AMIS Review

News from the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business
It is with great pride that I share with you a new issue of our newsletter, celebrating our success in achieving our mission of excellence in research, teaching and service. Our programs continue to rank among the very best, sustaining and further enhancing our rich heritage of educating leaders in the academic and practicing professions. In addition to our world-class degree programs, Ohio State now boasts one of the most innovative and productive accounting groups in terms of knowledge creation. The Brigham Young University Accounting Research Rankings place us 4th in the world during 2008-2013, as measured using publications in the 11 accounting journals that make up the BYU index. Yes, we are well ahead of Michigan; watch out Illinois and Texas.

In the following pages, you will read about achievements of our faculty, students and alumni, including stories about the multitude of ways our students challenge themselves and excel beyond the classroom. Critical to our continued success, of course, is the strong support from our alumni, friends and corporate partners and for that my colleagues and I are most grateful. Your generous support enhances our ability to recruit and retain top faculty, advance research and programmatic initiatives and attract high-potential students, while improving the affordability of our degree programs. We have built something we can all be very proud of, and together we can take it to the next level. Thank you for the diverse ways in which you support our mission. I welcome your feedback and suggestions and hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best Regards,

Waleed A. Muhanna
Professor and Chair
Department of Accounting and MIS

Fisher is moving from excellence to eminence. Join us on our journey. Visit giveto.osu.edu/accounting.
Ammon Butcher’s motivation for pursuing a Master of Accounting degree at Fisher College of Business isn’t much different than the hundreds of MAcc alumni who have preceded him. Butcher’s story, however, is all his own.

“I wanted to be financially independent,” he said. “But fear was the driver. I was afraid that because of my injury, I would have to rely on others for my needs. But then I saw that I was good at accounting and that I was passionate about it. Accounting was a way that I could create value for an organization.”

That fear and subsequent career epiphany is how Butcher, a native of Plano, Texas, ended up at Fisher—motorized wheelchair and all.

Butcher is a quadriplegic—the result of a high school wrestling accident that left him with a broken neck. He has limited mobility in his shoulders, biceps, head and neck and relies on a dozen caretakers for tasks such as bathing, dressing and eating.

“I knew Ohio State and Fisher—with its committed faculty—had something to offer me that I couldn’t and wouldn’t have been offered at other places,” he said. “I came here knowing and expecting challenges, but also knowing and expecting that those were challenges that I could overcome.”

Butcher spent three months as an intern at Deloitte in Dallas working in private client services. He considers his time spent at one of the Big Four a valuable learning opportunity that ultimately helped narrow his career focus on financial accounting.

Despite his disability, Butcher is still active in the sport that took so much away from him. He works with Ohio State wrestling coach Tom Ryan to incorporate team leadership and character development initiatives. This outreach work, coupled with the MAcc curriculum, fills Butcher’s days—but he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I feel like if I’m not being challenged and there’s no adversity in my life, I’m not pushing myself; I’m not growing,” Butcher said. “As an athlete, I understood that in order for our muscles to grow—whether it’s the heart or the biceps—there needs to be a certain level of stress. I think that’s the same with our character and our intellect. We need to put ourselves in environments where we’re challenged and stretched.”

“But save for some effusive praise for those caretakers, Butcher doesn’t spend much time talking about the injury—he’s too focused on his career in accounting. Arriving at Fisher by way of an undergraduate degree in accounting at Brigham Young University-Idaho, Butcher made an immediate impact on the MAcc faculty.

“When we invited Ammon to campus as a potential star applicant, we did so on academic credentials alone,” said Anil Arya, the John J. Gerlach Chair in Accounting. “In fact, I did not know of his disability and was admittedly surprised to see him arrive in my office in a wheelchair. But that surprise was nothing compared to the enthusiasm and genuineness that followed his arrival. He is a role model for his fellow classmates and me—I feel blessed as an educator to have him in class.”

Having been accepted at graduate schools at the University of Texas at Austin and Southern Methodist University, Butcher flew to Columbus not sure of what to expect. What he found was a MAcc program that mirrored the principles he learned at BYU-Idaho: prepare, teach one another, ponder and prove.

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Anne Beatty
Professor Beatty was reappointed as the Deloitte & Touche Chair in Accounting. In June 2014, she became an editor for *The Accounting Review*. Her article “Financial Accounting in the Banking Industry: A Review of the Empirical Literature” (with Scott Liao) was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics*. Professor Beatty chaired two PhD dissertation committees in 2014.

Zahn Bozanic
Assistant Professor Bozanic was the winner of the inaugural 2014 American Accounting Association (AAA) Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) Midyear Meeting Best Paper Award. He was selected as a National Center for the Middle Market Research Fellow. He was invited to present his research at the annual Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Accounting Symposium.

John C. Fellingham
Professor Fellingham was the 2014 recipient of the AAA Outstanding Accounting Educator Award. According to the accompanying citation, he values an academic system that broadens students’ horizons and encourages faculty to innovate and experiment in the classroom. He was awarded the 2014 Fisher College of Business Undergraduate Program Teaching Award and the 2013 Ohio State Student Athlete Advisory Board Appreciated Professor Award.

Jeffrey L. Hoopes
Assistant Professor Hoopes’s work was presented at various domestic and international academic conferences. He presented his research regarding tax compliance to the U.S. Treasury in October. In 2014, *The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Businessweek* and *The Christian Science Monitor* covered his work. Assistant Professor Hoopes was awarded a Center for International Business Education grant.

Stephanie L. Lewis
Senior Lecturer Lewis was selected to attend the 2014 KPMG National Faculty Symposium and the 2014 EY Tax Educators’ Symposium. In fall 2013, Lewis became the director of Fisher’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. She also advises Fisher’s team in the Deloitte FantAXtic Case Competition; in 2013, the team of five students placed second in the region.

Brian G. Mittendorf
Professor Mittendorf was a plenary speaker at the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management Workshop on Accounting and Economics hosted by the University of Southern Denmark. He served as dissertation committee co-chair for Austin Sudbury, a 2014 PhD graduate.

Darren T. Roulstone
Professor Roulstone assumed his role as president of the AAA FARS after serving as the 2013-2014 president-elect. He served on the dissertation committee for three PhD students who graduated in 2014. He presented his research at Georgetown University, Harvard University and Vanderbilt University.

Cynthia W. Turner
Dr. Turner was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Award by the Residence Halls Advisory Council. She has served as the National Association of Black Accountants faculty advisor since 2013 and was case developer and instructor for the PricewaterhouseCoopers 2013 Inquiries Program. In 2014, Dr. Turner was the faculty advisor and instructor for the Young Scholars Program Fisher Entrepreneurship Experience.

Andrew Van Buskirk
Associate Professor Van Buskirk organized the 2014 Midwest Summer Research Conference hosted at Fisher. He taught in the Executive MBA program for the first time and also served on the dissertation committees for two PhD students who graduated in 2014.

Haiwen (Helen) Zhang
Associate Professor Zhang was promoted to the rank of associate professor of accounting with tenure. She was on the dissertation committee of a PhD student who graduated in 2014. Associate Professor Zhang presented current research at Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University and Tulane University.
In an era in which financial scandals have toppled companies such as Enron and WorldCom, has a reliable, cost-effective way to identify financial reporting fraud been discovered? Research by Fisher’s Zahn Bozanic and his colleagues suggests so, and has led to a new way for financial regulators and investors to “red flag” irregularities in financial statements faster and more efficiently than ever.

The study produced a methodology to identify irregularities in financial statements by examining how the numbers in these statements relate to naturally occurring statistical properties. Relying on Benford’s Law to examine recurrent numerical patterns in annual financial statement data, Bozanic and his colleagues created the Financial Statement Divergence (FSD) score to aid investors, auditors and regulators in quickly and efficiently spotting irregularities in financial reporting.

The FSD score does not require forward-looking information and is available to virtually every firm with accounting information. Further, this new approach has no specific relationship to a company’s business model, making it more difficult to fool, and could lead to the unearthing of undetected frauds in the U.S.

**Brigham Young University Accounting Research Rankings-4th globally in terms of publications in leading journals 2008-2013**

**The University of Texas at Dallas Research Rankings-12th worldwide in terms of publications in the top three accounting journals 2012-2014**

Critical to the success of the accounting and MIS department at Fisher is the research productivity of our faculty. Publications listed, with Fisher authors in bold, were published in 2014.


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What brought you to Fisher?
I earned a Master of Accounting degree from Ohio State in 1997. I began teaching full-time for Fisher in 1999, at that time being in charge of teaching all accounting courses at the Marion and Mansfield regional campuses. For the better part of the past decade, I have been responsible for the development and delivery of the three introductory accounting courses offered at all Ohio State campuses as a senior lecturer.

How do you prepare students to go into diverse career paths?
Given that I teach the introductory courses to all business students as well as students minoring in business, most of my interactions with students come at a time when they are determining what career path is best for them. I enjoy talking with students about what fields of study interest them, especially the benefits of accounting. I have developed close relationships with many of the campus recruiters, which allows me to provide students a more complete understanding of accounting as a potential career.

How do you prepare your courses to best connect with the diverse students you teach?
The introductory courses are structured in a very unique way. We employ a flipped classroom model in delivering these courses. I have created online video lectures that assist with content delivery. These online video lectures introduce students to course topics before they attend class for the week where I expand on the videos. Students also attend a weekly recitation with a graduate assistant who works through problems to reinforce material previously covered. The online video lectures are available in multiple formats, which allow students with different learning styles to select the best method for them. These video lectures essentially serve as the textbook. The Ohio Board of Regents awarded me with the Faculty Innovator Award in 2009 for helping reduce classroom costs for students. Additionally, I founded our accounting tutor room in 2006 to serve the large number of students taking the introductory accounting classes.

Can you talk a bit about your home life?
I have served as the business manager for the Ohio Humanities Council, a nonprofit that funds humanities projects, since 2001. I also enjoy playing tennis, reading and fantasy football. I have a 10-year-old Terrier-mix named Zoey, who keeps me hopping as she is incredibly spoiled and demanding.
A legacy of service

Daniel L. Jensen, Deloitte & Touche Professor of Accounting Emeritus, stepped down from his leadership duties with The Accounting Hall of Fame in 2014 after more than 20 years of outstanding service.

Professor Jensen had been a member of The Accounting Hall of Fame committee since 1992 and became chair in 1994, taking responsibility for administering elections and inductions. In the years that followed, the Hall produced a biographical booklet for each newly inducted member, published the collected writings of selected Hall members in a series of five volumes, and also organized a series of three The Accounting Hall of Fame Conferences in 2000, 2005 and 2010.

When asked about the longevity of the Hall, Professor Jensen said: “The Hall has continued for so many years for two reasons: first, the balance it has maintained across the major domains of accounting and, second, the reputation of the election process for integrity and confidentiality.”

J. Richard Dietrich, professor of accounting at Fisher, will now serve as chairman of The Accounting Hall of Fame committee. Last year, he served as a committee co-chair with Professor Jensen.

Two distinguished accountants were inducted into The Accounting Hall of Fame on August 4, 2014 at the American Accounting Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 2014 inductees are the late Abraham Jacob Briloff, Emanuel Saxe Distinguished Professor of Accountancy Emeritus at Baruch College, and William Rudolph Kinney, Jr., Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Regents Chair in Business and PricewaterhouseCoopers Fellow at The University of Texas at Austin. The award was presented to Bill Kinney by University of Washington Professor Zoe-Vonna Palmrose. The New York Times chief financial correspondent Floyd Norris presented the award to Abe Briloff’s daughter Leonore A. Briloff. Leonore became a partner in her father’s CPA firm and was a co-author on many of his publications.

An international board of electors selects one or two honorees each year. Ninety-two influential and respected accountants from academe, accounting practice, government and business have been elected to The Accounting Hall of Fame since its establishment in 1950 at The Ohio State University.

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SPOTLIGHT: ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION

The Accounting Association is dedicated to providing students at Fisher College of Business with insight and information on careers in accounting and business in the form of engagement with company speakers, professional career-building events and community service.

At the start of the autumn 2014 semester, the Accounting Association helped organize the Accounting Career Fair. The event, held at the Ohio Union on the Ohio State campus, welcomed more than 45 companies, including the Big Four as well as regional, public, corporate and governmental firms. Accounting and MIS majors at Fisher explored career options and networked with company representatives.

“This year, our association teamed up with (student organizations) Beta Alpha Psi and the National Association of Black Accountants for the career fair,” said Nikita Shah (Accounting, BSBA ’15), vice president of professional affairs for the Accounting Association. “It was the first year that the fair was run by students, so we did everything from creating the registration form to working with a number of departments across campus—including the Department of Accounting and MIS, the Ohio Union, and the college’s Office of Career Management—and, of course, the firms.”

The Accounting Association also helped to organize the 2014 Fisher Fashion Show, a fun and informative event designed to illustrate to students across disciplines how to dress for success at business functions.

“Our mission is to help students grow professionally, and there are certain soft skills you won’t learn in a textbook,” Shah said. “We want students to be able to learn those skills through a diverse array of events, whether it’s a career fair, fashion show or even the etiquette dinner we also help organize.”
SUMMER INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Autumn graduate Sean Tennant (Accounting, BSBA '14) sought to go beyond traditional accounting career paths by taking a summer internship at The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. He learned about the inner workings of the System Applications Products (SAP) system, and focused on an initiative to change how the company ran reports on indirect material purchases. His accounting knowledge helped him assign general ledger accounts to these reports. The project provided the opportunity to research the effects of these changes to the SAP system, collaborate in teams and pull resources from the company.

“The most critical factors in preparation for my success come from lessons learned at Fisher,” Tennant said. “I was never overwhelmed by my work load because I was already used to a certain level of performance that Fisher demands. Specifically, I got a lot out of Dr. Cynthia W. Turner’s information systems class about communicating ideas and concepts to my colleagues and managers.”

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LEARNING TO LEAD: ACCOUNTING HONORS STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM INAUGURAL RETREAT

Support for the Thomas J. Burns Challenge has exceeded expectations over the past four years and resulted in more than $1 million in donations in honor of the late Professor Emeritus Burns.

Generous support of this initiative has been instrumental in providing Accounting Honors students with a number of critical experiential learning opportunities at Fisher—including an inaugural leadership and communication retreat in the Hocking Hills region of Ohio in September.

The 2016 class of Accounting Honors students spent three days participating in team-building exercises and activities that helped develop friendships and improve problem-solving skills.

Professor Richard A. Young, director of the Accounting Honors Program, Professor Lawrence A. Tomassini and Associate Professor Tzachi Zach accompanied the students and presented program expectations. Four Accounting Honors seniors also joined the retreat and shared valuable insights and experiences from the program’s recent trips to accounting firms and institutions in New York City and London. They also spoke of the strong alumni network available to Accounting Honors students long after graduation.

“The Accounting Honors retreat at Hocking Hills provided our class the opportunity to get together in a relaxed, social environment to learn more about each other and build on the skills that will be so beneficial in and out of the classroom as well as in the workplace,” said Susan Vogelgesang (Accounting, BSBA ’16). “I’m thankful to have had the chance to participate.”
Embracing and exemplifying the go beyond spirit of Fisher’s students, Niteesha Kulshrestha (Accounting, BSBA ’15) is as engaged in the community as she is in her accounting courses.

President of the honors organization Beta Alpha Psi and having served in other leadership roles across campus, she is also deeply committed to volunteer work. She has been involved with the Special Olympics as well as the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Organization, helping individuals improve motor and social skills—and even learn Hindi, in which she is fluent. Last spring, she was recognized as a Pace Setter, the college’s highest honor, receiving the Walter M. Rudin Junior Award as the most outstanding junior undergraduate student.

She is also an Accounting Honors student, an experience she calls “invaluable” in helping her to explore the role of accounting in business and the economy, channel her intellectual curiosity and, most importantly, discover a passion for her major.

“(Accounting Honors) has increased my awareness of my strengths and weaknesses, and helped me utilize this knowledge to complement my classmates and enhance team dynamics,” Kulshrestha said. “Through the help of the outstanding faculty members and hard-working students, I was able to transcend beyond what I previously accepted as the limits of my intellect.”
MACC ASSOCIATION

Highlighting the tremendous impact Fisher can have in the community, the spring MAcc Gives Back program paired more than 50 MAcc students, professors, alumni, Fisher staff and representatives from professional service firms with a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout central Ohio for a day of service.

MAcc students pitched in at organizations such as the Broad Street Food Pantry, Dress for Success, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, Habitat MidOhio ReStore, Meals on Wheels, Mid-Ohio Foodbank and the Ronald McDonald House. The event was organized by the MAcc Association, which also coordinated the first fall MAcc Gives Back day in 2013.

In May, the MAcc Association was presented with the Student Organization Award for Excellence in Community Service Programming by Ohio State’s Office of Outreach and Engagement. Initiatives recognized by the university included the MAcc Gives Back fall event as well as:

- The Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits (FETCH!) program, in which volunteers spend time in fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms leading a game that teaches budgeting, saving and smart spending lessons
- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, where students provide free tax preparation to low-to-moderate income households in the Columbus area

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Who looks forward to tax season? Among those eagerly anticipating the annual event are Fisher students who know it’s an opportunity to put learning into practice.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, MAcc students, with the help of Beta Alpha Psi members, provide free tax preparation services to families and individuals in the community with low-to-moderate incomes. This past spring, students committed more than 1,000 hours to the program, resulting in $387,000 in total net refunds. Established at Ohio State in 2004, VITA is an enduring example of how students in the MAcc program give back while honing the skills they have learned.

Overall, Fisher’s VITA program has ensured the return of over $4.1 million to more than 2,600 taxpayers in the local community through federal tax refunds.

“VITA provides a unique way to serve nearby families using what we’ve learned in the classroom,” said Emily Topp, a 2014 MAcc graduate who served as a program site manager. “Not only does it help students reinforce and broaden their tax knowledge, but it also provides a much-appreciated service to our clients.”

Stephanie L. Lewis, senior lecturer in the Department of Accounting and MIS, serves as director of Fisher’s VITA program.

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The annual EY MAcc Speaker Series helps students develop a richer understanding of the complex world they will confront as professionals. The 2013-2014 series featured the insights of renowned experts from a variety of industries addressing topics to inspire and educate students. Issues discussed included business ethics, diversity, leadership and work-life balance.

- **Joseph A. Alutto**, *interim president*, The Ohio State University
- **Aaron Beam**, *former CFO*, HealthSouth
- **Ken Bouyer**, *Americas director of inclusiveness recruiting*, EY
- **Greg Colner**, *senior director finance-supply*, RAI Services Company
- **Joseph V. Da Silva**, *U.S. Army major and instructor in international relations*, United States Military Academy at West Point
- **Samuel Linn**, *U.S. Army major and instructor in economics*, United States Military Academy at West Point
- **Dave Rogers**, *former president and COO*, Wilsons Leather Inc.

“Interim President Alutto’s talk on personal branding and leadership was engaging and insightful. He stressed the importance of having a career plan, but encouraged us to go beyond the traditional path and seize opportunities that may arise. I hope to use Dr. Alutto’s advice to be more open-minded and flexible as I build a life for myself outside of Fisher.”

—**Brienne Einstein**
Accounting BSBA ’14, MAcc ’14
The accounting and MIS PhD program aims to help students prepare for productive careers as faculty members at leading research-oriented universities. The program currently boasts nine students. This past year, PhD students Minkwan Ahn, Wonik Choi, Michael Iselin and Austin Sudbury were placed in the following universities: The University of Hong Kong; California State University, Fullerton; University of Minnesota; and Carnegie Mellon University. Three new students — Hailey Ballew, Min Park and Brent Schmidt — joined the PhD program for the start of the 2014-2015 academic year.

“I chose Ohio State for my PhD because I was impressed by the collaborative environment among both the PhD students and the faculty,” Ballew said. “Since arriving I have realized that is the true nature of the department and everyone is very interested in the pursuit of knowledge, along with teaching and learning together. I believe the PhD program will build upon my experience as an accounting instructor and as a CPA by adding the research aspect to my skill set.”

Awards Received
Bret Johnson: Invited Participant, Financial Accounting Standards Board’s Doctoral Student Program, 2014
Aaron Nelson: KPMG Foundation Minority Accounting Doctoral Scholarship, 2014
Best Paper Award, AAA Ohio Region Meeting, 2014
Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting, 2014

Papers Presented
Bret Johnson: AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, 2014
Midwest Accounting Research Conference, 2014
United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 2014
Allison Nicoletti: AAA Annual Meeting, 2014
AAA Ohio Region Meeting, 2014

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For the third-straight year, a Fisher College of Business PhD candidate has been named as a recipient of the prestigious Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting.

Allison Nicoletti is one of just 10 recipients in the U.S. in 2014. The $25,000 grants are awarded to high-performing accounting doctoral students who plan to pursue academic careers upon graduation.

“Allison’s accomplishments speak to the outstanding quality of our students, the strength of our program and the skills of our faculty in preparing the next generation of scholars,” said Waleed A. Muhanna, chair of the Department of Accounting and MIS at Fisher.

“To be selected among the Deloitte fellows is a badge of distinction and a great honor.”

Nicoletti has focused her research on firm disclosure and financial reporting behaviors as well as accounting issues for banks. She credits Fisher’s faculty for providing important research mentorship and said that the reputation of the accounting faculty was a major draw in her decision to pursue a doctoral degree at Ohio State.

“The faculty here are known as very productive researchers, but they also work extremely well with students—that was important to me: mentorship and guidance,” said Nicoletti, who worked with KPMG and Aon in her native Illinois before deciding to pursue her passion for research. “I had early access to faculty and I was able to start researching in my second year, which was a wonderful experience.”

Each year, approximately 100 universities are invited to apply for the Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting, and accounting faculty nominate the students. In receiving the fellowship, Nicoletti joins recent Fisher honorees Bret Johnson (2013) and Michael Iselin (2012).

“I’ve been able to pursue my own ideas, but I also have many opportunities to work with faculty to understand what has made them successful,” Nicoletti said. “That’s how you learn, and I think the fact that Fisher has had a Deloitte fellow three years in a row attests to the success of the PhD program.”
When Steve Milligan told 2014 MAcc graduates to never forget their roots at Ohio State and Fisher, it was more than advice from someone who had once been in their shoes. For Milligan, the president and CEO of Western Digital Corporation, it was a challenge for them to become more than newly minted accounting professionals.

“The great privilege of being a proud graduate of The Ohio State University comes with great responsibility,” said Milligan, who served as the keynote speaker at the MAcc pre-commencement ceremony. “I am sure you will go forward and proudly represent the Ohio State family well, but please do not forget to give something back to this great institution.”

Milligan (Accounting, BSBA ’85) and his wife, Anne, are examples of such philanthropy in action. Together they have supported more than a dozen initiatives across the university, including the Stephen D. and Anne O. Milligan Accounting Education Innovation Fund at Fisher. The fund has financed scholarships and, in 2013, helped send Accounting Honors students to a joint meeting of the International Accounting Standards and Financial Accounting Standards Boards in London.

“Steve and Anne’s generosity and support continues to make a difference in the lives of our accounting students,” said Waleed A. Muhanna, chair of the Department of Accounting and MIS. “They are most-valued friends and partners in the ways that we educate and prepare the next generation of accounting leaders.”

Speaking to the MAcc students at their pre-commencement ceremony, Milligan shared his advice on a number of topics, including effective leadership, striking a healthy balance between work and family life, and learning from inevitable mistakes.

“Believe in your passions, and believe in your dreams,” he said. “But remember that you are a fallible human being, and we all make mistakes. Learn from your mistakes and remember they are merely part of your journey. They do not define you.”

In addition to Milligan’s service through his roles on Fisher’s Alumni Board, the Ohio State Athletics Campaign Committee and the university’s But for Ohio State campaign, he continues to help elevate Fisher’s business outreach efforts around the world. Western Digital sponsored two Global Applied Projects teams in 2014, which provided first-year MBA students with invaluable experience through robust project work in China, Malaysia and Singapore.

Western Digital’s global philanthropic efforts were recognized in 2014, as Milligan accepted the B’nai B’rith Distinguished Achievement Award on behalf of his company. The honor acknowledged the Western Digital Foundation for its commitment to educational programs focusing on science, technology, engineering, math and computer literacy, especially those targeting at-risk and underserved youth. The Foundation’s global commitment to corporate giving also includes support for disaster relief, basic needs and homeless prevention, environmental stewardship and employee volunteerism.
We recognize and thank the following donors for their contributions to the Department of Accounting and MIS during the 2013-2014 academic year. Your generous support ensures the continued success of our academic programs for generations to come.

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