. Before joining MSU in 2002, she taught at Portland State University for 13 years. Christensen teaches both undergraduate and graduate accounting courses, is currently the director of the Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAc) program, and the director of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. She is the past president of the American Taxation Association. Christensen’s research has been published in journals such as The Journal of the American Taxation Association, Issues in Accounting Education, and The Tax Adviser. Christensen is a mentor for many accounting students, and has been awarded numerous teaching awards while at MSU.

The BGS Chapter Honoree, Alan Kahn, was recognized next. Kahn, an entrepreneur and member of the JJCBE National Board of Advisors, has also played an instrumental role in the planning of the new business building. Kahn congratulated all the nominees on their achievements before sharing some wisdom from his life experiences. He spoke to the inductees about community involvement, public service, professional service, volunteerism, and citizenship—regardless of which term used—and its importance. He further described this service as the giving of one’s time, talents, and money to make life better for oneself and those one cares for. Kahn gave examples of how service has benefitted him in life—including meeting his wife.

He concluded by giving three reasons why he and his wife have been so involved in service: the practical, the personal or altruistic, and the obligatory. He elaborated by saying that the practical reason for service is that “you will meet a lot of people you might not otherwise encounter in your work or family life and you learn more about your community. It’s not what you know, but who you know!” Kahn said. “The smart person knows everything, the wise one knows everyone.” He described the personal reasons for service as “having such a strong belief in a cause or activity that you want to contribute your time and/or money. The practical return to you may not be great, but the personal satisfaction can be enormous,” Kahn said.

His final point related to obligatory or citizenship motivation for being involved in the community. He said to the crowd, “There really are no free lunches, and each of us has benefitted from the work or contributions of others in so many aspects of our lives and where we live. In return, don’t we owe them, and others that follow us, some pay-back and some of the same opportunities and benefits? I truly believe that we do.”

After sharing wisdom about service with the inductees, Kahn said there was only one question remaining: “How do you get involved or started?” He told the inductees that as members of BGS, they have already shown that they know how. He then asked: “Just in case there’s any questions about the easiest and most certain way to get involved, let me see a show of hands of everyone here who at least thinks they have done something at any time that would be considered community service.” The entire room turned into a sea of raised hands. “There it is. It’s that easy. Just raise your hand, or offer to help, and you’ll have all the opportunities you can imagine!”

2013 BGS INDUCTEES
Masters: Robert Atwood, Nancy Giddings, and Katie Majerus
Seniors: Elise Canevascini, Sara Cochenet, Amanda Johnson*, Robert Lawson, and Muriah Stahl
Juniors: Todd Brunner, Madison Cebuhar, Sarah Combs, Megan McGlone, and Amber Stenson

* in absentia
Accounting Student, Amanda Powell, Receives Prestigious National Scholarship

Amanda Powell, an accounting student, has been awarded a prestigious Ritchie-Jennings Memorial scholarship for $5,000 from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). These scholarships are based on overall academic achievements, an essay and three letters of recommendation.

Only 30 U.S. and international student scholarships are awarded each year; one $10,000, two $5,000, and 23 $1,000. The $5,000 scholarship is the highest amount any Montana State University (MSU) College of Business (CoB) student has ever received.


The ACFE is an anti-fraud organization working to reduce business fraud worldwide and inspire public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the anti-fraud profession. They support the education of students worldwide enrolled in accounting, business, finance and criminal justice who wish to pursue a career in fraud examination or a similar anti-fraud profession. For more information, go to www.acfe.com.

Two Business Students Receive Awards at the Day of Student Recognition

A number of MSU students were honored this spring at the 90th annual Day of Student Recognition. The event, through the Office of Student Activities and Engagement, recognizes students who are outstanding in the areas of service and leadership. Two College of Business students received top honors.

Erika McKay, a finance student from Sandpoint Idaho, and Daigen Afdahl, an accounting student from Ellsworth, WI, were both awarded the Outstanding Sophomore Award.

This recognition is given to one woman and one man based upon leadership and service to Montana State University.