I’m convinced I have the best job in the world! I interact every day with bright students, some of the best faculty members in the world, and a dedicated staff. And my frequent visits with alumni convince me that something special happens at the Fisher School.

Our newer faculty are continuing to distinguish themselves in both research and teaching; several have received the Warrington College’s highest honors for teaching and classroom innovation. Our students are engaged both in and out of the classroom and continue to perform at the highest levels when benchmarked against the best in the nation.

Our new master’s curriculum is fully in place and we will soon begin a new phase of strategic planning in the School. We pride ourselves on looking forward to ensure that our graduates continue to be leaders in the profession, knowing that the profession will look very different in the future.

The activities and support of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends make the Fisher School what it is. This report contains a snapshot of our many activities over the past year. We hope to see you on campus or at one of our alumni events in your city in the coming year.

Gary McGill, Ph.D., CPA
J. Roy Duggan Professor
Director & Associate Dean
Fisher School of Accounting
Dr. Gary McGill, Associate Dean and Director of the Fisher School of Accounting, received the 2014 Federation of Schools Accountancy (FSA)/Joseph A. Silvoso Faculty Merit Award.

The FSA/Joseph A. Silvoso Faculty Merit Award honors a faculty member for distinguished contributions to the FSA, the profession of accounting, and to accounting education.

Dr. McGill, who holds the J. Roy Duggan Endowed Professorship in Accounting, is the second University of Florida scholar to receive the award. John Simmons, the founding Fisher Director, was recognized in 1987.

The Rawls College of Business has honored its distinguished alumni and friends since 1986, but this was the first year the College introduced a faculty category.

Dr. McGill earned his Ph.D. in Accounting from Texas Tech in 1988.

(′64) is the retired CEO and Chairman of Deloitte & Touche.

Dr. Leiby participated in invited presentations at Florida State, North Carolina State, and the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM) New Directions in Management Accounting conference in Brussels. He also made presentations at the American Accounting Association’s Management Accounting, Auditing, and Accounting Behavior and Organizations Midyear meetings.

Dr. Leiby received the 2015 J. Michael Cook Excellence in Teaching Award.

The J. Michael Cook Excellence in Teaching Award was created by Mr. Cook in 1995. The award recognizes superior performance in teaching which plays a critical role in developing the next generation of leaders in the accounting profession. Mr. Cook
Dr. Madsen has been an Assistant Professor in the Teaching with Technology Award. Dr. Madsen was awarded the College’s Graduate Teacher of the Year Award and the Judy Fisher Award is given annually to the Warrington professor whose teaching best exemplified the use of technology over the past year.

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

PAUL MADSEN
Assistant Professor

Dr. Madsen received two of the College’s signature teaching awards for his classroom success. Dr. Madsen was awarded the College’s Graduate Teacher of the Year Award and the Judy Fisher Teaching with Technology Award. Dr. Madsen has been an Assistant Professor in the Fisher School of Accounting since 2010 teaching

Introduction to Financial Accounting and Accounting Issues in Financial Risk Management courses. His innovative approach to teaching the principles of accounting, which includes incorporating the board game Monopoly as a teaching tool, has won over students and fostered curiosity.

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

STEPHEN ASARE

- “Costs and benefits of mandatory auditing of for-profit private and not-for-profit entities in Australia,” Australian Accounting Review, 2013, with P. Carey and G. Tanewski.

ROBERT KNECHEL

- “Audit Firm Tenure, Non-audit Services, and Internal Assessments of Audit Quality,” Journal of Accounting Research, 2015, with T. Bell and M. Causholi.
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DAYDRE PEPPENHAGEN

LONGTIME ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RETIRES

Dominique DeSantiago, the Fisher School of Accounting's Associate Director of Programs, has retired after 21 years.

John Laibson, the former director of the College’s Online Business Program, was named Associate Director in March.

As Fisher’s Associate Director, Professor DeSantiago managed the operations and student governance of the School’s undergraduate and master’s programs, including supervising all program-related staff and graduate student assistants.

In addition to his duties as Associate Director, Professor DeSantiago served as a Lecturer, teaching numerous courses and overseeing various programs. He also served on Fisher’s Admissions, Awards, Curriculum and Petitions Committees, as well as an Advisor among many other duties.

"It is not an overstatement to say that Dom’s contributions to the School’s success are as important as any single person over the last two decades. He was the conscience of the School and kept us focused on doing ‘what is right, not what is easy’. Dom’s focus on quality has embedded itself in the DNA of the Fisher School. I know that decades from now, the Fisher School will still carry his positive influence.”

Gary McGill, Director & Associate Dean, Fisher School of Accounting
Mills said she thought about becoming an engineer. However, after receiving her first C in chemistry, she took an accounting class to “give my ego a chance to recover.” A second and third accounting class would follow, leading her to switch majors.

During her senior year, Mills presented a research paper on inflation accounting at the Beta Alpha Psi regional meeting in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Preparing, presenting and defending her ideas while fielding queries and challenges from peers and practice experts was one of her academic highlights.

“This was the first time I felt the hook for the family business,” she said. “Maybe if you grow up in a family of carpenters, the first time you pick up a hammer and a board it feels natural. I don’t know about carpentry, but I know the first time I got to explore ideas in public just made me fall in love with it.”

Taking advantage of the great recruiting connections at the Fisher School, Mills began her career as a certified public accountant in Deloitte’s Dayton (Ohio) office specializing in taxation. The 1980s proved to be an exciting time to be a public accountant, she said.

Recent graduates enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and take advantage of new tools in computer technology.

Mills said the rigorous expectations of her professors prepared her and gave her confidence.

“The Fisher School taught me well,” she said.

After one year at Deloitte, Mills moved to Boston and joined Price Waterhouse (now PwC). She was promoted to senior tax manager before she left public accounting. PwC also gave Mills the chance to explore her role as a teacher.

“PwC let me do some of their internal teaching, and similar to the Beta Alpha Psi research experience, I found that I was naturally comfortable in a teaching role,” she said.

Seven years later, Mills left public accounting and transitioned into education. She has never questioned her decision to leave.

Mills earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1996, and started as an Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona. She would spend 10 years at Arizona before joining the University of Texas’s McCombs School of Business. At UT, she was promoted to professor and served recently as department chair.

Mills is grateful for the foundation she received at Fisher. That education has paved the way to a successful career and wonderful life. For the last 20 years Mills has enjoyed teaching, and has no plans to stop anytime soon.

“My life has exceeded my wildest expectations,” Mills said.

-Mauricio Almenara (BSPR ’16)
The Fisher School’s undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs were again recognized as some of the nation’s best by Public Accounting Report (PAR) and U.S. News & World Report.

PAR’s 33rd Annual Survey of Accounting Professors ranked the Fisher School eighth both among public undergraduate and graduate programs in the U.S. Fisher’s doctoral program was 16th among U.S. publics.

The Fisher School fared even better when ranked against programs with similar faculty sizes. The Fisher School’s undergraduate and graduate program’s both ranked third overall among programs with 16 to 21 full-time accounting faculty.

In addition the program’s national standing, the Fisher School once again established itself as the best accounting program in the state of Florida. The Fisher School was the only accounting program from Florida recognized in the top 25 of PAR’s undergraduate, master’s and doctoral rankings.

The Fisher School fared similarly well in U.S. News. In the publication’s “Best Graduate Schools 2016” edition, the Fisher School’s graduate program ranked eighth among U.S. publics. In U.S. News’s “Best Colleges 2015” issue, the Fisher School’s undergraduate program was seventh among U.S. publics.

Fellows totaling $83,500 were awarded to 29 students at the 2015 banquet.

Exam performance for 2014 was recently released, and the results show 58 undergraduate and 25 graduate students from the Fisher School of Accounting took part or the entire exam in 2014. Fisher first-time candidates (both undergraduate and graduate) distinguished themselves by scoring an overall passing rate of 82.9% for all parts of the CPA exam attempted during 2014.* This pass rate placed sixth in the nation among 254 large academic institutions (defined as having at least 60 candidates) participating in the CPA exam during 2014. It also placed Fisher eighth in the nation among all 776 academic institutions (defined as having at least 10 candidates) taking part in the CPA exam during 2014.

*The average overall pass rate for first-time candidates nationwide was 55%.

98% of those looking had jobs by graduation, and the average starting salary was $52,475.

47.0% Male 53.0% Female

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STUDENT PROFILE

63% White
3% African-American
18% Hispanic
11% Asian
5% Other
FASB INTERNSHIP

Cassidy Kallner (BSAc ’15, MAcc ’15) was one of only six students in the nation to be selected for a yearlong postgraduate technical assistant program with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the premier institution that establishes financial accounting standards for business in the United States.

FASB’s Postgraduate Technical Assistant Program gives recent graduate accounting students the chance to be involved with the organization’s accounting standard-setting process.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER AWARDS

Fisher students Manu Chandrasekaran and Xi (Angie) Wang were recipients of the 2014 Outstanding Student Award from the University of Florida’s International Center.

The Outstanding International Student Awards recognize the accomplishments of UF international students who not only meet exemplary academic achievement, but also a wide range of accomplishments and contributions.

Chandrasekaran (BSAc ’15) is involved in numerous community and campus leadership programs, including Florida Leadership Academy, Keys Governing Body and Indian Students for Honest Politics. He was a Business Performance Services Intern for KPMG in Doha, Qatar, in Summer 2011, and worked in Social Media Promotions for the Qatar Green Building Council.

Wang is pursuing a Ph.D. in Accounting. Wang’s research interests include financial voluntary disclosure, corporate governance and international accounting. She is a member of both the American Accounting Association (AAA) and its Financial Accounting and Reporting Accounting Section, and was named an AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow this year.

UF PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Liz Kleinfeld (BSAc ’15) was one of seven Warrington students to be honored with UF’s Presidential Service Award on March 31 during a ceremony at the President’s House.

The Presidential Service Awards recognize students who have dedicated their time and efforts while at UF to promoting social justice, community awareness, and civic engagement on campus and in the community. The Presidential Service Awards are a chance to acknowledge those students who have made outstanding efforts towards community service and too often go unrecognized and unrewarded for their selfless labor.

Kleinfeld completed 320 hours of service. She co-founded and served as Vice President of Dream Team, a student-run volunteer organization that donates time to children in cardiac care at UF Health Shands Hospital. Dream Team, including its executive board and more than 200 volunteers, provided more than 2,500 hours of community service this past year.

DISTINCTION IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Jerome Fulton (BSAc ’15) received the Heavener School’s Distinction in Student Leadership and Service.

The award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the college through participation in student organizations and other extracurricular activities.

Fulton, who has a 3.76 GPA and made the Dean’s list six times, served as a Mentor for the Heavener School of Business Florida Leadership Academy, and the Business Undergraduate Mentorship Program. He’s served as Community Service Director and Vice President of Finance for the Minority Business Society, and has participated in numerous university activities, including organizations dedicated to helping abused children and cancer patients.

DELOITTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Devin Williams, a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate at the Fisher School, was one of 10 Ph.D. students in the U.S. to receive a $25,000 grant through the Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship program.

The grant is awarded to students who plan to pursue academic careers upon graduation, and will support the recipients during their final year of coursework and the subsequent year to complete their doctoral dissertation.

ANDERSON SCHOLARS

Twelve Fisher students were recognized as 2014 Anderson Scholars by UF’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.


This award, named for James N. Anderson, the first Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, is the highest recognition bestowed on students for their first two years of coursework, and is a true mark of academic distinction for UF students.
FISHER DUO HONORED WITH SELLS AWARD

Rob Waldbillig (BSAc ‘13) and Kenneth Wilbur (BSAc ‘14) were recognized with the American Institute of CPAs 2014 Elijah Watt Sells Award, which is given to CPA candidates who obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Exam, passed all four sections of the exam on their first attempt and completed testing in 2014. Only 60 of the 91,384 individuals who sat for the CPA Exam met the award’s criteria.

LILLIAN MILLS (BSAc ‘80, MAcc ‘81)

Lillian was awarded the American Tax Association’s highest honor, the Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator Award. Lillian, the department chair of accounting at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas, was recognized for her career contributions in the areas of tax-related teaching, research and service.

MICHAEL BALTER (BSAc ‘88)

Michael was named Partner-in-Charge, Florida Region of Marcum LLP—one of the nation’s largest independent public accounting and advisory services. He has more than 25 years of client service experience, and has worked extensively in the construction, manufacturing, distribution and service industries.

DARA SIMON (BSAc ‘94)

Dara was admitted to Cherry Bekaert’s Partner group effective November 1. She is based out of the firm’s Tampa office, and was recently appointed to the Fisher School of Accounting’s Advisory Board.

JENNIFER LADA (BSAc ‘95, MAcc ‘97)

Jennifer was promoted to Vice President of Financial Reporting at Advanced Disposal, the largest, privately-owned environmental services company in the U.S. Her responsibilities include SEC compliance, technical accounting, enterprise risk management and financial reporting.

JENNIFER MESSAL (BSAc ‘99)

Jennifer recently joined CS&L CPAs, a certified public accounting firm with offices in Bradenton and Sarasota, as a Tax Supervisor. Her experience includes the U.S. income tax with respect to Individuals, both Citizens abroad and NonResident aliens with U.S.-sourced income. In addition to individual taxation, she also works with business entities: S Corporations, Partnerships and C Corporation as well as Fiduciaries: Estates and Trusts. She is an enrolled agent and is pursuing her CPA license.

CORY PRESNICK (BSAc ‘05, MAcc ‘05)

Cory was named Vice President of Finance/Controller at Butler Enterprises where he will oversee all of the company’s financial matters and accounting operations. He most recently served as Director of Financial Operations at Federal Realty Investment Trust in Rockville, Md.

STEVEN MORRISON (BSAc ‘99, MARE ‘01)

Steven was promoted to Principal in the Audit Department of MBAF, Certified Public Accountants. Based in MBAF’s Miami office, he works with both public and private companies in various industries, including those with international operations.

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JENNIFER WHITEMAN (MAcc ’99)

Jennifer was recently promoted to Chief Financial Officer of Patriot Rail, a leading operator of short line and regional freight railroads. She previously served as Patriot Rail’s Vice President, Finance and Accounting, where she successfully led the corporate centralization of the finance and accounting groups, while simultaneously spearheading a corporate-wide SAP implementation.

JORDAN TAYLOR (BSAc ’03, MAcc ’03, JD ’06)

Jordan was recently promoted to Shareholder in the Miami office of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig. He is a member of the corporate and securities practice groups, and focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, joint ventures, and other general corporate matters. He also has a background in telecommunications and technology law. Jordan welcomes Warrington alumni to reach out to him on LinkedIn.

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FISHER ALUMNI HONORED

Five Fisher alumni made the inaugural Gator100, recognizing the fastest-growing, Gator-led or Gator-owned businesses in the world.

Two Fisher graduates made the list’s top 10. PDQ, a fast casual restaurant chain based in Tampa and led by CEO Nick Reader (BSAc ’97), ranked No. 3. Ricky Caplin’s (BSAc ’05, MAcc ’05) healthcare IT consulting firm, The HCi Group, ranked No. 6.

Fisher’s other Gator100 representatives were:
- 63. Global Trust—Brian Brescia (BSAc ’02, MAcc ’02)
- 75. Audience, Inc.—Carlina Womeldorph (BSAc ’94, MBC ’96)
- 80. AIT Life Safety—Leigh Ann Horton (BSAc ’94, MAcc ’94)

To be considered for the Gator100, companies (corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships) must have met both of the following criteria:
1. Have been in business for 5 years or more as of September 1, 2014, and
2. Have had verifiable annual revenues of $100,000 or more every year since calendar year 2011.

The companies must also qualify under the leadership criteria (Gator-owned or Gator-led), defined as meeting one or more of the following:
- A University of Florida alumnus or group of alumni must have owned 50% or more of the company from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013, or
- A University of Florida alumnus must have served as the Company’s chief executive (for example chairman, CEO, president or managing partner) from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013, or
- A University of Florida alumnus must have founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

The Gator100 was ranked by compounded annual growth rate (CAGR).

FSOA COUNCIL

The Fisher School of Accounting Council (FSOAC) is part of the campus-wide Board of College Councils. The FSOAC serves as a liaison between faculty and students, and undertakes a variety of activities such as information students about career opportunities, holding social events and performing community service.

FSOAC supported the community by holding events for local and national charitable organizations.

FUNDRAISING
- Operated concession stands at Gator sporting events
- Held several car washes
- Partnered with local eateries to share in proceeds raised from Council socials

SOCIALS
- Organized an obstacle course event at Lake Wauburg
- Hosted a stock market game competition
- Painted the 34th Street wall
- Participated in several sports intramurals including the annual faculty/student softball game where the faculty prevailed, 15-1

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PROFESSIONAL
- Firm Visits
- Fall (Miami): Cherry Bekaert, PwC, Bacardi
- Spring (Tampa): EY, Grant Thornton, Ironman Triathlon
- Hosted four professional speakers
- Provided logistical support for Fisher’s annual awards banquet

PHILANTHROPY
- Held canned food drives
- Adopted a street to clean
- Worked with the United Way to prepare tax returns for low income families
- Raised money for the American Cancer Society through its participation in Relay for Life

SOCIALS
- United Way Book Drive: Held 4 events where organization donated and delivered books
- Tijuana Flats Fundraiser - (Fall and Spring)
- Career Fair Preparation Event
- Big Idea Case Competition
- BAP T-Shirt Fundraiser
- Halloween Candy Gram Fundraiser
- Valentine’s Day Candy Gram Fundraiser
- Deloitte Golf Social
- EY Bowling Social
Greg Rosica spent two years studying dentistry when he realized he wasn’t happy.

“After taking so many classes I realized that I wasn’t enjoying them,” Rosica said. “I had an interest in business so I made the decision [to switch majors].”

That decision led him to the Fisher School, which inspired Rosica, a Partner in EY’s Tampa office, to a 25-year career in public accounting that is still flourishing.

Although it has been more than 25 years since Rosica attended the Fisher School, he said he still uses some of the concepts he learned.

“Fisher taught me how to learn, how to think and how to apply concepts,” he said. “I learned the base of a concept that forms your knowledge, and how to apply that knowledge to issues to create a positive outcome.”

Rosica (BSAc ’86, MAcc ’88) said the Fisher School has changed a lot from the 1980s when he was a student.

“We were small, but we did have the same similar core values, a great faculty and students who wanted to achieve greatness,” he said.

As one of the most active members on Fisher’s Advisory Board, Rosica has remained close to the School, including its faculty. He cherishes the relationships he has built over the decades.

He specifically remembers Dr. Jack Kramer, his corporate tax professor. Dr. Kramer, who passed away in 2013, was one of the first professors to show interest and challenge him in the classroom.

Rosica began his career at Arthur Andersen in 1988. However, his first job was tougher than he anticipated. Working in the firm’s tax department proved to be a challenge. He didn’t really know how to do everything he was asked.

“It wasn’t until my coworkers mentored me that I started to understand how to do my job completely,” Rosica said.

But once Rosica became comfortable in his role, he thrived at Arthur Andersen, where he became a Partner in 1999. But just three years later, Arthur Andersen was effectively dissolved after its involvement in the Enron scandal.

“We (employees) had the opportunity to go to any firm,” Rosica said. “I looked around and EY stood above everyone else. It fit my skills.”

Rosica made partner with EY the same year. He now oversees the firm’s personal financial services and tax consulting practice for the Southeast Region. He also provides clients with holistic wealth planning.

After 25 years in accounting, Rosica said the introduction of technology in the practice and the level of regulation have changed how the industry operates.

“Public accounting is going to continue to grow,” he said. “We are going to be able to serve our clients in many different areas now.”

One of Rosica’s passions is entrepreneurship, which is why he is heavily involved in EY’s Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, which recognizes entrepreneurs and the vibrancy that helps drive communities.

EY’s Entrepreneur of the Year Awards has 25 regional programs in the U.S., and Rosica is the Program Partner for the Florida region.

“We try to make the event fun and entertaining. It’s a big celebration,” he said.

Rosica, a member of Fisher’s Advisory Board for the past 15 years, also played a major role in the inaugural Gator100, a program sponsored by the College’s Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI) that recognized the fastest-growing, Gator-owned or Gator-led businesses in the world. He connected EY with the Gator100 to help create the program’s criteria as well as tabulate the results.

“It was always important to me to help give back and support my school,” Rosica said. “I’ve been able to increase my support every year whether it’s through giving money, time or sharing my talent.”

“I encourage other alumni to focus on what their degree and UF has done for their career. They should give back in whatever way they can to give opportunities for the future generations coming to the school.”

– Mauricio Almenara (BSPR ’16)
NY EDUCATOR RECEIVES UF YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Keith Robinson (BSAc ’05, MAcc ’06) was the Fisher School’s honoree at the University of Florida’s Outstanding Young Alumni Awards in April at Emerson Alumni Hall.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award, established by UF’s Alumni Association, recognizes alumni ages 35 or younger who have distinguished themselves in their profession and community.

Keith serves as the Dean of Culture at People’s Preparatory Charter School in Newark, N.J., which serves students in grades 9 through 12 and is dedicated to the core values of Intellect, Empathy and Action.

Keith, who also teaches ninth-grade Mathematics at People’s Prep, has had a successful tenure as an educator in the Tri-State area. He taught World History at Newark’s Rise Academy Charter School, and Mathematics at I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente Middle School in Harlem. In addition, he has worked extensively to develop after-school programs in Harlem.

In 2013, Keith was awarded the TNTP $25,000 Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice, which is given annually to exceptionally effective teachers who work in high-poverty public schools. Keith is committed to supporting students and their families in the hard work necessary to be successful in applying to and attending college.

PAST FISHER RECIPIENTS

→ 2014 Bridget Stomberg (BSAc ’00, MAcc ’02)
→ 2013 Allison McCarthy (BSAc ’98, MAcc ’98)
→ 2012 Brian Zophin (BSAc ’98, MAcc ’98)
→ 2011 Scott Bridgman (BSAc ’98, MAcc ’98)
→ 2010 Nick Reader (BSAc ’97)
→ 2009 Jeff Nickell (MAcc ’98)
→ 2008 Bettina Whelan Weiss (MAcc ’97)
→ 2007 Wendi Christensen (BSAc ’96, MAcc ’96)
→ 2006 Shannon Brouillette (BSAc ’94)
→ 2006 Leigh Ann Horton (MAcc ’94)

SPRING AWARDS BANQUET

Diana Weng was named the Master of Accounting (MAcc) Student of the Year at the Fisher School of Accounting’s Spring Banquet on April 16 at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center.

The award, which is selected by a faculty vote, is the highest honor awarded to a Fisher student.

Weng served as Director of Mentor Development for the Heavener School’s Business Undergraduate Mentorship Program (BUMP), Planning Committee Chair for the Fisher School’s Women in Accounting Symposium and Mentor for Beta Alpha Psi among other activities.

Weng, who has also completed internships with Sears Holding Corporation and EY, plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in Accounting at the Fisher School.

Cindy Dosch received the Fisher School’s first-ever Distinguished Service Award, recognizing outstanding service over the past year. Dosch created a system to upload grades when it was found that UF’s new online course platform was not compatible. She also created an online Facebook group to help students more easily contact professors and teaching assistants, and reformatted the Fisher School’s virtual office hours.

FELLOWSHIPS

→ Frederick E. Fisher Fellowship—Cindy Dosch.
→ Batson-Siegel Fellowship—Christopher Shields.
→ Richard E. Darby Fellowship—Paul Fack, Stephen Ireland.
→ Leland M. Reiner Memorial Fellowship—Cameron Ferguson, Kristopher Natale.
→ Gerson, Preston and Company, CPA Fellowship—Paul Davis, Joshua Graben.
→ Don Miller Fellowship Scholarship—Marc Milgrim.
→ Jim and Sandy Wadsworth Scholarship—Alexander Raymond.
→ Gina Babicz Memorial Fellowship—Vinyu Urvichian.
→ Ralph W. Miller Scholarship—Austin Friedman, Tyler Grulich, Emily Rendle.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

→ Outstanding MAcc Student of the Year—Diana Weng.
→ Distinguished Student Service Award—Cindy Dosch.
→ J. Michael Cook Student Leadership Award—Eric Lang, President, Beta Alpha Psi.
→ Ed Triplett Student Leadership Award—Rachelle Gabrang, FSOA Student Council President (Fall 2014); Tara Prokash, FSOA Student Council President (Spring 2015).
→ J. Michael Cook Excellence in Teaching Award—Dr. Justin Leiby.
The Fisher School’s 8th Annual Women in Accounting Symposium was held Nov. 7-8 at the Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville.

The event welcomed alumnae and professionals from the nation’s top firms to share strategies and success stories with Fisher students.

**SPEAKERS & PANELISTS:**
- Amber Albert (BSAC ’08)—Audit Manager, KPMG
- Cathy Brown—Senior Associate, Tax, Dixon Hughes Goodman
- Ellen Joseph (BSAc ’89, MAcc ’90)—Tax Project Manager, NextEra Resources
- Jill Loftus (BSAc ’93, MAcc ’93)—Partner, PwC
- Varsha Mohinani (BSAc ’08, MAcc ’08)—Audit Manager, James Moore & Co.
- Joyce Ogiemwayne (BSAC ’05)—Audit Manager, Deloitte
- Maria Rivero (BSAc ’11)—Senior Associate, McGladrey
- Desiree Segobiano (BSAC ’10, MAcc ’10)—Senior Associate, Grant Thornton
- Lauren Skillman (BSAc ’12, MAcc ’12)—Assurance Senior, EY
- Cindy Spritzer (BA ’87)—Managing Director, Advisory Services, EY
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31. Luciano Prida, Sr. Term Professorship
32. Leland M. Reiner Memorial Scholarship
33. The Bond Foundation, Inc. Endowment
34. Thibault Family Endowment
35. Jim & Sandy Wadsworth Scholarship Endowment

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The Fisher School is saddened by the passing of C. Harold Hippler, Jr. (BSBA ’55), an emeritus member of the Fisher School’s Advisory Board.

He was 82.

Harold spent 37 years at Deloitte, and retired as the Managing Partner of the firm’s Fort Lauderdale office in 1993. He was a dedicated alumnus who served UF in numerous ways, including on the Fisher School’s Advisory Board and UF’s President Council.

“Harold was a dedicated supporter of the Fisher School of Accounting,” said Fisher School Director Dr. Gary McGill. “He was a long-time member of the School’s Steering Committee and Advisory Board, and his advice and counsel will be missed.”
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