Greetings from World Headquarters of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems! With so many Aggie Accountants around the U.S. and the world, there is a bit of a “World Headquarters” feel around campus. The Fab Four alumni profiled in this issue, though remarkable in their own right, represent all of you out there helping businesses, organizations, and individuals. There are currently 350 Bachelor of Accountancy and 55 Master of Accountancy students in the pipeline, eager to join you. Meanwhile, here’s an update on the accounting programs.

On 10/29/11, during the College of Business Alumni Reception, Mike and Judy Johnson announced a generous and transformational challenge gift: “The Judy Johnson Challenge” will match gifts up to $100k over the next two years toward the Lionel Haight Endowed Chair in Accounting initiative. Endowed chairs make a lasting impact on the growth of the department, college rankings, visibility of the programs, faculty research, and student support. Thanks to Mike and Judy! (To make a secure online gift directly to the endowment, please visit http://giving.nmsu.edu/haight.html.)

In other news, Bob Schoener (Accounting) and Kerry Alt (Information Systems) both retired in 2010. Both are enjoying retirement except for missing the students; there’s an update from Bob in this issue.

The first-ever Master of Accountancy Hooding Ceremony occurred in December 2010, followed by Hooding II in May 2011. You may have seen the video on YouTube.

Former department head Bill Daugherty passed away in 2010. In addition to serving as Department Head, Bill was also our auditing professor in the 1970s and earlier before leaving academia to join the clergy. His wife Marilea of 59 years remembers him as “a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, professor, and priest.”

Retired faculty member Taylor W. “Bill” Foster (a.k.a “Mr. Bill” and “Fosnac the Magnificent”) returns to teach a course from time to time after several research and teaching assignments in New Zealand, England, Finland, and Italy. Former auditing professor David Baron enjoys his new hobby of archaeological exploration. Retired faculty member Bill Call is enjoying life in Denver, former department head Pete Dillaway is raising a young family in Vado, NM, and you have an update from former department head Jim Bullock in this issue.

Current faculty members Mary Jo Billiot, Rusty Calk, Kevin McNelis, Kevin Melendrez, Sherry Mills, Cindy Seipel, Bill Smith, Dale Spencer, and Larry Tunnell are as energetic as ever – Mary Jo heads up the scholarship committee and is our lead faculty member in governmental/ not-for-profit accounting; Rusty is Beta Alpha Psi Advisor and our primary liaison with recruiters; Kevin McNelis represents us on the college undergraduate curriculum committee; Kevin Melendrez keeps one eye on financial markets and related research and the other on the hapless Dodgers; Sherry is our outcomes assessment expert and Secretary of the Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section of the American Accounting Association; Cindy directs the MAcc Program and advises all the MAcc students; Bill is our accounting evangelist and tax research maven; and Larry has become a prolific taxation writer, up to his ears in newspaper articles and textbook chapters. You older alums wouldn’t know Dale, but he’s been a welcome recent addition to the faculty – a hit with the students in the introduction to global business course and introduction to financial accounting.

Dr. Shixin Li, from Chongqing University in China, is an affiliate faculty member for 2011. We’re learning more about each other’s country, especially with regard to the accounting profession.

Please enjoy this issue, capably edited by MAcc student Nate Taylor. Please drop me an e-mail message when you get a chance and join the NMSU Aggie Accountants Facebook Page!

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Department Head
James Bullock
Department Head’s Message

Jim Bullock, Professor and Department Head Emeritus, sends his greetings to all readers of this newsletter. After fifteen years of retirement, Jim finds much to occupy his time and attention and is often accused of “flunking retirement.” Currently, he is going through another retirement phase as he concludes his tenure this year on two corporate boards. He enjoyed for many years this involvement as he served on various committees, e.g., audit, governance, and the like. Especially to be treasured were the opportunities to keep up with new ASC guidance on a number of exciting financial reporting topics.

Jim remains involved with the accounting program, serving on the Accounting Advisory Board. Certain accounting faculties communicate with him on a fairly regular basis, not always showing even the modicum of respect bestowed on him before he retired. He is occasionally involved in efforts of the NMSU Foundation and the Business College, especially in the area of alumni contacts. After retirement, he served for nine years on the Foundation Board and several of its committees. Officially he is now an “emeritus” board member. It is probably safe to say that Jim has now been relegated to emeritus status in all the organizations with which he remains affiliated.

Jim and Wanda, his high school sweetheart, will celebrate 55 years of marriage this September. Wanda has adjusted well to having Jim underfoot, finds that he is great about minor household chores, e.g., vacuuming, dusting, emptying the dishwasher, but finds it a challenge to engage him in major projects involving much in the way of real expertise or physical effort.

Jim loves to hear from former students, likes to maintain contact with all accounting and IS (BCS/BSA) alums and welcomes and invites e-mail (address available through escribne@nmsu.edu) from those who would care to update him on what is going on in their personal and professional lives.

In Memory of Lionel Haight

Lionel Haight, a former NMSU professor and head of the accounting department, is being remembered through the establishment of the Lionel Haight Professorship in Accounting. Known for his demanding yet supportive teaching style, “Pappy” Haight had a 45-year career at NMSU from 1927-1972. He died in 1998.

A quarter-million-dollar gift from longtime New Mexico State University supporters Mike and Judy Gray Johnson has established the Lionel Haight Professorship in NMSU’s College of Business. “We’ve been very supportive of the university,” said Judy Gray Johnson, who majored in accounting at NMSU before later transferring to the University of Houston. “My husband and I both received a great education at NMSU, and wanted to do something to give back.”

Johnson went on to become a Certified Public Accountant and later the financial director for the city of Houston. She said what she learned about accounting during her time at NMSU set a foundation for her later success. Her husband studied geological sciences at NMSU and went on to work for ConocoPhillips.

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Lionel Haight was named accounting department head in 1964 in the newly-formed College of Business Administration and Economics and, for a time, was the college’s only accounting professor.

“He was encouraging and knew students could achieve success, but it meant working hard,” Johnson said. “We hope this gift will encourage others to make similar contributions to the university.”

The goal is to build the $250,000 professorship into a $1 million endowed chair. Several NMSU alumni have already contributed toward that end; anyone may join the cause at http://giving.nmsu.edu/haight.html.

Besides their generous initial gift, Mike and Judy are matching contributions up to $100,000 for the first two years.
Andrea Tawney has been named the assistant dean for development at New Mexico State University’s College of Business. She brings several years of experience in successful development and grant writing work with her to the university. (NMSU photo by Darren Phillips)

“I am pleased Dr. Tawney has accepted our offer to join us at the College of Business,” said Garrey Carruthers, dean of NMSU’s College of Business and vice president for economic development. “She has a long history of development work at Texas Tech University and just recently completed her Ph.D.”

“The researcher I worked for received a grant from a private foundation, and I was able to see first-hand what a huge impact those dollars made on the lives of cancer patients and their families,” Tawney said. “I knew that I wanted to work in development because I enjoyed seeing the immediate and positive impact of private gifts.”

Tawney is originally from Sacramento, Calif., but has spent most of her adult life in the Southwest, including time spent serving active duty for the Air Force in Tucson, Ariz. She earned a bachelor’s degree in justice systems, policy and planning and a master’s in education from Northern Arizona University. Her Ph.D. is in higher education from Texas Tech University, with a focus on the predictors of academic success for first-generation college students.

Tawney has eight years of experience as both an administrator and a faculty member while at the University of Arizona and Texas Tech University’s Health Sciences Center. She served as a fundraising and grants consultant for a number of colleges, universities and hospitals. She started in development work as a program coordinator while at the University of Arizona Cancer Center.

Tawney said she was attracted to NMSU because of its diverse population of students, faculty and staff. She noted NMSU’s high quality education and research that fulfills the state’s land-grant mission, the cultural diversity and natural beauty of the area and the potential impact that can be made through private gifts and donations.

Story August 5, 2011, by Justin Bannister, NMSU News Center
The first Master of Accountancy (MAcc) Hooding Ceremony occurred in December 2010, the evening before Commencement. Despite this being the first hooding event, the “Big MAcc” originated in 1982 and has graduated some 500 students over the years. From oil company executives in Indonesia to audit and tax partners at global CPA firms to key professionals in organizations of all types and sizes, NMSU MAcc Graduates serve all over New Mexico and the World.

Rusty Calk suggested the idea to honor the students and to thank their families in a more intimate setting. In his keynote address, Dr. Bill Smith commented on the rigor of the accounting programs; persisting to MAcc completion is an accomplishment indeed.

MAcc Director Cindy Seipel said, “I think the faculty members find the hooding ceremonies touching for two main reasons. First, it is wonderful to see how far the students have come both personally and academically while they’ve been at NMSU. Second, while we know the students are moving on to exciting places in their lives, we will miss them when they are gone.”

Student Recognition

**Outstanding Graduating Senior in Accounting**

- **Fall 2010:** Kalyn Garcia
- **Spring 2011:** Michaela Zerbe
- **Fall 2011:** Ashley Bierner

**Federation of Schools of Accountancy 2011 Outstanding MAcc Student**

Lydia De Los Santos
Ken Garrett

Grant Thornton Partner

After growing up in Albuquerque, I attended NMSU and graduated with an accounting degree in 1980. Not only did NMSU give me my career path, it gave me my wife. I met Liz Catanach in my Business Law class, and we just celebrated our 31st anniversary. We have one daughter who shamefully is not an Aggie. Liz and I moved to Phoenix upon graduating and have called it home ever since. My first tax class at NMSU was taught by Dr Allan Savage, and in it I discovered my passion for tax consulting. My first job was on the tax staff at Arthur Andersen, where I stayed and became partner in 1993. I lived through the demise of Arthur Andersen that you have all studied now in ethics classes. It was a difficult time to watch an incredible firm with many great partners and employees implode in a matter of a few months. I then was a partner with Deloitte for two years, before changing to my current position as a tax partner for Grant Thornton in 2004. I am currently the Tax Practice Leader for our Phoenix office.

Life in public accounting brings so many opportunities to work on amazing projects with fascinating companies. As a young manager in the 80s, I went with the CEO and the tax director of a billion dollar company to meet with the Dept of Justice in DC to negotiate the settlement of several tax matters to allow them to come out of bankruptcy. Several times during that meeting with the room full of executives and lawyers staring at me I had to do quick calculations involving millions of dollars that were relied on for making final decisions. And yes, that was before laptops!

I’ve been involved in many successful acquisitions and dispositions of businesses, including the buyout of the Phoenix Suns in the 80s by the current management group. A clear highlight was joining Grant Thornton as one of the three partners to open our Phoenix office in 2006 and to grow it, so far, to 80 employees. The clients I have worked with are countless.

I’ve learned that an education at NMSU prepares you for the business world as well as any, and better than most. I hope you all realize that, and start giving back your time and money to college upon graduation. Alumni giving is an extremely important source of support for the business college, and you should develop the habit of giving back annually what you can afford.

David Alexander

JP Morgan Managing Director

It’s hard for me to believe it has been 20 years since I graduated from NMSU. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on campus and can say with certainty that many of my career accomplishments have been largely attributable to the valuable educational experience I obtained there. I benefited not only from what I learned in the classroom but also from the whole experience of NMSU, including the strong passion and diversity of the student body.

I started my career at Arthur Andersen in Albuquerque in the firm’s audit practice. I had always wanted to move to a bigger city and learned early on in my career that the “squeaky wheel gets the oil” as I was very vocal about my aspirations. Because of my persistence, I was able to transfer to Chicago where I spent the next ten years focusing my time on learning the financial services industry and enhancing my technical accounting skill set. I was very fortunate to spend a considerable amount of time in Andersen’s national office working with some of the smartest accountants in the world. Unfortunately, it all ended rather abruptly with the demise of Andersen in 2002. However, I learned two extremely valuable lessons during that time 1) you have to react to situations like this in a positive way and 2) you must develop and maintain strong relationships with all those around you.

I was able to land in a challenging position at Bank One, which I owe greatly to the many close contacts I had made there over the years. In 2004, my wife and I relocated to the New York area during the merger with JP Morgan Chase. I moved into my current position in 2008 as the global controller and finance officer for a group of businesses that saw their balance sheets grow to over $400 billion during the past three years. The last few years have presented some challenging and scary times but I have once again been fortunate to be surrounded by talented people and what I consider the strongest leadership team in the world. I really enjoy what I do and consider myself lucky to have had the experiences I have had. Also, you can ask anyone who is around me that I am very proud to be an NMSU Aggie!
Reynetta Baca

In May of 1999, I graduated from NMSU with a Bachelor of Accountancy. Upon graduation, I began my career in public accounting with KPMG in Albuquerque. After a few years in public accounting, I decided to relocate to Santa Fe, accepted a position at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and spent several years performing operational accounting and financial reporting. This was my first experience cranking out debits and credits, performing account reconciliations, closing the books, and submitting financial reports. For the first time, I found myself sitting on the other side of the table, across from “the auditors.” With this experience, I learned to appreciate both sides of the table and gained critical perspective on balancing operational needs with risk. Subsequently, I accepted an exciting opportunity to move to the sunny city of Phoenix. During this time, I supported General Dynamics C4 Systems, a defense contractor, as a Program Finance Analyst for several multi-million dollar programs. In this role, I served as the controller by monitoring and accounting for all financial aspects of each program. In 2007, I decided to relocate back to New Mexico and spent a few years within the internal audit department at PNM Resources, a publicly traded utility company.

In 2010, I accepted an exciting opportunity to lead others as an internal audit manager for Gap Inc. It has been a great gift to become a part of the Gap Inc. family as I strongly believe in our product, our leadership, our employees, our social responsibility, and how we do business. Our global operations and increasing international presence add complexity to the nature of our daily operations. My role has challenged me in the best of ways, and I am grateful to work alongside such incredible talent.

By investing in my professional and local communities, continuously learning and improving my technical and soft skills, coaching others, and contributing to the mission of my company, I have achieved personal success. I am grateful for those who have guided me along the way and will always strive to pay forward that “investment” by helping others.

Stephanie Snodgrass

Transitioning from student to professional has been one of the biggest challenges in my life, but I am grateful for my education and the work ethic instilled by my professors that have allowed me to successfully begin my career as a KPMG auditor. When I started at NMSU in 2005, majoring in accounting sounded like an absolutely insane idea, but wound up being the best decision of my life.

My time at NMSU allowed me to grow personally and professionally in ways that I never thought were possible. Involvement in Beta Alpha Psi gave me the opportunity to start my professional network, learn real-life accounting topics, and, most importantly, introduced me to some of my best friends. School was incredibly challenging, but every crazy deadline, late night and tough assignment prepared me for the sometimes grueling and competitive professional life.

Because of the faculty’s dedication, inspiration and faith, I passed the CPA exam the first time and found the perfect job for me.

To those still in school, my best advice to you is to take advantage of every opportunity. Accounting is about relationships; as trite as it may be, it really isn’t what you know, but who you know. Expand your network, work hard and really enjoy the moments. Don’t ever lose your passion for what you love because it will pull you through challenging times.

To those who have left NMSU to enter the profession, be mindful of everything that you have received and pay it forward. I feel that I can’t possibly ever give back what I received from NMSU, but I will try. Remember that we will always be Aggie Accountants and none of us could be where we are if it weren’t for this amazing program. Perform your job and life with integrity and open doors for future Aggies. Keep your Aggie pride, support the program, and never forget where you came from.
ALPFA Helps Restore Riparian Wetlands

ALPFA participated in a community service event with Audubon New Mexico, planting Goodding's willow trees at Broad Canyon Ranch on the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico. This event took place on February 25th and was done in an effort to help restore the riparian bottomlands and wetland habitat at Broad Canyon Ranch. Approximately a dozen ALPFA members, along with members of other community groups, collaborated in planting over 300 willow trees.

The process included inserting willow tree poles into pre-dug holes and packing the holes with sandy soil. The volunteers avoided using clay because clay soil can damage the roots of the plant through water logging, as the clay tends to clump together, blocking water drainage and stunting growth.

The growth of willow trees at Broad Canyon Ranch is one of Audubon New Mexico's top priorities to restore, increase and protect the native wildlife at this historic habitat.

Honorary Guest Speaker
Frances Garcia
Inspector General of the GAO

On March 10th, Frances Garcia spoke to over fifty ALPFA members and guests. NMSU ALPFA was proud to welcome such a distinguished guest speaker to our campus.

Besides being the Inspector General of the GAO (U.S. Government Accountability Office), Ms. Garcia is also a founding member of ALPFA, the first Hispanic woman CPA in Texas, and Hispanic Business’s 2009 Woman of the Year.

Ms. Garcia, truly a role model for ALPFA members, talked about the challenges she overcame and offered advice on what it takes to be successful in today’s world. At the end of the meeting, Ms. Garcia took time to visit with ALPFA members and to get to know them personally. NMSU ALPFA was truly grateful to have such a respected leader take the time to come talk to us.

Guest Speakers Wanted

With the new semester quickly approaching, I would like to remind everyone that ALPFA is always looking for new speakers to invite to our meetings.

These meetings usually last about an hour and the topics of discussion range widely. If you are interested in coming to speak to ALPFA NMSU please e-mail Paul Harrison at PHarrison86@gmail.com.
The Delta Lambda chapter of Beta Alpha Psi organizes and participates in a wide variety of activities every semester. Professional meetings are generally held weekly throughout the semester. Speakers range from professional representatives of public, private, governmental, or related business fields, and speak on various accounting and business related topics.

Leadership
At the beginning of each semester, officers spend a weekend on a leadership retreat for leadership training and to plan the upcoming semester. In the fall officers went to Seattle, WA for a retreat hosted by Moss Adams. In the spring the Leadership retreat was hosted by KPMG in San Antonio, TX. Brandon Fryar (Moss Adams), Mandy Funchess (Pulakos CPAs), Brian Grega (KPMG), Brandon Haines (Clifton Gunderson), and Shelly McGuire (BDO) led the leadership training.

Community Service
One of the primary missions of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage social responsibility. This past year saw a variety of community service activities. In the fall, members and pledges volunteered to help with the Renaissance Fair. They also participated in Keep State Great, which prepares the New Mexico State University campus for homecoming by picking up trash, pairing curbs, etc. Members and pledges also worked with Junior Achievement by taking the time to teach a class to children about business. In the spring, Beta Alpha Psi participated in service events such as planting willow trees by the Rio Grande, and The Big Event, which is a school-wide community service project focus on beautifying Las Cruces. Beta Alpha Psi also participated in Relay for Life for the first time this past year, raising over $1,600 for the fight against cancer.

Professional Development
Beta Alpha Psi is committed to offering professional development opportunities to our members and other accounting students at NMSU. Our chapter hosted the annual Meet the Firms accounting career fair in the fall. Over twenty regional, national, and international employers came to recruit, and over 100 students attended this event. In the spring Beta Alpha Psi hosted our annual Professional Development Seminar, which brings students and firms together yet again with mock interviews, a resume workshop, a workshop on professional dress, and an etiquette luncheon.

Recent Alumni
Members of Beta Alpha Psi graduating in the past year have gone on to work at firms such as Barraclough & Associates, Clifton Gunderson, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Johnson Miller & Company, KPMG, Moss Adams, PWC, Sandia National Laboratories, White Samaniego Campbell, and others, in Albuquerque, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, El Paso, Phoenix, Santa Fe, and other cities.
Robert B. Schoener

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Robert Schoener retired from NMSU after 6 years of serving the students and faculty.

A CPA and CFE, Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Engineering Sciences at Drexel University in Philadelphia in 1966. He went on to obtain an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, in 1969. Bob received a Gold Medal in Connecticut for having the highest grades on the CPA exam. At NMSU he received the Undergraduate Teaching Award presented by the College of Business for 2006-2007.

Holding positions such as National Director of Professional Development and even CFO, Mr. Schoener has worked for KMG Main Hurdman, Energy Search & Management, and McGladrey & Pullen. Besides NMSU, Bob has taught at Drexel University, the University of Phoenix, and Girard College. He also spent a couple of years as an independent consultant. In 1992, he opened his own practice, specializing in forensic accounting, litigation support, and claims administration.

Bob appears to be enjoying retirement, perhaps too much! "To quote McDonalds," he says, “I'm loving it.” His near-future plans include vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, visiting a second grandchild in California, loafing in Ruidoso, and sailing the Greek Isles. He didn’t want to rub it in anymore than that but did comment, “I truly do miss the students, especially the students in the fraud examination class. My time at NMSU was the most fun and the most professionally rewarding experience of my career. It's nice to know one might possibly have positively affected some young people's lives.”

William L. Smith

Assistant Professor and co-faculty adviser to ALPFA, William L. Smith, received one of the highest honors offered at NMSU; the Donald C. Roush Award for Teaching Excellence. The annual Roush awards are based on information provided by students, department heads, deans and community campus directors.

Dr. Smith is a licensed CPA in New Mexico and an active business consultant. Prior to starting his practice, he was formerly with KPMG. His current research interests include analysis of financial disclosures, rhetoric and storytelling, decision making, and critical theory in accounting. He is published in academic journals that include Qualitative Research in Accounting & Management, Organizational Research Methods, Behaviour & Information Technology, and TAMARA Journal of Critical Organization Inquiry.

He recently presented his paper “Storytelling in Accounting” at an international conference in Philadelphia.

In addition, he was recently notified that his paper "The Financial Crisis and Mark-to-Market Accounting: An Analysis of Cascading Media Rhetoric and Storytelling," coauthored with David Boje (Management) and Kevin Melendrez (Accounting & IS) was selected by Emerald Publishing as an Outstanding Paper Award Winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2011.

Leona Silva

Leona Silva continues to manage the ins and outs of Banner systems, personnel action forms, catalog change drafts, purchase requisitions, reimbursement processing, room scheduling, budget monitoring, and all other sorts of mysterious processes. In the few hours that she is not at work, she and David enjoy their grandchildren, and then they return to work for a little peace and quiet.

Patti Benzie

Patti Benzie has become an event planner extraordinaire in addition to her other administrative assistant functions. She oversees events such as the semiannual Master of Accountancy Hooding and the department’s presence at events such as the ASWA regional convention. Patti is the mastermind behind the Aggie Accountants Facebook page, which rivals Justin Bieber’s page for popularity.
Mary Jo Billiot

L. K. McNelis

Kevin Melendrez

“Audit Materiality and Earnings Management: Do Firms Use Tax Expense to Manage Earnings Within Quantitative Audit Materiality to Meet Analysts’ Forecast?” with J. Legoria and J. K. Reynolds.

Edmund A. Scribner


Cindy Seipel

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William L. Smith


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P. L. Tunnell

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“I really do think that you should at least consider giving back to your accounting program; if you do, I think it should be based on two things. First, you ought to consider the value of the experience that you had here at NMSU. Talk to your friends from other majors, talk to your coworkers that went to other universities and if at the end of the day you come to the conclusion that you really did get something special here then maybe you ought to give back accordingly. Secondly, the amount you give ought to be based on your stage in your career. Obviously a first year associate can’t give five million dollars to endow the school of accounting or a million dollars to create an accounting chair, but a fifty-dollar check sent in to the Department of Accounting and Information Systems would mean a lot more to us than you might think. More importantly, I promise you that, if you do it in the spirit of what I just described, it will be incredibly meaningful to you.” --Rusty Calk

“Throughout my career, I’ve attributed my success to my education at NMSU, obtaining my CPA license, perseverance, open and honest communication, working with and for bright and talented people, establishing trust, demonstrating respect, keeping commitments, taking accountability, obtaining a variety of experiences, and maintaining a constant desire for professional and personal growth. I have achieved personal success. I am grateful for those who have guided me along the way and will always strive to pay forward that “investment” by helping others. My fellow alumni, I encourage you to seek and celebrate your personal and professional successes each day based on YOUR definition of success!” --Reynetta Baca

“A career in public accounting offers so much more than providing accounting and tax services, and it is why I am still excited to go to work each day at Grant Thornton. In addition to working with clients, my day may include mentoring and coaching, recruiting, practice development and networking, project management, and strategic thinking. And importantly, I am encouraged to give back to the community through civic and charitable endeavors. One of my favorite opportunities has been to help Dean Carruthers and the business college by serving on the Business College Advisory Council where I am currently chair person.” --Ken Garrett