



Beta Alpha Psi

Lambda Beta Chapter - The University of Tampa

Annual Summer Newsletter

From our Executive Board...



“We look forward to expanding our organization by building new connections as well as continuing current long-term relationships. We will grow and prosper by moving forward, anticipating change, and shaping it to our purpose.”

Anthony Viggiano
President



“We will continue to strive for excellence by developing students into young professionals with preparation for life after college. Not only are we excited to recruit new members, but we also look forward to connecting these new members with their future employers.”

Kelly Moore
Executive Vice President

A Year in Review

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Lambda Beta chapter has made tremendous strides organizationally, professionally and philanthropically. Not only are we an organization with students of the highest caliber, but we are an organization that helps develop students into young professionals.

The organization had a successful year with recognition in many areas. For the first time in several years, the chapter sent two teams to the Best Practices Competition at the regional meeting, winning 1st and 2nd place and beating out schools from universities throughout the



Southeast United States. The 1st place team, which headed to the national meeting, competed and won 2nd place in Deloitte's Best Practices Competition. The Lambda Beta Chapter also won Ernst & Young's Inclusive Leadership Award and Grant Thornton's Ethics Award. Again, UT's chapter was named a superior chapter, and ascended to gold chapter status by winning KPMG's Gold Challenge.

We have also hosted numerous networking events, volunteering opportunities, and workshops for our members and candidates. The networking events allowed members to connect and communicate with firms face-to-face which is critical for establishing relationships. The volunteer opportunities allowed members to give back to the community while building personal character. The workshops allowed members to sharpen their professional skills as well as to develop new skills such as public speaking, time management and computer skills.



Our chapter has also made strides in providing opportunities for students who are still working on meeting their requirements for Beta Alpha Psi. In an effort to reach students at the freshman and sophomore level, we look to strengthen our partnership with the IMA (The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business). Since we are typically unable to recruit students until they are juniors or seniors, we partnered with the IMA who can recruit all UT students. We will share resources in order to shape the most professional students by fostering best practices earlier in their college experience.

Finally, as a chapter for the 2015-2016 academic year, we reached superior status for professional, service and overall hours. For hours, we concluded the year with a total of 2,597 professional hours, 1,972 service hours and 3,569 overall hours. Our candidates and members did a tremendous job staying actively involved and showed immense passion in developing themselves for their professional careers. We had on average of four faculty at each chapter meeting, which is more than any other business organization at The University of Tampa.

Even though we had a remarkable 2015-2016 year, we are anxious to continue making strides as an organization and continue building on the solid foundation that has been left for us.

Spring & Fall Luncheons



This past year, we executed two end-of-semester luncheons. Our events were hosted at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel and the Yacht StarShip. The focus was to wrap up our semester by initiating our eligible candidates, awarding our outstanding members and recognizing our graduates. This provides our members a great opportunity to continue to network with local firms and enjoy celebrating a successful semester. Not only did we see participation amongst large firms such as Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Ernst & Young, but we saw tremendous participation from local Tampa firms as well. This past semester we had 11 staff and 91 students attend. With the success of the event this year, we are planning to continue to host this event every semester.

Meet The Students

Inaugural Golf Outing

On October 7th, the Lambda Beta Chapter is hosting a Golf Outing at the Westchase Golf Club. The goal of this event is to connect firms with our organization.

More importantly, to establish personal connections between professionals and the top accounting and finance students UT has to offer. The event will have breakfast, a tournament, lunch, and an award ceremony. We will have a few awesome prizes like a 2 night stay at the Hyatt Vacation Club in Key West (valued at **\$650**). Signup is available now! For more information, please contact **Joshua Silkoff** (Joshua.Silkoff@spartans.ut.edu).



Meet the Firms

Meet The Firms hosts more than thirty accounting and finance firms throughout Tampa Bay on UT's campus. This is a prominent opportunity for high caliber students and firms to connect and mingle. With the growing demand for UT students and the dedication from firms in Tampa, this event is extremely successful. For this upcoming fall, we have already secured September 21st from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in Fletcher Lounge.

To register log into the new HIRE-UT system now by visiting www.ut.edu/hireut/ and clicking on HIRE-UT for Employers link.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTE: Employers with active HIRE-UT accounts may use their previous username and password. If you have forgotten your password you may request a new one or if you are a new contact, click on the Click Here to Register! feature. Once logged in, click on Career Events Tab along top tool bar and search Career Fair. In the event you do encounter any issues with your account or the system please let us know as we do anticipate minor issues with the transition. Please contact The Office of Career Services at (813) 253-6236 or hireut@ut.edu with any questions.

Once you have registered for the event, please contact **Kelly Moore**, Executive Vice President, via email at Kelly.Moore@spartans.ut.edu so that our chapter can advertise your firm's attendance to our candidates and members.

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Grant Thornton's Ethics Award Competition

The Ethics Award seeks to encourage the members of Beta Alpha Psi and their communities to develop a solid ethical foundation. Our mission was to educate our candidates and members about the importance of ethics in the professional working environment, as well as the consequences of unethical behavior.

Ernst and Young's Inclusive Leadership Award Competition

The objective of the Inclusive Leadership Award is to implement a proposed idea that would positively impact diversity and inclusiveness. Our mission was to educate our candidates and members about the importance of leading inclusively, and then spread that knowledge to other organizations in the John H. Sykes College of Business.

KPMG Gold Challenge

The objective of the Gold Challenge is to achieve gold status for our chapter by portraying our members and candidates' extreme passion and immense ambition.

Check out the video we submitted to KPMG here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq9kTY1_ltl



Recognition

We would like to recognize and thank all of the following firms, chapter speakers, and donors for helping our organization grow and prosper.

- Gregory, Sharer & Stuart
- Mezrah Consulting
- Becker
- Ernst & Young
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Deloitte
- Grant Thornton
- Raymond James
- Prudential
- Topher Morrison
- Stonehenge Growth Equity Partners
- Chuck Papageorgiou
- Jesse Klaucke
- Surgent CPA Review
- Randstad Professionals
- Northwestern Mutual
- Crowe Horwath
- Jabil
- CLA - CliftonLarsonAllen
- Taylor White
- CBIZ
- Concannon Miller
- Tribridge
- KForce
- Cott Beverages
- Skoda Minotti