A Note From the Chair

Greetings to our alumni and friends of LSU’s Department of Accounting, and thanks for all of the support that you provide to our students and faculty. I have settled into my position following my first year, and please be assured that LSU is still the best place on earth.

In this issue of Tiger Tactics, we will update you with Department of Accounting news that spotlights students, alumni, and faculty, and highlights special events and accomplishments. This will be a particularly busy year for me, as I have assumed the role of president of the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA). The LCPA is the largest accounting organization in Louisiana with approximately 7,300 members (many who are LSU alumni). I have begun visiting the various LCPA chapters around the state, in addition to my role serving on the state Board of Directors.

Of course, our goal is to always focus our lives on our students and alumni by keeping current in the accounting field through research and maintaining a close relationship with the accounting profession and the rest of the business world. Like you, we are proud of LSU, and as Louisiana’s flagship university, we strive to offer the best, most relevant accounting education. Our accounting enrollments continue to rise, and it is unbelievable how quickly our students are being hired (most prior to graduation). Recruiters from public accounting firms and large international companies are serious about LSU’s accounting graduates, and LSU is a Priority University for Big-Four, international accounting firms in terms of recruitment.

We hope that this issue of Tiger Tactics will provide you with what’s happening in your alma mater. Please also visit our website (business.lsu.edu/accounting) for more information, and remember that you can reach us at accounting@lsu.edu or 225-578-6202.

Best Regards,

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MEET THE NEW PhD STUDENTS

DAN SHAW
EDUCATION: Shaw earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from Sam Houston State University. He is also a CPA.
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Shaw is interested in auditing research, particularly within the field of public accounting.
INTERESTING FACTS: Shaw has been playing guitar for twenty years! He is an amateur singer, a painter, and a magician.
FUTURE GOALS: Shaw would like to become a published professor and teach for a prestigious university. He hopes to inspire students to develop a passion for learning.

ALLEN RYAN
EDUCATION: Ryan received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Georgia. He then earned a master’s in finance from Indiana University and a master’s in accounting from the University of Connecticut.
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Ryan would like to research accounting questions and topics related to international business and commerce.
INTERESTING FACTS: Ryan both lived and worked in Western Europe for several years and remains very interested in international events.
FUTURE GOALS: Ryan would like to continue teaching and contribute to the body of research on international accounting and its importance in the global economy.

LAURA ALFORD
EDUCATION: Alford earned her bachelor’s degree at Louisiana College and her master’s at LSU.
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Alford is interested in financial accounting, corporate governance, capital, and bond markets.
INTERESTING FACTS: Alford is the author of Chimera, Book 1 of The Mythos Adventure Series (a science fiction series for young adults.) She likes to read, hike, cycle, garden, dance, scuba, and attend swim meets and football games.
FUTURE GOALS: Alford hopes to finish her current personal (fiction series) and professional (obtain PhD) projects and move on to the next set of challenges.

JEANNE-CLAIRE WHITE
EDUCATION: White received her bachelor of science in business administration from Appalachian State University and her master’s in accounting from LSU. She is also a licensed CPA in North Carolina.
RESEARCH INTERESTS: White is interested in audit and forensics accounting.
INTERESTING FACTS: White loves running, specifically marathons and trail running.
FUTURE GOALS: White hopes to continue studying and researching.

PHD STUDENT AWARDED BARNIDGE FELLOWSHIP
JEANNE-CLAIRE WHITE
“I am honored to receive the Barnidge Fellowship. It was a difficult decision for me to decide to come back to school and study to earn my doctorate,” White said. “However, my professors from undergrad and graduate school were supportive of me and offered great advice. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to study at LSU and make a difference for students in the future. The Barnidge Fellowship eases the financial strain of being a student, and I am very grateful for receiving it.”

This past academic year, we had five graduates from our PhD program: Gina Cavalier-Rosa, Dan Eshleman, Robert Hogan, Shanshan Pan, and Andrey Simonov. Cavalier-Rosa was placed at the University of New Orleans; Eshleman was placed at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma; Hogan was placed at Charleston College in Charleston, South Carolina; Pan was placed at University of Houston – Clear Lake in Houston, Texas; and Simonov was placed at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. One other student, Peng Guo, successfully defended her dissertation and is ready to graduate in December 2014.

The Institute of Internal Auditors honored LSU Center for Internal Auditing alumnus Andrew Carmichael with the Esther R. Sawyer Research Award at its seventy-third IIA International Conference held in London last June. Carmichael, who earned his bachelor’s degree in finance last May and was an honors student, is the fourth consecutive LSUCIA alumnus, sixth overall, to earn this international award.

“I had a wonderful time in London at the IIA International Conference,” Carmichael said. “I am very grateful to both the institute and LSU CIA for the opportunity to participate in the Sawyer contest. I am glad we were able to maintain the strong LSU tradition, with both this contest and the award fellow alumnus Laust Helmig received.”

Helmig, who graduated in 2011, earned IIA’s Glenn E. Sumners Student Highest Achievement Award, which IIA presented to him in June. He is the nineteenth LSUCIA alumni to receive the award.

According to IIA, the annual Esther R. Sawyer Research Award from the IIA Research Foundation is granted to an individual currently enrolled by September 1 in an undergraduate or graduate-level program in internal auditing at an Internal Auditing Education Partnership university. Individuals who have completed their coursework in an internal auditing program at an IAEP university by March 30 of the submission year are also welcome to participate. The award is based on submission of an original manuscript on a specific topic related to modern internal auditing. The 2014 competition topic involved describing primary organizational stakeholders, defining a successful chief audit executive, and determining an essential skillset to yield a high probability of success.

Carmichael received a $5,000 cash award and an expense-paid trip to London for the conference. Additionally, IIA awarded LSUCIA $3,000.

Laust Helmig, who earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business in 2011, is the nineteenth alumni of the LSU Center for Internal Auditing to be awarded the Institute of Internal Auditors’ Glenn E. Sumners Student Highest Achievement Award. Helmig, now an associate in Goldman Sachs’ Investment Management Division in New York City, received a commemorative trophy, which was presented at the IIA International Conference held last June in London.

A native of Denmark, Helmig was a member of LSU’s swimming and diving team. In 2010, the Tiger Athletic Foundation named him its Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and he twice received the Wally Pontiff Jr. Academic Excellence Award. Although Helmig took the exam as a student, IIA does not present the Student Highest Achievement Award until after those who did take the exam are awarded their certification.

“It was truly a great experience to participate in the 2014 IIA International Conference in London with world class speakers and opportunities to network with professionals from every industry from countries around the world,” Helmig said. “As a perfect conclusion to the conference, it was an honor to be one of two LSU Tigers to receive an award on stage in front of 2,000 internal audit professionals.”
LSU Center for Internal Auditing alumnai Leslie Bordelon and Laura Soileau are among the Institute of Internal Auditors’ twenty emerging profession leaders for this year. A panel of judges selected Bordelon, Soileau, and the other eighteen honorees from a pool of international candidates.

According to Glenn Sumners, director of LSUCIA, Internal Auditor magazine featured the twenty selected individuals in a piece titled “Taking the Lead.”

Bordelon graduated magna cum laude in 2006 and earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting with a concentration in internal auditing. Additionally, she completed an internship in 2005 with Houston-based Protiviti Inc., where she now works as senior manager.

“To me, ‘emerging leader’ is a title that I am very humbled and thankful to be associated with,” Bordelon said. “I have been very fortunate during my time at LSU and Protiviti to have great leaders to guide me in my career.”

Bordelon added that her definition of a good leader is someone who helps others as much as they help themselves.

“Knowledge development is key, but to set yourself apart from the pack, I feel that taking an active role in building relationships with coworkers and clients and caring about them as people is also important,” Bordelon said.

Soileau earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting and marketing from the University of Arkansas in 2000 and her master’s in accounting from LSU in 2001. In addition to being in the LSUCIA program, Soileau earned the award for the highest score on the Institute of Internal Auditors’ CIA exam.

“The LSUCIA program was the highlight of my academic career,” Soileau said. “The opportunities available to me as a result of going through the program were above and beyond my expectations.”

One hundred and twelve students in the LSU Center for Internal Auditing (LSUCIA) program participated in internships across the country last summer. The forty-eight hiring organizations that welcomed LSU students represented a variety of industries and consulting firms and had the opportunity to meet their future interns thanks to the LSUCIA Recruiters’ Night. The event, part of the Sponsors’ Internship Program, took place at the Business Education Complex and showcased both students and student organizations.

Each year, LSUCIA conducts the Sponsors’ Internship Program to assist organizations in hiring student interns. During this program, students submit résumés to companies and participate in interviews over several weeks. This year, companies conducted nearly 400 interviews.

According to Glenn Sumners, director of the Center for Internal Auditing, the students gained valuable experience in the internal auditing profession and earned three hours of credit toward the internal audit specialization from their internships. Students worked across the United States, including Baton Rouge, New Orleans, New York, Washington D.C., Houston, Atlanta, Nashville, and St. Louis. In addition, several students had the opportunity to travel internationally to Athens, Greece and Munich, Germany. Since its inception in 1985, more than 3,500 students have completed the LSU Center for Internal Auditing program and more than 2,200 students have been placed in internship positions.
Each year, the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) hosts an invitation-only gathering of educators, employers, and students from around the world. This year, students and educators from the IIA’s Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) program gathered in Orlando, Florida for a weekend session to discuss opportunities in internal auditing.

Ten students and one faculty member from the LSU Center for Internal Auditing attended the 2014 conference. LSUCIA students networked with a diverse group of students, educators, and employers, including Deloitte, KPMG, Liberty Mutual, Southwest Airlines, and Vanguard.

Eight LSUCIA students attended the MIS SuperStrategies Conference in Chicago, from April 29 – May 1, 2014. The conference focused on the topic of keeping up with the rapidly changing internal audit landscape. At the conference, the students had the opportunity to meet Richard Chambers, president and CEO of the IIA, and Joel Kramer, managing director of the Internal Audit Division for MIS Training Institute. Pictured from left to right are Maribel Castro, Alexa Becnel, Annelise Mann, Jordan Smith, Richard Chambers, Joel Kramer, Glenn Sumners, Lauren Dixon, Michaela Jones, Aimee Lu, and Eric Garcia.

The Centre for Internal Auditing Excellence at the University of Pretoria is recognized by the Institute of Internal Auditor’s Internal Auditing Education Partnership Program (IAEP) as one of only six Centers of Excellence worldwide. Two of the other five Center of Excellence programs are located in the Netherlands, with the remaining three in the United States. LSUCIA was the first of the three American Centers and is renowned in the internal auditing profession for the quality and standards of its internal auditing students.

Rudrik du Bruyn, senior lecturer and coordinator of the IAEP Centre for Internal Auditing Excellence’s Department of Auditing at UP noted that, “The Department of Auditing is proud of its longstanding and fruitful relationship with LSUCIA over the years. Our partnership includes various joint projects and active faculty and student exchanges.”

The student exchange program is made possible due to the existence of an international agreement between the two institutions.

In order to continue students’ professional development at both institutions, LSUCIA and the University of Pretoria plan to participate in a joint case study during the fall of 2014. Each case study group will be formed by members of both LSU and UP in an effort to expose students to global business relationships. Students will participate in video conferences with team members to provide solutions to the problems presented in the case study. International teambuilding activities will enhance students’ communication skills, thereby providing essential experiences for future professional success.
This past semester has been very exciting for our chapter. We would like to begin by recognizing our 2013-14 sponsors (listed below). Without their generous support, our organization would not be as successful as it is today.

During the semester, our chapter participated in various professional and community service activities. In February, the officers traveled to Beta Alpha Psi Regionals in Orlando, where they participated in Best Practices Competition and Chapter Operations Presentations and visited Disney World. While in Orlando, the officers presented our chapter’s strategic vision for the future, which is to hold our members to higher standards through professional development, community outreach, and social involvement. Although we have consistently met the requirements to obtain superior status, we believe it is important to challenge ourselves to become even better. We looked for areas of improvement and decided to focus our efforts on getting our members and candidates involved more professionally, socially, and in the community. We believe that our efforts have increased attendance at meetings and service projects, while at the same time, improving the image of Beta Alpha Psi at LSU.

We also hosted seven professional meetings, where our sponsors presented on various professional topics. This past fall and spring semesters, we welcomed sixty new candidates into our chapter.

In August, the officers attended the BAP annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. There, our chapter was designated as superior due to our members’ level of involvement in professional and service activities. Additionally, the officers participated in a Literacy Day for local elementary schools. BAP members from across the nation interacted with children by playing games and reading and distributing books to them. It was a great experience to serve the community in such a meaningful way.

Throughout the course of the year, our members participated in approximately 1,500 professional hours, as well as 900 hours of service to our community. Last semester, we held a Spring Service Day in which eighty percent of our members participated in three service events: the Susan G. Komen Race, Rockin’ at the Swamp, and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank’s Empty Bowls project.

In closing, we would like to recognize our faculty advisors – Janice Holmes and Joseph Legoria. Without their hard work and dedication to our organization, we wouldn’t be where we are today. Our chapter looks forward to another successful semester! If you have any questions or comments about the organization, please contact us through our website, bapphi.org.

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D. Larry Crumbley, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Accounting, has been recognized by the Pfeiffer University Department of Accounting and Fraud Investigation for his outstanding career in forensic and investigative accounting. He was awarded this recognition after opening its Fraud and Forensic Investigations: Lessons Learned from the Experts conference. “I was incredibly humbled by this honor,” Crumbley said.

Crumbley was also recently named to an oil spill audit panel. This three-person panel will review the settlement program from the 2010 BP oil spill by examining the work of the firms hired to audit the claims process — CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and McCladrey LLP. The panel will then make quality control recommendations to the Claims Administrator’s Office for preventing settlement payment errors.

Christine Cheng is being inducted into the Shippensburg University Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. After walking on to the swim team in 1995, Cheng became a premier distance swimmer for Shippensburg. She earned All-American honors in the 500 and 1,650-yard freestyle events, broke two school records, and earned All-Academic honors in her senior season. For her career, she was a twelve-time Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference place-winner (seven individual, five relays) and was deemed the most valuable swimmer after placing in three individual events (second in the 1,650 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle) and three relays at the conference championships in her junior season.

Dana Hollie, KPMG Peat Marwick Developing Scholar Professor in the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business Department of Accounting, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Several research publications, including the Journal of Applied Business Research, Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance, and the Journal of Accounting and Public Policy have published Hollie’s research. Hollie also received two awards during 2014, the E. J. Ourso College of Business Research Excellence Award and the Vincent C. Brenner Endowed Faculty Research Scholarship Award.

CRUMBLEY RELEASES NEW FORENSIC ACCOUNTING TEXTS

D. Larry Crumbley, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Accounting, recently co-authored Case Studies in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Auditing, published by Wolters Kluwer. The casebook aims to reach multiple levels of learning by combining short, medium, and long case studies. The casebook can either serve as a supplement to any forensic accounting or fraud examination text or as a standalone text for courses with thorough classroom material. Likewise, Case Studies may be useful for courses in audit or ethics.

Crumbley also recently coauthored the sixth edition of Forensic and Investigative Accounting, published by CCH. The text discusses the practice of forensic accounting, uncovering accounting fraud, courtroom procedures and litigation support, cybercrime, and business valuations. These concepts are explained in-depth through a series of chapter objectives, figures, tables, and illustrative examples. The text also offers practice problems at the end of each chapter for students, as well as companion guides and test banks for instructors.

The Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting

In addition to authoring casebooks and educational novels, Crumbley continues to release research through The Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting. This online journal is supported by the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business.

Volume 6, No. 2 of The Journal was recently published and contains articles regarding white-collar offenders, discovery abuse in litigation, detecting client deception, the effect of fraud on bankruptcy, the dual roles of external auditors, mortgage fraud, tax research, and much more!

The online journal is available at: bus.lsu.edu/accounting/faculty/crumbley/jia

The Bottom Line is Betrayal: Crumbley’s Thirteenth Novel Is Published

D. Larry Crumbley, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Accounting, recently released the seventh edition educational novel, The Bottom Line is Betrayal, published by Carolina Academic Press. The work blends fraud, corporate espionage, and international politics with business concepts, computer forensics, and forensic marketing. The novel’s mysterious protagonist, Moses McDonald, is an international business professor and litigation consultant who has been hired by Coca-Cola.

This thrilling novel solves problems in international settings using state-of-the-art technology. It serves as a stimulating text or supplemental material for any business course.

According to Crumbley, “the fictional business novel delves into the operation of a multinational corporation whose characters demonstrate practical applications of business concepts, computer forensics, and forensic marketing. The characters use the skills of business and technology to solve problems such as improving accounting procedures, safeguarding computer information, and analyzing the international market and general economy. Through engaging in a story about real business practices, global collaboration, and cutthroat competition, readers can effectively see the bigger picture, enabling them to resolve more complex problems, including ethical dilemmas.”

“What I’m trying to do with my novels,” Crumbley said, “is to let students know what they’re going to do when they graduate because we don’t really teach them that. In other words, I’m trying to give them an idea as to what they will be doing when they graduate and take up a job.”

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Norman Massel has joined the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business Department of Accounting. Massel, an assistant professor of accounting, has conducted research on the effect of mandatory disclosure to the Internal Revenue Service on firm value and the unintended consequences these initiatives have on small firms.

Massel’s research interests are inspired by his previous work experience in New York City with KPMG LLP as a tax accountant in its financial services division. Massel earned his PhD from the University of Connecticut. He is a member of the American Accounting Association and the American Taxation Association.
The LSU Department of Accounting had another outstanding Fraud & Forensic Accounting Conference on July 28 and 29, 2014, with 268 professionals attending. This year’s sponsors were GPS Consultants LLC, Postlethwaite & Netterville, and Horne LLP.

Twelve speakers covered a number of important topics relevant to the accounting and business profession. The behavioral and psychological sides of forensic accounting were covered by Toby Groves and Sri Ramamoorti. Groves, a researcher and consultant, outlined the fascinating psychological sciences behind organizational behavior; and professor and author Ramamoorti spoke of the behavioral side of forensic accounting with his “bad apple, bad bushel, and bad crop syndrome.”

Tim Naddy, a professor of accounting at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia, enthralled the audience with his unique discussion of “Interviewing Mechanic: What Exactly is Underneath the Interviewee’s Hood.” Scott Hilsen, director of investigation at KPMG Forensics in Atlanta, gave the practitioners tips on how to tell if someone is lying.

Skip Westfall, managing director at Grant Thornton, spoke on how organizations can prepare for cyber attacks; and Mark Anderson, CEO of AC Group Inc., provided pointers on stopping healthcare fraud.

Other speakers were Jason MacMorran, director at Postlethwaite & Netterville; Donna Torres, associate vice chancellor at LSU; Frank Panepinto, chief fraud investigator at the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions; Mark Shirley, managing partner with VSL Consulting; Ted Magee, supervisory special agent with the IRS; and Brian Andrews, assistant director of the Real Estate Research Institute and instructor in LSU’s Department of Finance.

The LSU Department of Accounting sponsored its first Tax Seminar in January 2014. More than 100 area tax professionals attended this two-day seminar. The speaker for both days was James Hasselback, PhD, a longtime academic with expertise in tax. On day one of the seminar, Hasselback covered an extensive tax update, and day two focused on the tax implications of the Affordable Care Act.
LSU has named Richard D. White Jr. as dean of the E. J. Ourso College of Business. White served as interim dean since June 8, 2012 and was the Marjory B. Ourso Professor and associate dean, as well as a professor in the Public Administration Institute and for the LSU Flores MBA Program. His appointment as dean began April 1, 2014.

“Richard White has served admirably in the role as interim dean, and we are pleased to name him dean of the E. J. Ourso College of Business,” said LSU President and Chancellor F. King Alexander.

White is well-respected among the faculty and staff in the college and across campus. With economic and workforce development being such an important issue across the state, Dean White and the faculty, staff, and students of the business college will play an ever important role in meeting those needs and helping to make Louisiana a better place to live and work.”

LSU conducted a national search for its dean, and Richard Koubek, dean of the LSU College of Engineering, served as chair of the search committee.

“It is a pleasure to announce Dr. Richard White as the dean of the E. J. Ourso College of Business,” said LSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Stuart Bell. “He has done a commendable job as interim dean since 2012, and he is the right person to continue to lead the college into the future. I’d also like to thank Dean Koubek, the search committee, and everyone who participated in the process and provided feedback on the candidates.”

White, who oversaw the college’s move to its new home in the Business Education Complex, earned his PhD in public administration from Pennsylvania State University, his MBA from Purdue University, and his bachelor’s degree in political science from Old Dominion College. He was a research fellow at Harvard University, where he studied leadership and ethics and taught a public policy seminar within Harvard’s Institute of Politics.

“LSU has a great leadership team, and I am thrilled to be part of it,” White said. “We have a bright future. The E. J. Ourso College – with its outstanding students, faculty, and supporters – will play a key, energetic role in LSU’s mission to move Louisiana ahead, spur our economy, and improve the lives of us all.”

White has published dozens of scholarly articles in prominent journals, including Public Administration Review; Policy Studies Review; Journal of Public Administration Research, and Theory; and Public Integrity.

In addition to numerous scholarly articles, he is also the author of Will Rogers: A Political Life, which has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; Kingfish: The Reign of Huey P. Long; and Roosevelt the Reformer: Theodore Roosevelt as Civil Service Commissioner, 1889-1895.

White was elected to Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration), and Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences) honorary societies. Since arriving at LSU in 1998, he has taught courses in ethics, public administration theory, human resources management, and state and local government administration. In 2001, the LSU E. J. Ourso College awarded him the Excellence in Teaching Award. Prior to his academic career, White was a senior officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.
On April 4, 2014, Doyle Z. Williams was inducted into the LSU Hall of Distinction. He received both his PhD and MS degrees from LSU in accounting.

In a distinguished career that has spanned more than forty-five years, Williams served as an accounting educator, administrator, and volunteer to numerous academic and professional organizations. He is dean emeritus of the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas and most recently served as a senior scholar in the Department of Accounting at Kennesaw State University, the fastest growing and third largest university in Georgia.

Numerous organizations have recognized Williams as a leading force in stimulating changes in accounting education and program building. He is the only recipient of the highest awards bestowed by the American Accounting Association, the Federation of Schools of Accountancy, the American Institute of CPAs, and Beta Alpha Psi; and he is only the fifth educator to receive the American Institute of CPAs Gold Medal, its highest award. Additionally, he is the only individual ever to be elected vice president of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, president of the American Accounting Association, chair of the board of directors for AACSB International, president of the Federation of Schools of Accountancy, and president of the Accounting Programs Leadership Group, which he helped establish.

Williams’ professional service has included nearly 175 committee and officer assignments; giving more than 270 presentations to international, national, and regional conferences, and to a United Nations Committee; and appearing as a speaker, advisor, or for accreditation purposes at more than 160 international and national university and college campuses. As an administrator, he led the advancement of programs at three universities.

In addition to serving as coordinator for the Area of Accounting at Texas Tech University, Williams was the founding dean of the School of Accounting at the University of Southern California. Under his guidance, the latter was ranked among the top five accounting programs in the United States. As the head of the Sam M. Walton College of Business, he turned the school into one of the most improved in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report; secured the largest gift ever to a business school; and raised more than $225 million for the college in a twelve-year period. When he retired from the University of Arkansas, the college had risen to the nation’s top 25 rankings by U.S. News & World Report.

His accomplishments have been honored by his two alma maters — Northwestern State University and LSU. In 2007, the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business inducted him into the Hall of Distinction, and he has been honored by the four universities he served. In addition, the E. J. Ourso College of Business has an endowed professorship in accounting contributed by Williams and his wife of more than forty years, Maynette, who holds a doctorate in textiles and clothing and higher education administration from Ohio State University (Doyle Z. Williams Accounting Professorship).

Williams’ humble beginnings include graduating in 1957 from Louisiana's Ajax High School in Natchitoches Parish. Seven students comprised his entire graduating class. From 1960 to 1961, he was a staff accountant with Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte) CPAs in New Orleans. More than 50 years later, his numerous articles on accounting education, six monographs tracking trends in accounting education for a quarter century, other extensive works, and his service are continuously recognized.

From 2008-2012, Williams, as executive director, helped organize and administer the $17 million Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program through the American Institute of CPAs Foundation Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program. Over a four-year period, the ADS Program placed 114 public accounting practitioners in accounting doctoral programs, helping them become professors in auditing and tax.

Seeking his expertise, in 2011, the University of Arkansas appointed him as a member of its Chancellor’s Advisory Board. In 2012, the university named him to the Chancellor’s Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Also that year, the Journal of Accountancy named him as one of the “125 People of Impact in Accounting since 1887,” and he received the Federation of Schools of Accountancy Joseph Silvoso Award for the second time for “his distinguished contributions to the Federation, the profession of accounting, and accounting education.” In August 2013, Williams was honored with the American Accounting Association’s Lifetime Service Award.

Doyle Z. Williams is an exemplary LSU alumnus, and we wish him the best in his retirement.
The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) aims to meet the needs of its professional members and build leaders that shape the future of the accounting and finance profession. NABA’s motto, “Lifting as we climb,” serves as the foundation of the LSU chapter, inspiring and encouraging its members to reach their highest potential.

During the 2013-2014 school year, our membership was the highest it has ever been. This spike in membership was the result of our efforts to reach out to students through a “refer a friend” promotion, participation in the Jumping into Business Student Organization Fair, and talking to classes. We look forward to continuing the upward trend this year by implementing more recruitment ideas.

The total membership went from twenty to twenty-eight. This past year, we had three graduates: Shakilya Gauthier (BS in accounting), Antoinette Patterson (BS in accounting), and Meiosha Sutton (MBA). Our members embody NABA’s goals through academic excellence. Some of our members were awarded scholarships for their accomplishments this year from the E. J. Ourso College of Business and the Department of Accounting.

The annual National Association of Black Accountants National Convention took place June 18-21, 2014 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C. Ten LSU students and both of our advisors, Dana Hollie and co-advisor Sean Mills, were in attendance. The theme of this year’s convention was “Embracing the past-transforming the future.” We had four members participate in the KPMG International Case Competition, and everyone attended the awards gala, national scholarship luncheon, went sightseeing, and participated in the community service project. At the national scholarship luncheon, NABA LSU was awarded the chapter of the year award in our division. Three of our members received internships for the summer of 2015 from on-site interviews at the conference. In addition, we networked and made valuable connections with other students, professional NABA members, and sponsors.

Aside from regional and national conventions, we also hold bi-weekly professional meetings, monthly member socials, an annual spring volleyball tournament, and participate in community service projects. Our sponsors play a major role in all of our events and activities, whether it be through their financial contributions to help fund certain activities or their presence at our meetings and spring event.

Our sponsors this past year were: Gold Sponsors - ConocoPhillips, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG LLP, Marathon Petroleum, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC; Purple Sponsors - Becker, Entergy, Marathon Oil, and Postlethwaite & Netterville.

“As a five-time NABA conference attendee, I still find it very valuable to attend, as there are so many professionals and students to network with,” said Kearia McCants, president of the LSU NABA chapter. “I also find it beneficial to obtain information that will help me in my transition from student to professional.”
On November 15, 2013, LSU’s Department of Accounting hosted the third annual International Business Forum at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge. Through the combined efforts of Perry Leslie from KPMG LLP and Laura Wiley from the Department of Accounting, the event was a great success. Sponsors included KPMG LLP, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC, Ernst & Young, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Deloitte, and Albemarle.

Dean Richard D. White Jr. opened the forum by introducing Scott Tozier as the morning keynote speaker. Tozier is senior vice president and chief financial officer of Albemarle, a leading global producer of catalyst solutions and performance chemicals. Tozier spoke to the group about operating in a complex global business environment.

Larry Collins, director of business development for the Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC), was the keynote afternoon speaker. He spoke about BRAC’s regional strategy for international economic development. Prior to joining BRAC, Collins was director of the International Services Office of Louisiana’s Department of Economic Development.

Throughout the day, a panel with three to four business professionals discussed pressing international business topics. Panel discussions were based on the topics “Managing Risk in Cross-Border Projects”, “Accelerating International Growth in Louisiana”, and “Understanding Cultural Differences.” Each panel was moderated by an LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business faculty member and featured a variety of professionals to offer diverse views on each topic.
The Department of Accounting held its annual Accounting Awards Banquet, April 24, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge. With some 220 guests in attendance this year, the annual event once again provided the department an opportunity to highlight student and faculty accomplishments.

“We thank all of the sponsors who make this event possible,” said Laura Wiley, assistant chair of the Department of Accounting. “It is a night for students, parents, faculty, and department supporters to celebrate excellence in academics.”

This year, the department awarded $57,150 in scholarships to the following accounting students and distinguished faculty:
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