A New Look – Less Is More
In an effort to streamline our updates to you, the Accounting Alumni Council has opted to streamline the newsletter. The new format is strictly email-based and we have moved some of the less updated content to the Links section below. As always, thanks for your comments and please don’t hesitate to reach out to us with any feedback.

Update From The Council
On Sunday, December 13, 2015, the Syracuse Accounting Alumni Council organized a group of alumni, friends and family to attend the game between Syracuse University’s men’s basketball team and St. John’s. Sixty eight tickets were sold through the Council’s efforts. Following the game, the group headed over for more fun and socializing at a post-game happy hour. Be on the lookout for news of future events this year and in coming years where you can connect with fellow alumni in a casual setting.

An Interview With Mitch Franklin
Absent from the SU Accounting Department was Mitch Franklin who is now Program Director and Assistant Professor of Accounting at LeMoyne College. While we are excited for him in this new opportunity, we will miss Mitch both as a teacher and as a leader of the Beta Alpha Psi program. We caught up with Mitch and asked him a few questions about how things are going in his new role.

Q) What is the biggest difference you’ve found working at Le Moyne versus working at Syracuse?
A) The biggest difference is the classes are much smaller. With classes so small at the Madden School, there is much more opportunity to get very hands on with the student. Not at all saying that my previous experiences were not this way, but it is at a whole new level. You know all your students, and you know everything about your students inside and outside the classroom. It puts how you teach and approach things in a whole new perspective. It is also a much smaller department in terms of # of faculty, so the hands on component is different there. Every faculty member is involved with every decision and making everything work. Very close coordination at every level, and this really delivers a good student experience.

Q) What restaurant on Marshall Street do you miss the most?
A) Of recent...definitely a slice of Pizza at Varsity, though its on Crouse. For M-Street, only old timers like me would remember this, but I miss Archie’s the most. It was where Starbucks is now.

Q) What change in your new role would you recommend to Syracuse based on your experience there so far?
A) Keep the student experience personable and make sure there are always ways in and out of class to keep them engaged with the program. It is easy to lose touch, but to remember they need to be the focus if one is going to maintain a strong program.

Q) Can we expect the Orange sports jacket to remain at SU home games?
A) The Orange coat will never die. I only wear it to special games, but still there. I plan to see it hanging in the Dome next to #44 one of these days when I’m an old man.
Q) Being so active in the SU Accounting program, you will be missed by all of us, thanks for all you did with the University. What was your favorite moment at SU?

A) Tough one as there are many at all stages of my career. As a faculty, it was in 2005-2006 when I was the BGS professor of the year and gave the convocation address. That award is hanging on the wall in my office at Le Moyne to be the first thing people see when they walk in.

Cuse Sports Summary
As the 2015 - 2016 basketball season and ACC schedule is in underway, both the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams have had a season full of ups and downs. The Men’s team reached rankings as high as 14 in the AP poll, but have hit a tough stretch without head coach Jim Boeheim, out while serving his NCAA suspension. Even with Boeheim back on the bench the Men’s team faces an uphill battle to make the NCAA tournament, especially in the ACC conference currently boasting 6 ranked teams (including 4 in the top 15). Quentin Hillsman and the Women’s team look poised to make the tournament this year, already gathering signature wins in ACC play against Duke and Virginia Tech.

We would also like to send out a warm welcome to the new head football coach Dino Babers, joining us from the same position at Bowling Green.

Our Fund Raising Efforts
Each year, the Accounting Alumni Council raises money to benefit a Syracuse University senior accounting student who chooses to remain at Syracuse for a Masters in Accounting. With the cost of tuition on the rise, less financial aid available at the graduate level, and the industry standard of 150 credits to become a CPA, there is more need than ever to support SU students financially. We are happy to announce that over $4,000 was raised last school year (2014-2015) and was awarded to Mandy Boyce who is obtaining her MS Accounting this year at Syracuse.

For the current school year (2015-2016), the Council has raised over $1,000 - so far. This has been accomplished through fund-raising at our networking events, direct contributions from alumni, and through ticket surcharges when we purchased tickets for the basketball game at Madison Square Garden. We will announce future fund-raising efforts that many of you may enjoy, including auctioning tickets to professional sporting events in the NYC area. So, be on the look-out for separate communications. If you would like to contribute directly to our scholarship fund, please contact Amy Bacon, Jared Kass, or Matt Palermo (see contact information in the link below).

Important Links

Who We Are – Members of the Council and how to reach us.

What We Do – A summary of what we do as Council.

Mentoring and Social Events – Click for more information about our Mentoring program, including how to sponsor a student. Also check for updates with new Social Events sponsored by the Council.