Professional Speaker Series Archive

Spring 2017

**August 25, 2016** – PwC Speaker Panel: Tim O’Hara (Fort Lauderdale), Mike Seelig (Charlotte), Sarah Anderson (Atlanta), Alex Zierler (Miami), Thabo Abbate (Miami)

**January 5, 2017** – KPMG Speaker Panel: Timbes Riley, Andrew Lindsay, Libby Van Wagenen, Courtney Avery-Hoisington; Discussion: Advisory Practice aspect of public accounting

**January 12, 2017** – Gary Unkel and Joseph Dowds; Deloitte; Topic: The Journey and as a Big 4 Partner

**January 19, 2017** – Laurence Bernstein and Joanie Stein; Berkowitz Pollack Brant; Topic: Hot Topics in Real Estate

**January 26, 2017** – Jim Knauss; EY; Topic: Your Personal Brand

**February 2, 2017** – Alvarez & Marsal Taxand

**February 16, 2017** – Dara Simon and Chris Rux; Cherry Bekaert; Topic: Tax or Audit?

**March 16, 2017** – Jay Hutto and Kris Hutchins; James Moore & Company; Topic: Marijuana Businesses and Code Section 280E

**March 23, 2017** – Andy Schrader; Siemens; Topic: Accounting Challenges and Views from inside Siemens

Fall 2016

**August 25, 2016** – PwC Speaker Panel: Tim O’Hara (Fort Lauderdale), Mike Seelig (Charlotte), Sarah Anderson (Atlanta), Alex Zierler (Miami), Thabo Abbate (Miami)

**September 1, 2016** – Jose R. Rodriguez; KPMG (CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE, TO BE RESCHEDULED)

**September 8, 2016** – Brian Zophin & Jeff Palgon; Crowe Horwath; Topic: Intro to Crowe Horwath LLP, and Evolving Risks In Cybersecurity and Data Analytics

**September 15, 2016** - RSM

**September 22, 2016** – Grant Thornton

**September 29, 2016** - BDO

**October 6, 2016** – Martin Nash; Protiviti; Topic: Importance of Technology in Accounting (CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE, TO BE RESCHEDULED)

**October 27, 2016** – Michael Kohner; Andersen Tax; Topic: Tax Planning During Times of Uncertainty

**November 3, 2016** – Teri Sowder; DHG; Topic: Public Accounting: An Inside Look
November 17, 2016 - Martin Nash; Protiviti; Topic: Importance of Technology in Accounting

Spring 2016

January 7, 2016 - Mike Balter and David Appel; Marcum

January 14, 2016 - Teri Sowder; DHG; Topic: An Inside Look into Public Accounting

January 21, 2016 - Jim Knauss; EY; Topic: "Top 10 things I wish I would have known"

January 28, 2016 - Michael Kohner; Andersen Tax; Topic: What is Tax Consulting?

February 4, 2016 - Dara Simon and Chris Rux; Cherry Bekaert; Topic: The Great Debate: Audit vs. Tax

March 10, 2016 - Lou Zaltsberg; Siemens; Topic: Exploring opportunities outside of the traditional Public Accounting/Investment Banking route

March 17, 2016 - Sean Menendez and Alan Kirschenbaum; Alvarez & Marsal Taxand and Alvarez & Marsal; Topic: Industry Insights and Unique Career Perspectives

March 31, 2016 - Andrew Paul & Michael Atkins; Macquarie

Fall 2015

August 27, 2015 - Speaker Panel, PwC; Topic: Debunking Accounting Myths

September 3, 2015 - Wade Weeks, Grant Thornton; Topic: Professionalism

September 10, 2015 - Wendi Christensen and Robert Tache, Deloitte; Topic: Exploring Tax and the Service Lines Within

September 17, 2015 - Bob Feldmann and Gary Jenkins, McGladrey; Topic: Successful Communication in the Workplace "The Solo Cup Challenge: How do you stack up?"

September 24, 2015 - Joseph Canella, Kent Berry, Courtney Enright, and Brian Drum, KPMG;

October 1, 2015 - Brian Zophin, Crowe Horwath; Topic: Opportunities in Public Accounting

October 29, 2015 - Phil Fretwell, Protiviti; Topic: Controlling the Risks of International Expansion

November 5, 2015 - Stephen Sonenshine, BDO

Spring 2015

January 29, 2015 – Phillip Fretwell, Protiviti

February 5, 2015 – Jennifer Forrester and Katie Davis, James Moore; Topic: Accounting for Innovation

February 12, 2015 - Mike Balter, Marcum LLP; Topic: Effective strategies for success and growth in public accounting

February 19, 2015 - Lou Zaltsberg with Speakers Panel, Siemens; Topic: Opportunities Outside of Public Accounting in a Global Network of Innovation

February 26, 2015 - R. Troy Atlas, Raymond James / Raymond James Tampa; Topic: Career Opportunities in the Financial Services Industry


March 19, 2015 - SunTrust Robinson Humphrey

Fall 2014

August 28, 2014 - Speaker Panel, PwC

September 4, 2014 – Mike Balter and Gary Jenkins, McGladrey

September 11, 2014 – Joe Dowds, Deloitte; Topic: "How to take advantage of opportunities that your career can offer you."

September 18, 2014 – Chuck Laetsch, Crowe Horwath; Topic: "Opportunities in Public Accounting"

September 25, 2014 – Fred Scott, EY; Topic: "EY Advisory"

October 2, 2014 – KPMG

October 16, 2014 – Hayden Trepeck, AOR Global; Topic: "Entrepreneurship with your accounting degree"

October 23, 2014 – Grant Thornton

Spring 2014


January 30, 2014 – Katie Davis and Stacy Joyner, James Moore; Topic: "Being Innovative"
February 6, 2014 – Lou Zaltsberg with Speakers Panel, Siemens; Topic: "Opportunities Outside of Public Accounting in a Global Network of Innovation"

February 20, 2014 – Rajiv Asnani and Jeff Berryhill, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey; Topic: "Where Accounting and Finance Meet"

February 27, 2014 – Melissa Leonard and Guests, Gleim Publications; Topic: "Beyond the CPA: A Look at Broadening Your Career Opportunities"

March 20, 2014 – Brian Zophin, Christopher Rux and Dara Simon, Cherry Bekaert; Topic: "Audit vs. Tax – Making the Right Choice"

April 3, 2014 – Oxbow

Fall 2013

August 22, 2013 – Shireen Millicans, PwC

August 29, 2013 - Alek Pulido and Kevin Herzberg, Grant Thornton

September 5, 2013 – Mike Balter and Gary Jenkins, McGladrey

September 12, 2013 – Chuck Laetsch, Crowe Horwath; Topic: “Career Opportunities in Accounting”

September 19, 2013 – Laura Gallagher, EY; Topic: “Global Mindset”

September 26, 2013 – Rodrigo Melendez and Rebecca Sproul, KPMG


October 17, 2013 – Bill Thomas, Protiviti; Topic: “Protiviti & Consulting” and WTAS
Spring 2013

January 10, 2013 - Stephanie Gardner and Angela Stawicki, Vestal & Wiler; Topic: "The Next Chapter: Starting Your Career in Public Accounting"


January 24, 2013 - Lou Zaltsberg with Speaker Panel, Siemens Energy; Topic: "Opportunities Outside of Public Accounting in a Global Network of Innovation"

February 7, 2013 - Robert Stanell with Speaker Panel, CS&L CPAs; Topic: "Small Firm, Big Opportunities – An In-Depth Review of a Regional CPA Firm"

February 21, 2013 - Katie Davis, Trey Long and Jennifer Forrester, James Moore & Co.; Topics: "Lean Six Sigma" and "Biotechnology Start-ups"

February 28, 2013 - Steve Stolberg

April 4, 2013 - Ryan Tyler, Susan Borland and Benjamin Klein, Oxbow Carbon LLC

FALL 2012

August 23, 2012 - Mike Castro, Ruth Astifidis, and Stephanie Garrison; PwC; Topic: "Personal Brand and Possibilities with PwC"

August 30, 2012 - Speaker Panel; Grant Thornton; Topic: "Insider Tips from Former Interns"

September 6, 2012 - Chuck Laetsch; Crowe Horwath; Topic: "Opportunities in Public Accounting"

September 13, 2012 - Speaker Panel; McGladrey; Topic: "Accounting: It’s not all Black and White"

September 20, 2012 - Roddy Melendez, Audit Partner, and Kellie Goolsby, Recruiter to host KPMG; Topic: "KPMG Trivia"

September 27, 2012 - Ernst & Young

October 4, 2012 - Wendi Christensen; Deloitte

October 18, 2012 - Speaker Panel; WTAS / Protiviti; Protiviti Topic: "Internal Audit as an alternative career path for Accounting majors"
SPRING 2012

January 19, 2012 – Siemens Energy


February 16, 2012 – Benjamin Klein, James Sanderson, and Ryan Tyler; Oxbow Carbon; Topic: Issues Surrounding Global Cash Management

February 23, 2012 – Speaker Panel; Regency Centers; Topic: Retail REIT Sector - Poised for Recovery

March 15, 2012 – Randy S. Johnson; Florida Pest Control

March 22, 2012 – Ed Salek; Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP; Topic: Leadership - It’s your future in Public Accounting

FALL 2011

August 25, 2011 – Tim O’Hara; PwC; Topic: PwC Overview and Global Mobility

September 1, 2011 – Wendi Christensen and Joseph Dowds; Deloitte

September 8, 2011 – Patrick Messerli and Jami Hess; Grant Thornton; Topic: Speed Networking

September 15, 2011 – Ernst & Young

September 22, 2011 – Shaun Kelly; KPMG; Topic: Branding Yourself on Campus

September 29, 2011 – Speaker Panel; Protiviti and WTAS

October 6, 2011 – Charles Laetsch and Michele Porfilio; Crowe Horwath; Topic: Winning Techniques of the Behavioral Interview: The Inside Story

October 13, 2011 – McGladrey

SPRING 2011

January 20, 2011 – Carolee Clarke-Reid; Johnson & Johnson; Topic: Tax Leadership Development Program at Johnson & Johnson

January 27, 2011 – Jack Rybicki and Lori Specht; LarsonAllen; Topics: Keys to Success in Public Accounting and Alternative Work Opportunities

February 3, 2011 – Siemens Energy

February 10, 2011 – Institute of Internal Auditors

February 24, 2011 – Charles Laetsch and Michele Porfilio; Crowe Horwath; Topic: Winning Techniques of the Behavioral Interview: The Inside Story

March 3, 2011 – Staff Panelists from Various EY Offices; Ernst & Young; Topic: Life after University of Florida at Ernst & Young

FALL 2010

August 26, 2010 – PricewaterhouseCoopers

September 2, 2010 – Joseph G. Dowds; Deloitte; Topic: Advancing Quality through Transparency

September 16, 2010 – Speaker Panel; Protiviti and WTAS

September 23, 2010 – Anne M. Lang; Grant Thornton; Topic: Corporate Social Responsibility

September 30, 2010 – KPMG

October 7, 2010 – Mike Balter and Panel; McGladrey; Topic: The Top 10 Things I wish I knew in my first year as an Accountant

November 18, 2010 – Paul Stein and Ryan Kist; Ernst & Young; Topic: The R Factor

SPRING 2010

January 21, 2010 – Emilio Escandon and Brian Schlang; Morrison Brown Argitz & Farra; Topic: A Regional Firm's Perspective & The M-1 Zone

January 28, 2010 – Gary Opper; Levy-Opper, LLC; Topic: Day in the Life of a Forensic Accountant and Fraud Investigator

February 4, 2010 – Steve Stolberg; Entrepreneur; Topic: The Entrepreneurial Experience

February 11, 2010 – Bettina Weiss; McKinsey & Company; Topic: What is management consulting anyway?

February 25, 2010 – Alex Olcese; AllChem Industries

March 18, 2010 – Brian Blacher, Andrew Schrader and Lou Zaltsberg; Siemens

April 1, 2010 – Johnson & Johnson

FALL 2009
August 27, 2009 – Rand Meyer; KPMG; Topic: Branding You

September 3, 2009 – Speaker Panel: Protiviti and WTAS
Protiviti: Phil Fretwell and Kristin Allen; Topic: Fraud Trends in Today’s Economy
WTAS: Dean Feria; Topic: How Tax and Valuation Professionals Work Together

September 10, 2009 – Chuck Seets; Ernst & Young; Topic: A front row view at a career in public accounting

September 17, 2009 – Anne M. Lang; Grant Thornton; Topic: Corporate Social Responsibility

September 24, 2009 – Robert Tache; Deloitte.

October 1, 2009 – Mike Balter; RSM McGladrey; Topic: Being Proactive in a Difficult Economy

October 8, 2009 – John Payne; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Topic: Global Beads

SPRING 2009

January 22, 2009 – Trent Gazzaway; Grant Thornton; Topic: Corporate Governance - What does "right" look like?

January 29, 2009 – Speaker Panel: Protiviti and WTAS
WTAS: Michael Kohner and Stephanie Murray; Topic: Tax Planning: Taking Advantage of a Down Economy

February 5, 2009 – Mike Willis; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Topic: "Naked AND Buff" - Improving corporate performance through enhanced transparency

March 5, 2009 – Scott Funston; Walt Disney Parks & Resorts; Topics: "Sarbanes Oxley Today" and "International Financial Reporting Standards: The Next Step?"

March 19, 2009 – Johnson & Johnson

March 26, 2009 – Leigh Ann Horton; CFO Strategic Partners; Topic: One Entrepreneur's Thoughts about Owning a Business

April 2, 2009 – Doug Thompson; CPAmerica

FALL 2008

September 4, 2008 – Shaun Kelly; KPMG; Topic: The Accounting Profession and My Experiences

September 11, 2008 – G. Thomas Hough; Ernst & Young

September 18, 2008 – Midmarket Panel; RSM McGladrey; Cherry, Bekaert & Holland; Crowe Horwath; Harper, Van Scoik & Company; BDO Seidman
RSM McGladrey: Johnnie James; Topic: The clients are entrepreneurial and owner managed rather than run by hired professional managers.
Cherry, Bekaert & Holland: David Appel; Topic: The overall benefits of serving midmarket clients.
Crowe Horwath: Bill Knibloe
BDO Seidman: Anthony Reh; Topic: The firms are growing with client service demands far exceeding the firm's ability to attract the personnel needed to meet the service demands, so career advancement prospects are limited only by the ability of the candidate to learn the job.

September 25, 2008 – Phillip Brunson; Deloitte

October 9, 2008 – Professional Panel; Alvarez & Marsal Taxand; LarsonAllen
Alvarez & Marsal: Sean Menendez and Rebecca Hoover; Topic: International Tax - Consulting in a Global Economy
LarsonAllen: Jack Rybicki; Topic: Serving Mid-Market Companies; and Lori Sims; Topic: Keys to Success in Public Accounting Tax

October 16, 2008 – Tracy Junger; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Topic: IFRS

November 6, 2008 – Charles Riggs, Jon Heath, Jeff Gingerich, Kathryn Monrose; Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC; Topics: Introduction to the new firm: Carr, Riggs &amp; Ingram, LLC; the 4th largest in the southeast:
*What you can do with your degree
*A day in the life of a CRI member

SPRING 2008

January 17, 2008 – Kaplan Mobray; Deloitte; Topic: The 10Ks of Personal Branding

January 24, 2008 – Bill Warren and Rob Gupta; PricewaterhouseCoopers

January 31, 2008 – Michael Custer; Kaufman & Rossin; Topic: Stranger than Fiction: True Life during busy season

February 7, 2008 – Speaker Panel; Protiviti and WTAS
WTAS: Michael Kohner

February 21, 2008 – Gary French, John Stratton, Sabrina Williams; State Street

March 20, 2008 – Kevin J. Hovorka; Crowe Chizek; Topic: The Role of Private Equity Groups in the Marketplace

FALL 2007

August 30, 2007 – Midmarket Panel: BDO Seidman; Cherry, Bekaert & Holland; Crowe Chizek; Harper Van Scoik; RSM McGladrey; Topic: Defining the Future of Professional Service Firms
BDO: Anthony Reh; Topic: The firms are growing with client service demands far exceeding the firm's ability to attract the personnel needed to meet the service demands, so career advancement prospects are limited only by the ability of the candidate to learn the job.
Cherry, Bekaert & Holland: Janet Hilder; Topic: The firms are very large so they provide many geographical choices as well as access to very specialized professional expertise when it is needed.
Crowe Horwath: Bill Knibloe; Topic: The nature of the work assignments lend themselves to the audit staff getting really broad exposure to the whole engagement early in their careers and also makes on the job training very effective.

Harper Van Scoik: Debra Alberdi and Chuck Riggs; Topic: There is a high likelihood that staff will be involved in both audit and tax services early in their career and that provides them actual work experience before they have to make a specialization decision.

RSM McGladrey: Jack Cadden; Topic: The clients are entrepreneurial and owner managed rather than run by hired professional managers.

September 6, 2007 – Brian Blacher, Andrew Schrader, and Lou Zaltsberg; Siemens; Topic: Opportunities in a Global Network of Innovation

September 27, 2007 – Shaun Kelly; KPMG; Topic: Keys to a Successful Career in Public Accounting

October 11, 2007 – Midmarket Panel: Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC; RSM McGladrey
RSM McGladrey: Gregory DeVino
Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC: Becky Hoover, Melody Summers, and Frank Walker

October 18, 2007 – Speaker Panel: Financial and Performance Management COE; AllChem Industries; Topic: Entrepreneurial Opportunities with an Accounting Background
Financial and Performance Management COE: Kim Autrey
AllChem Industries: Alex Olcese

October 25, 2007 – Shelley Stein; Grant Thornton; Topic: Take care of your people; take charge of your growth.

November 8, 2007 – Allen Boston; Ernst & Young

SPRING 2007

January 18, 2007 – Speaker Panel: Alvarez & Marsal; Wealth & Tax Advisory Services; Protiviti; Topic: Defining the Future of Professional Service Firms
Alvarez & Marsal: Robert Lowe
Wealth & Tax Advisory Services: Michael Kohner; Topic: Types of Consulting Projects for Interesting Clients
Protiviti: Katy Thompson

February 1, 2007 – Chet Wood; Deloitte & Touche; Topic: The Changes and Opportunities in the Tax Marketplace

February 8, 2007 – Siemens; Topic: Opportunities in a Global Network of Innovation

February 22, 2007 – Jorge Diaz; Rachlin & Cohen; Topic: A Day in Public Accounting - Partner Experiences

March 22, 2007 – Doug Thompson; CPAmerica; Topic: Aim So High You Will Never Be Bored! Join a Top, Local CPA Firm. You Can Have Everything You Want in Life If...

March 29, 2007 – Cory Walker; Brown & Brown; Topic: Perpetuating Success through Building a Strong Corporate Culture
April 5, 2007 – Dr. Allen C. Jones; Turnaround Management Association; Topic: When Everything Goes Wrong

FALL 2006

September 7, 2006 – Midmarket Panel: Grant Thornton; RSMI McGladrey; Crowe Chisek; Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland; Harper Van Scoik
Grant Thornton: Chris Clabby; Topic: Size of a Midmarket Firm and Access to Specialized Knowledge
Crowe Chisek: Amanda Stevens; Topic: Firm Growth of Midmarket Firms and Advancement Potential
Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland: Janet Hilder; Topic: Nature of Staff Assignments and the Specialization Decision
RSM McGladrey: Sharon Picolo; Topic: Types of Clients Midmarket Firms Service
Harper Van Scoik: Chuck Riggs; Topic: Nature of the Work Assignments and Impact on Training

September 12, 2006 – Shaun Kelly; KPMG; Topic: Keys to a Successful Career in Public Accounting

September 28, 2006 – Karole Lloyd; Ernst & Young; Topic: "Knowledge" and the Accounting Industry

October 12, 2006 – Mike Ryan; Grant Thornton; Topic: Successful Strategies for Doing Deals: The Importance and Process of Due Diligence

October 26, 2006 – Laura Brock; Cherry, Bekaert & Holland; Topic: Fraud and the CFE from a CPA Perspective

November 9, 2006 – Steve Skor; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Topic: Careers in International Taxation

November 16, 2006 – Mark Scott; Kaufman & Rossin