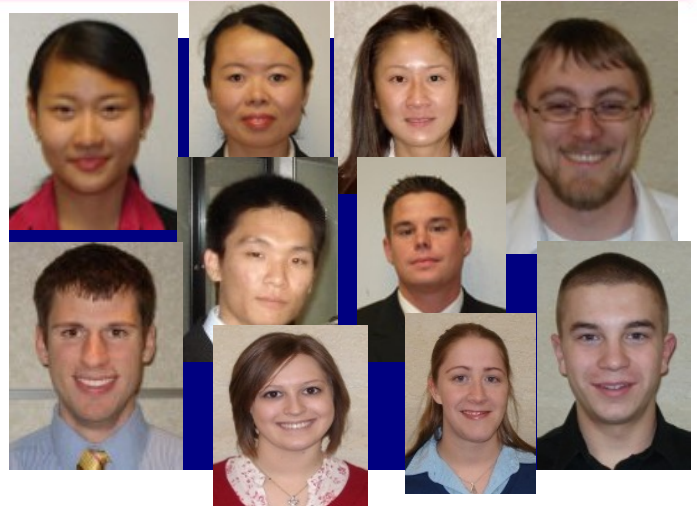


BAP Journal



Welcome to the Spring Semester



The new Executive Board Welcomes you !

Welcome back members and initiates and welcome to our new candidates as well to another enjoyable semester.

For those returning, you know we pride ourselves on our community service, academic achievements, and social development with our members.

This semester will be no different. Lots of fun and learning are in store for us. We have great firms and companies coming to speak with us, and we will be raising funds for some worthy causes.

Last semester we accomplished a lot. The BAP website has members talking about how the Gamma Pi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi helped them with their careers. There is also a photo stream of pictures taken from past semesters. Go check out these cool features by visiting the website at www.cob.niu.edu/accy/bap/index.htm.

We also raised over \$12,000 for charity while having fun. The magic show was great fun and brought in money to go to Opportunity International and the Appalachian Service Project.

This semester we have exciting guest speakers such as the Secret Service, Plante & Moran, Caterpillar and many others. Speaking to help us expand our knowledge (and impress firms and companies) is within our reach. Make sure to show up *on time* and in appropriate dress attire. This will help us continue to get great speakers by showing them respect.

Opportunities to give back and help others are also available. Two of them will be Relay for Life and the Appalachian Service Project. Not to mention a 5K. We have more opportunities than that though. If you are interested in what else is available or you want to sign up contact Cody Smith.

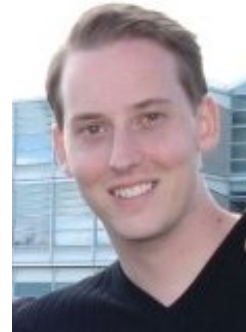
We hope you find this semester as enjoyable as we think it will be. Now go out and participate.

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A Day in the Life of a First Year: KPMG

By: Eric Middleton



6:00 A.M – Hit snooze on my alarm clock

6:20 A.M – Rush out of bed because I think that I am going to be late. Shower, breakfast, put on my business casual attire, clear the ice off of my car.

8:30 A.M – Arrive at the client site (or the office downtown)

8:30 to 10:30 A.M – Work on self-insurance. Yes, finally finished! Everything looks good (title, w/p reference, source, PBC, signed off, wrote beautiful notes and tick marks). Oh man! I am definitely going to get a good review this quarter.

10:30 to 12:00 A.M – Try not to cry while clearing 10 pages of comments related to self-insurance☹

12:00 to 1:00 P.M – Go out to lunch with the team. Try to act professional, but end up ordering the filet anyways.



1:00 to 5:00 P.M – Help the senior with administrative duties, while listening to the client, in the copy room, talk about how much they hate auditors. Then, when they look at me, try not to smile.

5:00 P.M – I was just about to go home when I receive another task, YES!!!

5:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M – Finish tying out the third copy of the 10-Q. Rejoice with the team because the end of the third quarter is complete. Everyone leaves in a big hurry just in case another 10-Q arrives☺

8:30 P.M – Arrive at home and attempt to make a healthy meal, but end up eating noodles and butter instead.

10:00 P.M – Go to bed and start everything again at 6:00 sorry 6:20 A.M.



I know that I joke around, but in all fairness being a first year is awesome. You will not be working until 8:00 everyday. To be honest, I have probably only stayed that late seven days total. The rest of the time I leave between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. I will tell you that your education at NIU will really prepare you well for your career. I wish you the best of luck in your studies, and maybe I will see some of you at KPMG in the near future.

Sudoku #1 - Easy

			6			9		
		7	3		9			5
				5		1		3
7		8		6			9	
3		2	5	1	8	7		4
	6			4		8		2
5		1		3				
2			7		5	3		
		9			2			

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Sudoku #3 - Intermediate

		1	8				6	3
				9				1
4	9						8	
1		8		7				
			6		9			
				3		7		5
	6						7	4
3				6				
5	7				4	6		

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Solutions on page 5

Do you want to write an article for the newsletter and see your name and words appear in print? Whether you have a great idea yet or not I can help you!

See me, Laura Harbaugh, after the meeting or send me an e-mail at laura_harbaugh@yahoo.com.

Meet the Member:
Ajay Shah



Home town:
Rolling Meadows, IL

Year in School:
Senior

Activities:
Member of Dean's Advisory Board, College Curriculum Committee and Beta Alpha Psi

Why did you join BAP?

BAP means networking with the best people in the industry. Meeting with the employers in the industry is the best way of searching for a job. To learn about the current and emerging trends of the profession while meeting new people on a regular basis.

What do you like most about BAP?

The opportunity to meet employers within the profession and in the industry is something I always look forward to every other Wednesday. Also, the opportunity to give back to the society in terms of social and service hours is really been an experience for me especially the previous year.

What type of employment are you seeking?

I am seeking corporate accounting job. Crunching numbers, presenting the results and have a say in decision making would be an ideal job.

Something no one else knows about you:

I write poems in Hindi.

What is your favorite cartoon animal/person and why?

My favorite cartoon character would be Jerry from Tom & Jerry. It is just the childhood version of me.



Kevin, Andrew, Neil and Scott hanging with Mr. Johnson of the DiGiovine, Hnilo, Jordan, & Johnson, Ltd. At Bowling Night

The Office Interview

If you are successful in your initial campus interview, the next step is usually an invitation to visit the company/firm's office.

What to Expect—Be prepared to talk with staff members at all levels. They will ask questions about you and your career goals. Expect some fairly detailed questioning. They will also expect you to ask questions. Concentrate your questions on the nature of the work, the typical duties and responsibilities you will be required to perform. Know the company's/firm's organizational structure.

Be Prepared—Get a good night's sleep. Have some ideas about what you are going to ask. Be attentive and show interest.

The Wrap-Up or Last Interview of the Day—You may be offered a job. Don't consider the outcome to be negative if an offer is not extended immediately. Some companies/firms make a practice of extending offers through the mail. Within a short period of time, you should be notified of the outcome of your interview.

Expenses—Keep an accurate record of your expenses. Keep hotel and airplane receipts. If you are splitting expenses among several companies/firms, be certain you inform them. Trying to make a few extra dollars is improper and could harm your opportunities and may be illegal.

If You Receive an Offer—Try to give the company/firm some idea about when you will make a decision. Don't box yourself in. Make sure you give yourself enough time to interview at all the companies/firms you planned to. Make sure you understand the offer completely (overtime, benefits and other relevant matters). If you have questions about the offer, call the interviewer or designated person. Don't quibble over small difference in starting salaries.

If You Receive a Rejection—Keep your chin up. There are many other opportunities out there. If you constantly receive rejections, examine the reasons. They may show common interviewing faults. Make improvements where possible. If you do poorly in an interview and do not receive an offer, it could be because of one or more of these com-

mon interview faults: Insufficient career direction; Failure to project your qualifications; Absence of apparent initiative; Need for greater self-confidence; Shabby or inappropriate personal appearance; Insufficient knowledge of the company/firm; Inability to express yourself clearly; Failure to ask questions.

If, at the conclusion of your interview, you have a strong interest in the company/firm, write to the interviewer confirming this. It is always good professional manners after any interview to write a note of appreciation to the people you interviewed with that day. Not many people do this, so it can be an effective tool to make you stand out. Make the note a short, sincere statement of your appreciation for the time spent with you. Reaffirm your interest in the position and company/firm. Try to mail the letter that evening or day after your interview.

“Keep your chin up. There are many other opportunities out there.”

Accepting the Offer—Write or call the company/firm to inform them of your acceptance. Establish a starting date. Inform any other company/firm that has offered you a position of your decision. Inform your school's placement office of the name of the company/firm and type of position you have accepted.

From the AICPA website



Dr. Tidrick and Scott Zalaznik discussing this semester, and how great it is going to be.

Meet the Firm

DiGiovine, Hnilo, Jordan & Johnson, Ltd.

DiGiovine, Hnilo, Jordan & Johnson, Ltd. has been recognized and received a prestigious award as the "Best Place to Work in Illinois" with employees 25-249. This award was based on feedback from all employees at the firm.

With a staff of over 60, DHJJ is a place that allows you to learn and grow. We provide professional development with our mentoring program and on-going training and education. We recognize that everyone has different talents and goals and assist you with expanding these talents while paving the way to success.

We work in a first-class environment and offer challenging and stimulating responsibilities that allow each employee to achieve their maximum potential. Our technology and the ability to accommodate your personalized work schedule provide the maximum work/life balance. Our exceptional team values and respects each other.

Our core value statement, "Faith & Family, Excellent Client Service and Respect for Each Other," is something we live every day. At DHJJ, our employees have exciting careers, not jobs. Our progressive atmosphere with the best in technology and compensation provides a platform for enjoyment and satisfaction. We're professional but also a fun place to work.

(From http://www.dhjj.com/careers/why_dhjj.html)

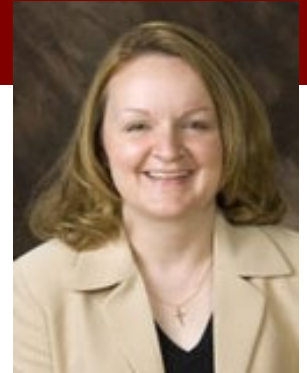
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Sudoku #3 - Intermediate

2	5	1	8	4	7	9	6	3
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9	2	6	1	3	8	7	4	5
8	6	2	9	5	1	3	7	4
3	1	4	7	6	2	8	5	9
5	7	9	3	8	4	6	1	2

Meet the Teacher: Tammy Waymire



Home town

Cabot, Arkansas (population now is about 21,000, which is about four times what it was when I was there)

Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Arkansas Tech University, 1993; Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from Harding University, 2005; Ph.D. in Accounting from University of Arkansas, 2008.

Classes this semester

ACCY 480/580 - Governmental and nonprofit accounting

Other Classes Taught

Managerial Accounting

Professional Experience

5 years in public accounting auditing governmental and non-profit entities, 3 years as an auditor and expert witness for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the State of Arkansas Attorney General, 4 years as a rate analyst and expert witness in electric utility proceedings for the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Something no one else knows about me

(well, some know, but not many at NIU know) - I played alto and soprano saxophone in band in high school and college . . . AND LOVED IT!!! I still love to watch drum and bugle corps shows.

Favorite cartoon person

Definitely Dilbert - amazingly accurate picture of Corporate America.

What I like to do

Hang out with my family, watch movies, play Rock Band, and ride bikes. My husband, Dennis, and I LOVE playing spades - we played spades a lot in college and love to get together with friends to play when we can (and it's even better if we have some awesome band music playing too!).

Advice

Worry less about your career path. Just do what is right from day to day, and the big picture will take care of itself. You should enjoy the journey.

Other

Despite the weather, my family and I are enjoying it here.



February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 "The Global Credit Crisis" from McGladrey-Pullen BH 301—BC	5	6	7
8	9	10 Movie Night Watch announcements for more information	11 "Identity Theft" from US Secret Service BH 301—BC	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Outstanding Alumni Event BH 200 — BP	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 "Professional Ethics Enforcement" from Plante & Moran BH 301—BC	26	27	28

** Watch e-mails and listen at beginning of meeting for more activities