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Admired alum joins Hall of Fame

F. Walker Tucei Jr. (BBA 63) of New Orleans is the 2009 inductee into the Patterson School of Accountancy's Alumni Hall of Fame—the school's highest alumni honor.

Tucei was unable to attend the presentation ceremony on April 23 during Accountancy Weekend because he was experiencing serious health issues. His many Ole Miss friends were saddened to learn on July 14 that he had lost his courageous battle with cancer.

"Walker Tucei has been loyal and generous to the Patterson School and Ole Miss for many years, and we are grateful for his tremendous legacy. He has made us proud in so many ways," Dean Mark Wilder said. "It is a great pleasure to induct him into our Patterson School of Accountancy Hall of Fame. He had an outstanding career in the accounting profession, and he is so deserving of this honor."

Matt Lusco (BBA 79) accepted the award for his friend at the ceremony.

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—DEAN MARK WILDER

"I am very, very humbled to accept this honor on behalf of my former partner, my mentor and my good friend, Walker Tucei," Lusco said. "His daughter Marian wanted me to tell you how much her father wanted to be here... and how much the award means to him because of the other outstanding people who have received it."

"But let me tell you this, after working with Walker for over 20 years, this award will be that much richer because of his association with it."

Highly successful in his accounting career, Tucei also distinguished himself in ser-

vice to his profession. He was a trusted friend, mentor and teacher. He lectured at colleges and universities in the Southeast, recruited promising young people to the profession and offered challenging jobs to qualified college graduates. Much of his professional service was rendered at his alma mater.

'F. Walker Tucei has done it all in our profession... he was the curve setter.'

—JIMMY DAVIS

Speaking at the Hall of Fame presentation, James W. Davis, professor and H. Eugene Peery Chair of accountancy, said, "F. Walker Tucei has done it all in our profession." Davis and Tucei took accountancy classes together at Ole Miss. "He and I were classmates, and he was the curve setter," Davis said.

A native of Biloxi, Tucei graduated from Biloxi High School, then continued taking classes at Perkinston Junior College, where he had enrolled while still in high school. At the end of the summer, he accepted a job with the FBI in New Orleans and began attending night classes at Tulane University. He later would say that his year with the FBI was "one of the most maturing and enlightening years" of his life; however, he soon realized that he needed to focus on getting a college education. He enrolled at Ole Miss in June 1961 and graduated with honors in August 1963, becoming the first of four Tucei brothers to graduate from the university in accounting.

Soon after graduation, Tucei joined the New Orleans office of Arthur Andersen. He specialized in auditing and was admitted to partnership in 1972 at age 30, becoming the youngest person at that time to attain partnership. He became partner-in-charge of the accounting and audit practice in 1975 and managing partner for the Arthur Andersen's Gulf South practice in 1985. As managing partner

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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Accountancy Alumni:

As usual, things are busy here at the Patterson School of Accountancy.

We recently concluded another exciting academic year. On May 9, we awarded 168 bachelor's degrees, 54 Master of Accountancy degrees, 14 Master of Taxation degrees and two doctorates. Our commencement ceremony was held in the Ford Center for the Performing Arts and was highlighted by the commencement address of Paul Johnson. Paul has an Ole Miss accounting degree and is also a Harvard Law School graduate. He is a former partner with KPMG Peat Marwick and is currently the Mississippi Development Authority's Toyota project director.

We offered a full slate of classes this summer and once again enjoyed a very large summer enrollment. Preliminary enrollment numbers for the fall 2009 semester are very strong. The Patterson School continues to grow and thrive.

This issue of Ole Miss Accountant will update you on school events, the accomplishments of our faculty and students and the achievements of our alumni. You will see that our faculty members are outstanding representatives of the Patterson School and The University of Mississippi, our students are dedicated and highly motivated, and our alumni are generous and willing supporters of the school and the university.

Our spring internship program continues to flourish. The spring 2009 class had 68 participating students. This was our most geographically widespread class ever, with students interning with 28 firms in 22 cities, 10 states and two countries (for the second year, we had one student intern in London). Eleven students also participated in summer 2009 internships. We are now preparing for the spring 2010 class of interns, and more than 100 students are vying for internships.

Accountancy Weekend 2009 was a great success, beginning with our annual Honors Banquet held April 23. Many awards were presented to our students, and faculty awards went to superb teachers and researchers. This year's outstanding teacher was Tonya Flesher, who has won the award four times. Karl Wang was named outstanding researcher. The ceremony was highlighted by the induction of Walker Tucei into the Accountancy Hall of Fame. Walker was unable to attend due to illness, and his many Ole Miss friends were saddened to learn of his passing on July 14. We will miss him and extend condolences to his family.

Accountancy Weekend also included our continuing education program, which featured wonderful guest speakers including Dustin Schultz, Marc Grossman, Hunter Carpenter, Angela Morelock and Stan Clark. More than 100 attendees registered for the event, and we are pleased that interest continues to grow.

In May, Beta Alpha Psi hosted its fifth annual golf tournament to raise funds for student activities and travel. The event began with an extremely popular "meet-the-firms" session for students and concluded with the awarding of the Burkett Cup (named in honor of retired faculty member Homer Burkett) to the winning team.

Also in May, the Patterson School hosted the Southeast American Accounting Association meeting on campus. This was the first time in 30 years that this meeting had been hosted on a college campus, and we were delighted to welcome 165 registrants (most of which were accounting faculty from throughout the region and the nation). Many of the attendees had never been to Oxford and Ole Miss, and they left with a highly favorable impression.

As always, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your support of the Patterson School of Accountancy. Our alumni and friends are tremendously generous and a model for the rest of the university. Please visit us when you are on campus, and let us know if we can be of help to you in any way.

Sincerely,

W. Mark Wilder

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Dean and KPMG Professor

Professor 'repays' UM

James W. "Jimmy" Davis' career at The University of Mississippi has spanned more than 44 years and four chancellors. In that time, Davis has helped UM's accountancy program grow from a department into the Patterson School of Accountancy, served as dean of the school and watched hundreds of graduates enjoy successful accounting careers. Now Davis—who officially retired June 30 but will continue teaching in the Patterson School—has directed part of his retirement funds to the place that has meant so much to him.

"Ole Miss is my whole life," Davis said. "It's been good to me, and this is my opportunity to repay the university."

Davis' retirement funds will be directed toward the James W. Davis Scholarship Endowment in Accountancy, which was created in 2002 by faculty, alumni and friends to honor the professor for his service to the school.

"Dr. Davis has focused his entire career on teaching and helping students. The Patterson School enjoys a



Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat (right) presents Jimmy Davis with a plaque commemorating his membership in the 1848 Society for planning a deferred gift in support of the university.

great reputation for being teaching-oriented and student-centered—and in large part this reputation is a result of the leadership of Jimmy Davis," Dean Mark Wilder said. "This generous gift to the Davis endowment only further

Beta Alpha Psi achieves 'superior' status

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi enjoyed an amazing year in 2008-09, which included increasing membership from 68 to 92 and achieving prestigious "superior" status. This was the Alpha Theta Chapter's best result in many years.

"This was a great achievement for our organization," said Tonie Pittari, BAP president. "We finished the year with 2,749 professional and service hours, and only 1,856 hours were needed to achieve 'superior.'"

J Shaw, associate professor serving as chapter adviser, credits the student officers who are responsible for planning and executing all of the chapter's activities for the organization's accomplishments.

"They have done a tremendous job, and I am very proud of their accomplishments," Shaw said. "They set a goal for themselves last fall that the chapter would win 'superior' status. They budgeted how many hours would be needed to succeed, and they implemented their plan. These students are great representatives of the Patterson School of Accountancy."

Thanks to a successful golf tournament May 1 on the Ole Miss Golf Course, 10 chapter officers attended the annual meeting in New York City in August. Fifteen firms participated in the tournament, field-



Homer Burkett presents the Burkett Cup to the championship team of Ron Applewhite, Albert Sappington, Patrick Gough and John Hegi of Horne, LLP. Horne was the winning team for the second year in a row.

ing 22 teams. A highlight was the "Meet the Firms" luncheon, which gave accountancy students the opportunity to visit with firm representatives.

"The annual golf tournament is Beta Alpha Psi's single fundraiser; it is how all of the organization's money is raised," Pittari said. "It was a great success for Beta Alpha Psi, the students and the firms alike."

"We look forward to a wonderful year that lies ahead. We intend to do at least one community service day each semester, as well as schedule weekly meetings where firms and other guests will attend and speak to students about particular topics." ■

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until 1997, he was responsible for administering the firm's practice in Louisiana, Mississippi, southern Alabama and western Florida. He retired in 1999.

"During his career, Walker was just the consummate professional," Lusco said. "He was outstanding technically, had very, very sound and savvy business acumen and was someone who truly lived the words of Arthur Andersen: 'Think straight, talk straight.'"

A devout Roman Catholic and active in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Walker spent his life modeling his faith. His public service included membership on various boards of privately held businesses and civic and nonprofit organizations in the New Orleans area, including the Southeast

Louisiana Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Boy Scouts Foundation and World Trade Center of New Orleans.

'This award will be that much richer because of his association with it.'

—MATT LUSCO

In 1962, Tucei married his childhood sweetheart, June Elizabeth Parker, who survives him along with their three daughters and their families: Deneen O'Connor,

husband, Kip, and daughter, Bailey, of Marrero, La.; Marian Clarke, husband, Tim, and son, Paul Joseph, of Mobile; and Michelle Mannino, husband, Joey, daughter, Bella, and twin sons Baldo and Walker of New Orleans.

He also leaves his three brothers: Robert Mark Tucei (BBA 69), Thomas Eugene Tucei (BBA 70) and Alan L. Tucei (BBA 78). ■

Historical Account

London offers graduate students insight into field's past



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UM accountancy students take a boat trip down the Thames River to Greenwich to visit the Royal Naval College, Royal Naval Observatory and the Prime Meridian during the intersession they spent in London. The group included Amanda Holsworth (left), Ben Van Landuyt, Matt Crittenden, Spencer Butcher, Josh Marlar, Amber Carmack, Josh Linton, J Shaw and Will Hodges.



Ancient money was on display at the British Museum.

Eight Patterson School graduate students spent the summer 2009 intersession in London studying accounting and taxes from a different perspective. Enrolled in Development of Accounting Thought, the students were accompanied by Associate Professor J Shaw, who was teaching the course for the second consecutive year.

The group visited a number of interesting places, including several public accounting firms, the Royal Naval Observatory in

Greenwich, Lloyd's of London, the London Metals Exchange, the Bank of England and the House of Commons. They also toured the British Museum, where they heard a talk about some of the oldest writings known to mankind, which happen to be accounting records.

There also was time for sightseeing outside the city, including visits to Stonehenge and Windsor Castle.

"The purpose of the course is to expose students to alternative ways of viewing accounting and taxes and to help them

develop an understanding of how our current accounting methods were developed," Shaw said.

The students agreed that they gained more from the experience than is possible within the confines of a classroom.

"By visiting international accounting firms, we learned more about the global economy than we ever could have learned in the States," student Spencer Butcher said.

Classmate Will Hodges concurred, saying, "From a social standpoint, it was

unbelievable as well. We met many of the accountants on a social level after their [formal] presentations. And from a nonaccounting perspective, of course, London was outstanding because there is so much to do and see.”

“Besides visiting major attractions, like the Tower of London and St. Paul’s Cathe-

dral, we found unique Indian restaurants, pubs older than the U.S., and we played putt-putt golf in Hyde Park,” Butcher said. “My fondest memories of the trip are making new friends, running in Kensington Gardens and experiencing a new culture. I can’t wait to go back.”

Giving his professor high marks, Hodg-

es added, “I really do not know if the trip would have been such a success if Dr. Shaw had not been leading it. His energy and attitude toward the trip is one of the major driving factors that makes it work.” ■



The class visited the London offices of KPMG where they heard a presentation by Michael Kraehnke. Kraehnke (left of KPMG sign) is a partner with the firm and is currently on a long-term assignment with the International Accounting Standards Board. The students also saw a presentation on international assignments by several U.S. interns working in the KPMG London office.



A visit to Lloyd’s of London included a talk on risk and insurance by Martin Leach (second from left).

Loyal alum 'never really left' the university



Kevin Bain

Dean Mark Wilder (left), Charles Clark, Ginger Clark and Jimmy Davis mingle during Alumni Weekend last April. The Clarks, who recently pledged \$50,000 to grow an endowment in their name, were special guests.

When incoming Ole Miss Alumni Association President Charles Clark (BBA 72) enrolled at The University of Mississippi, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. That changed after having Professor Gene Peery teach his first semester of Accounting Principles. "I accidentally fell into a major in accountancy," Clark said. He recalls making the highest grade in that section and repeating his performance the following semester. "Gene Peery then told me I would be majoring in accountancy, and I could not argue with him. He became my mentor and friend, and helped me in many ways. I owe much to this man and to Ole Miss."

Clark and his wife, the former Ginger Guice of Biloxi (BAEd 73), were special guests of the Patterson School during Alumni Weekend in April. They were introduced at the honors banquet, where an announcement was made that the couple has pledged \$50,000 to grow the Charles and Ginger Clark Scholarship in Accountancy Endowment, which they established with an initial gift in 2001.

Friends, faculty and students were also

reminded that Clark will be formally installed as president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association on Oct. 17 during Homecoming weekend.

"Charles Clark is a longtime supporter of the Patterson School of Accountancy, and we are so grateful for his leadership and generosity," Dean Mark Wilder said. "This gift from the Clarks will benefit our school in countless ways and will help us tremendously in our efforts to recruit the best and brightest students into the Patterson School."

Clark graduated from Ole Miss in 1972 with distinction; however, based on his record of giving back, it's fair to say he never really left the university.

Throughout the years, Clark has not only made monetary gifts to support many areas of the university but he has also contributed his time. Besides service to the Alumni Association since 2004, he is a member of the School of Accountancy Professional Advisory Board and the board of directors of The University of Mississippi Foundation. He is also a past president of the Ole Miss School of Accountancy alumni chapter and the Birmingham Ole Miss alumni club.

"I love Ole Miss, and feel I owe her much for my accomplishments. My primary motivation is one of wanting to give back," Clark said. "I am very proud to be an alumnus of the university and its School of Accountancy. Both are finally receiving the public accolades that are deserved—things that we in the Ole Miss family have known for years."

As for the scholarship fund, Clark says, "I hope it will help Ole Miss continue to attract and retain outstanding students who can be afforded the same exposure I had to outstanding teachers who genuinely care about their students."

Clark began his professional career with the accounting firm Ernst & Ernst in Jackson, where he worked for two years before attaining the CPA designation in 1973. He entered the University of Southern California in 1974, completing a master's degree in business taxation there two years later. He then joined Peat Marwick (now known as KPMG) in Jackson. He was made partner there in 1982, and in 1984 he transferred to their Birmingham office, where he was named tax partner in charge of that practice. He later took on the additional responsibility of tax partner in charge of their

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health care and life sciences practice for the southeast United States.

Clark left KPMG in 1997 to join Caremark Rx, one of his publicly traded clients. He served as executive vice president, primarily working on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and turnaround activities until 2004, when Caremark relocated its headquarters to Nashville and was subsequently acquired by CVS (now known as CVS/Caremark). After leaving Caremark, Clark formed his own company, Clark Capital, LLC. He is primarily involved in venture capital investing in small privately held companies with high growth potential. He is actively involved with two of those companies, AQ2 Technologies and MCM Technology.

He is a member of the Alabama and Mississippi societies of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs, and he is a past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Tax Institute.

Charles and Ginger Clark have been married for more than 37 years. They live in Mountain Brook, a suburb of Birmingham, and are the parents of a son and two daughters. ■

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perpetuates his lifelong commitment to Ole Miss accountancy students.”

A member of the faculty since 1965, Davis holds the distinguished H. Eugene Peery Chair in Accountancy. He was awarded the universitywide Outstanding Teacher Award in 1985 and received the Patterson School’s outstanding teacher award in 1983, 1988, 1993, 2004 and 2008. He received the Mississippi Society’s Outstanding Educator Award in 1993.

Davis said he is giving the funds so that Ole Miss can continue to compete for the brightest accountancy students.

“Offering scholarships is absolutely necessary. It gives us a good recruiting advantage,” he said. “We’re competing with other good schools, and outstanding students get scholarships. So we have to be in the mix.” ■

Southeastern Louisiana University names Ph.D. alum as president

A University of Mississippi doctoral graduate in accountancy has been named the 14th president of Southeastern Louisiana University.

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System named John L. Crain to the post in February. Crain, a 22-year veteran of the university, had served as interim president since July 2008.

A native of Washington Parish, La., Crain completed his Ph.D. in accountancy at Ole Miss in 1988. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accountancy and a master’s degree in business administration, both from Southeastern. A tenured faculty member there, he has served as head of the Department of Accounting, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“I am both humbled and honored that you have allowed me to continue working with the faculty, staff, students, alumni and community. I assure you I will do my very best to be an effective and successful president at Southeastern Louisiana University,” Crain said in a news release. “There are many people who have a keen interest in Southeastern, and that means great things for the future of this university.”

As Southeastern’s president, Crain oversees Louisiana’s third-largest public university with more than 15,000 students and an operating budget of \$124 million. The university is a catalyst for economic development along Interstate 12, playing a central role in workforce development, strategic partnerships, the generation and transfer of ideas and technology, and enhancing the quality of life in communities throughout the region.

Crain has published more than 50 refereed journal articles, chaired numerous university committees and secured \$200,000 in external grants. His community service includes board memberships for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum and the Louisiana Children’s Discovery Museum. He was also a member of the Louisiana Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and the Louisiana Board of Regents Master Plan National Advisory Panel Workgroup on Retention and Completion. He is currently a member of the Hammond Rotary Club.

Crain’s permanent appointment follows a six-month search that attracted 19 applicants from throughout the country. ■



Southeastern Louisiana University Vice President for Student Affairs Marvin Yates (left) congratulates newly appointed university President John L. Crain, a 1988 graduate of UM’s School of Accountancy doctoral program.

Southeast accountants gather at UM

Some 165 members of the Southeast Region of the American Accounting Association (SEAAA) gathered at The University of Mississippi April 30-May 2, marking the first time in three decades the organization held its annual meeting on a university campus.

While most of those attending were from the region's nine states, there were also visitors from several foreign countries. Associate Dean Dale Flesher, vice president of SEAAA, served as program director for the annual meeting. Dean Mark Wilder served as the regional president.

More than 100 attendees presented research papers throughout the three days. A highlight of their visit was a tour of the most prestigious accounting library collection in the world—that of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants—which is



Dale Flesher (center), professor of accountancy, expresses appreciation to Pamela Williamson (left) curator of visual collections, and Royce Kurtz, AICPA collection reference librarian, for preparing an exhibit for members of the Southeast Region of the American Accountancy Association.

housed at the J.D. Williams Library.

"The members were excited about meeting here," Flesher said. "They were especially enthusiastic about visiting the AICPA library and seeing some of the rare items, such as Pacioli's famous *Summa de Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni et Proportionalita*, printed in Venice in 1494."

"Hosting the Southeast AAA meeting on our campus provided a great opportunity to showcase Ole Miss and the Patterson

School," Dean Mark Wilder said. "Many of the attendees had never been on our campus before, and they left with a tremendously favorable impression of Ole Miss and our program."

Officials from the New York-based AICPA organization moved the collection of more than 125,000 items to the university in 2001. An exhibit featuring the collection is on display on the second floor of J.D. Williams Library until December. ■

Kevin Bain

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Professor writes new book with FASB grant

While the early history of accounting—or double-entry bookkeeping—dates back to early civilization and is still being written in light of new archaeological discoveries, a Patterson School professor is writing his seventh book recording the profession's history over the last century.

Dale Flesher, associate dean and Arthur Andersen Alumni Lecturer, was awarded a grant by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to write its 35th-anniversary history. Given the significance of the board, this is an important and monumental task.

Since 1973, the FASB has been the designated organization in the private sector for establishing standards of financial accounting that govern the preparation of financial statements. The board's authority is officially recognized by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Such standards are important for many reasons, including contributing to efficient functioning of the economy.

Flesher is about halfway through the project, with plans to have the book completed by Dec. 31. Although his work involves plumbing through a mountain of information, he said he finds it interesting and fascinating, especially the political aspect of it.

For example, Flesher said that at one time companies did not put their retiree benefits on financial statements. He said GM fought hard against the FASB rule that now requires it to include benefits out of concern they could make the company's financial statements look bad.

"Another interesting recent occurrence that involved the FASB had to do with the stock market crash," he said. "Bankers blamed their problems on the FASB's controversial guide for marking assets and liabilities."

Flesher said his interest in history

stretches back to his college days, when he enrolled in senior-level American history courses as electives. For six years, he wrote a local history column for his hometown newspaper. While pursuing his doctoral degree in accountancy, he was required to take a course in accounting history, and, for Flesher and his career, the rest is history.

In addition to publishing a variety of history-related articles on small organizations, Flesher has published the following book-length histories: *75th Anniversary History of the American Accounting Association* (1991), *50th Anniversary History of the Institute of Internal Auditors* (1991), *60th Anniversary History of the Institute of Internal Auditors* (2002), *25th Anniversary History of the Accounting Programs Leadership Group* (2003), *90th Anniversary History of the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business* (2007) and *100th Anniversary History of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy* (2007). ■

Holding of Government Accountable

Faculty member recognized nationally for dissertation

Certain information from the new governmental financial reporting model can be associated with fiscal distress experienced by local governments, according to dissertation research by a UM accountancy professor.

Annette Pridgen (PhD 08), who received her doctoral degree last fall and was named assistant professor in the Patterson School of Accountancy, recently received word that the American Accounting Association chose her dissertation research for its Government and Nonprofit Section's Outstanding Dissertation Award.

"We are so proud of Annette for this outstanding achievement," said Dean Mark Wilder, who served as Pridgen's dissertation chair. "This national award provides great recognition not only for Annette but also for the Patterson School. Annette worked extremely hard throughout the dissertation process, and she is so deserving of this honor."

Pridgen spent some 14 years auditing government agencies before entering the doctoral program in accountancy at The University of Mississippi. Her auditing background piqued her interest in pursuing research in governmental financial reporting, which became her dissertation subject.

The cited research examines the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 34, titled "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Govern-

ments, as well as any organizations under those governments' jurisdictions, such as public power authorities, municipal hospitals and state universities.

Governments are required to follow GASB standards to obtain clean opinions from their auditors. The intended result is to make financial statements and other reports easier to understand and more useful to legislators, members of oversight bodies and others who provide resources to governments, as well as to people, including the general public, who use governmental financial information to make decisions.

Randal J. Elder, chair of the award's selection committee, said that GASB No. 34 dramatically changed government accounting. "We need more research like Annette's that addresses [the statement's] effects on governmental accounting, particularly in the current economic environment."

A reviewer for the award concurred, stating that Pridgen's research "needed to be done," as it contributes to other research on the subject and considers some additional variables.

"For your research to be recognized by your peers is always a great honor," Pridgen said. "Receiving this award is a high point of my career."

In 2007, Pridgen was awarded the Dittenhofer Dissertation Award, a national dissertation fellowship from the Academy for Government Accountability. The award included \$12,000 to support her doctoral studies at UM.

A major player in Pridgen's connection with the UM accountancy program is Associate Dean Dale Flesher.

"I have known Annette for many years through her activities as an officer with the Jackson chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, and I knew what a fine person she was," Flesher said. "I was excited when she applied to the doctoral program, and we were so fortunate to be able to hire her for our faculty."



Annette Pridgen

'Receiving this award is a high point of my career.'

—ANNETTE PRIDGEN

ments." GASB is a private, nonprofit organization responsible for establishing and improving accounting and financial reporting standards for the more than 84,000 governmental units in the United States, not including the federal government. Units include states, counties, cities and other local

"Even when she was a doctoral student, we entrusted her with teaching the governmental accounting courses because we knew she was the best-qualified person in that subject. The Outstanding Dissertation Award is a fitting conclusion to her student career."

A graduate of Jackson State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, Pridgen worked from 1986-2000 in the Office of the State Auditor of Mississippi, rising from intermediate auditor to manager. She then served for a year as an internal auditor in the Department of Human Services before joining the JSU accounting faculty. She entered the UM doctoral program in 2004. She is actively involved in the Association of Government Accountants, American Accounting Association's Government and Nonprofit Section and Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. ■

ACCOUNTANCY AWARDS

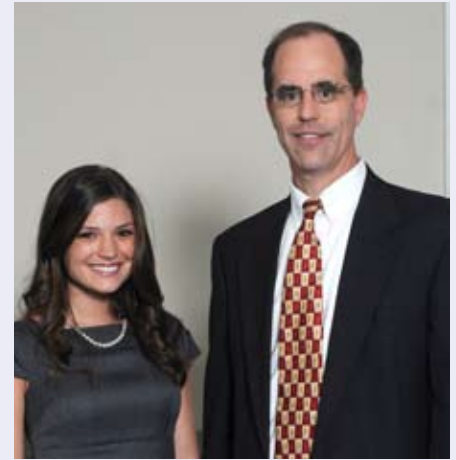
Accountancy Weekend 2009 featured the Patterson School of Accountancy's 22nd Annual Honors Banquet. Below are some of the honorees. Thanks to sponsors Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Frank Hughes Scholarship
William Wesley Crowley



Financial Accounting Standards Board Fellowship
Patrick Sanford McDavid



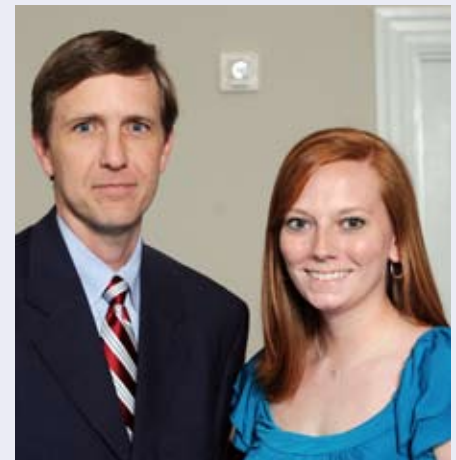
Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg & Moore Scholarship
Erin Marie Lotz (left) and David Williams



PricewaterhouseCoopers Fellowship
Ben Wilson Van Landuyt (left) and Reatha Clark



McCarty Family Scholarship in Accountancy
Patrick Kin-Wing Lo (left) and Dennis J. Pickens Jr.



Haddox Reid Burkes & Calhoun Scholarship
Mike Gladney (left) and Caitlin Brook Huffines



BKD, LLP Scholarship in Accountancy
Jon Turner (left), Elizabeth Flowers Weiss, Elizabeth Lea Thomas, Weston Ray Bert, Rachel Cornelison Epps and Mike Carraway



Nettie Young Scholarship in Accountancy
Front row from left: Amanda Michelle Holsworth, Alexandra Sue Aiello, Emily Elizabeth Mosquera. Back row from left: Willis Young, Arnold Young and Randy Young



Roger & Susie Friou Scholarship in Accountancy

James Martin Shepherd (left) , Roger Friou, Robert Pratt Dunlap and Ben Wilson Van Landuyt



Accountancy Excellence Scholarship

Igor Shkilko (left), Christine Marie Sims, Lauren Elizabeth Williams and John Samuel Holt Irving



KPMG Peat Marwick Fellowship

Matthias Wellermann (left), Matt Lusco and Preethi Subramanian



Thompson Dunavant Scholarship

Ryan Patrick Hoormann (left), N. Gordon Thompson and Phillip Wrather DeBardeleben



Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement Award

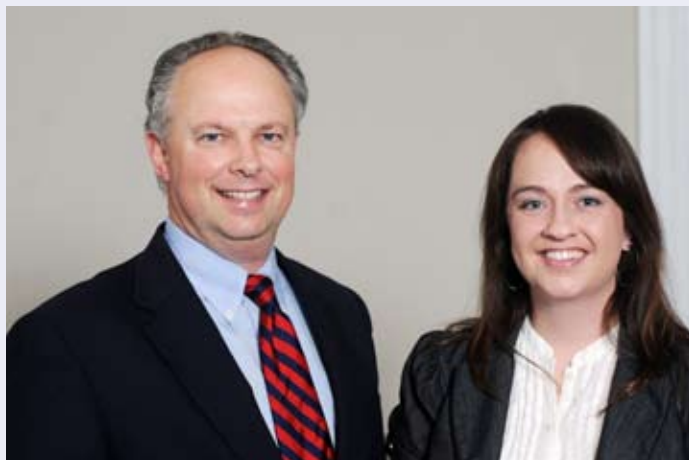
Front row from left: Blair Karisa Harden, Margaret Grace Joyner, Mary Glenn Christopher. Back row from left: John Samuel Holt Irving, Lauren Elizabeth Williams and Christine Marie Sims



Peery Scholarship in Accountancy

John Adkins James (left), Samuel Hardy Farris IV, Charles Seth Hudspeth and Preston Clayton Templeton

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Dixon Hughes Fellowship

Anthony Clark (left) and Amanda Leitle Montgomery



Horne, LLP Scholarship in Accountancy

Front row from left: Ashley Lorraine Perkins, Sarah Catherine White, Samantha Lynn Guthrie and Stephanie Joy Stewart; back row from left: Jason Harkins McDavid, Joel Bobo, Ron Applewhite and Byron David Hillmann



Flesher & Flesher Fellowship

Rebecca Kin-Ming Lo (left), Dale Flesher and Colin Joseph Knight



Northrop Grumman Scholarship

Lindsey Marie Peresich (left), Misty Nichole Hartnell and Alicia Ann Lauderdale



Will Townsend Memorial Scholarship

Mary Glenn Christopher



E. R. Hines Scholarship in Accountancy

Ronald Tyler Wilson



Mississippi Tax Institute Fellowship

James Kyle Davis



Claude Thompson Ole Miss First Scholarship
Gino Lashaey Johnson (left) and N. Gordon Thompson



James W. Davis Scholarship in Accountancy
Charles Robert Gautier (left), Stephanie Ann Henson, Katherine Pruette Farris and Jimmy Davis



Wendell Weakley Scholarship
Wendell Weakley (left) and Ben Hammond Satyshur



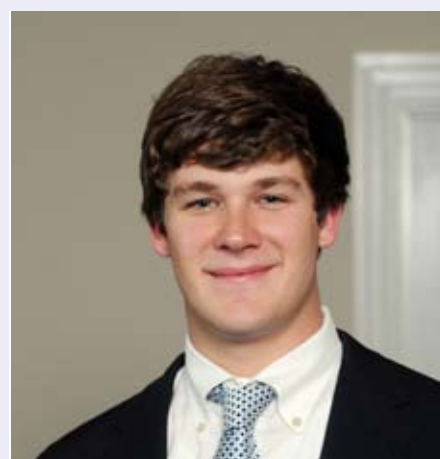
Collins Scholarship in Accountancy
Gino Lashaey Johnson (left), Marian Rebecca Tillman and Jessica Clarice Ayers



Deloitte & Touche Fellowship
Jeannie Letitia Blair (left) and Barry Atkins



Annie Belle H. Friou Tax Fellowship
Roger Friou (left) and Matthew Graham Metcalf



Lucian Minor Scholarship
William James Threadgill



ACCOUNTANCY AWARDS



**Federation of Schools of Accountancy
Outstanding Student Award**
Rebecca Kin-Ming Lo



Business/Accountancy Scholarship
Matthias Wellermann



Beta Alpha Psi Presidential Scholarship
Amanda Michelle Holsworth



**Arthur Andersen & Co./
W. Kelly Clifford Fellowship**
Jere Matthews Sights III



MSCPA Outstanding Senior
Joshua Charles Rorie



Johnny Williams Memorial Scholarship
Edwin Poteat Lutken Jr.



**Mississippi Society of CPAs Achievement
Award**
Joshua Lee Norris



Outstanding Researcher
W. Mark Wilder (left) and Karl Wang



Boolos Scholarship
Leo Boolos (left) and Natalie Watanabe



James W. Davis Scholarship in Accountancy
David Thompson (left) and Jimmy Davis



Luckyday Scholarship
Rob Derivaux (left), Roger Friou and Jennifer Rouse



Patterson School of Accountancy Hall of Fame
Front row from left: Joseph Weller, Larry Hardy, Jimmy Fried, Leo Boolos, Matt Lusco, (representing F. Walker Tucei) and W. Mark Wilder; back row from left: Homer Burkett, Arnold Young, Roger Friou, Fred Ray and Charles Taylor



Doctoral Teaching Award
W. Mark Wilder (left) and Randall B. Bunker

2009 FACULTY AWARDS

Outstanding Teacher
Tony Flesher

Outstanding Researcher
Karl Wang

Doctoral Teaching Award
Randall B. Bunker

Patterson School welcomes new chancellor



Robert Jordan

Patterson School faculty and students welcome new Ole Miss Chancellor Dan Jones (third from right) to the Oxford campus July 9. They are (from left) graduate student Rebecca Kin-Ming Lo, Professor Tonya Flesher, Dean Mark Wilder, Professor Dale Flesher and graduate student Jason Harkins McDavid. Jones was named the university's 16th chief executive officer by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning effective July 1, succeeding Robert Khayat, who retired June 30. A respected academician, administrator and physician, Jones had served at the UM Medical Center since 1992, most recently as vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. "We in the Patterson School are delighted to welcome Chancellor Jones to Oxford," Wilder said. "We look forward to an exciting future—and to moving to the next level of excellence at Ole Miss—under his leadership."

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