The School of Accountancy at Kennesaw State University is home to one of the largest accounting programs in the State of Georgia and home to the internationally recognized Internal Audit Center. Kennesaw State University is one of very few colleges and universities in the world recognized at the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Excellence Level. The Accounting degree program is fully accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree program is an accelerated, cohort-based graduate program designed to help undergraduate accounting (business) majors achieve their professional career goals and certification requirements in a dynamic learning environment. The MAcc is presented in a fast-paced, two semester format that integrates CPA exam preparation into the curriculum. Students will take the CPA exam during the MAcc program, and they will specialize in either Audit/Advisory or Tax. The MAcc delivers a strong core of graduate accounting seminars to every program participant, enhances technical expertise, develops advanced communication and critical thinking abilities, and promotes leadership skills.
The mission of the School of Accountancy at Kennesaw State University is

1) to provide a high quality accounting education to a diverse student group, preparing successful accounting professionals and future leaders in local, national, and global organizations.

2) to influence the accounting profession through relevant research and professional engagement.

We will achieve these goals by promoting excellence in teaching and research, delivering innovative undergraduate and graduate programs, and fostering an ethical environment of intellectual curiosity, innovation, and collegiality.

The accounting program at Kennesaw State holds a separate accounting accreditation by AACSB – INTERNATIONAL, THE HALLMARK OF EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION.

Kennesaw State University is one of only eight colleges and universities in the world recognized at the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Excellence Level. By completing the IAEP program at KSU, students are eligible to be awarded an IAEP Certificate.
Edgar Alvarado

Edgar Alvarado graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kennesaw State University with his BBA in Accounting and is currently a MAcc student at KSU. While pursuing his BBA, Edgar was involved as president of his fraternity, Phi Iota Alpha, Fraternity Inc., treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi, and director of fundraising for the Association of Latino Professionals For America (ALPFA). Edgar has had experience in internal audit at Voya Financial and in IT audit at Deloitte, LLP. Edgar has accepted a full-time offer from Deloitte in the advisory service line. In his spare time, he enjoys mentoring young students, watching movies, hiking, and cheering on the Atlanta United soccer team.

Charlotte Beaver

Charlotte Beaver is a MAcc student and Graduate Research Assistant at Kennesaw State University. She received her BBA in Accounting in July 2018 after deciding to return to school to broaden her education and career. Charlotte graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2014 with a BBA in Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship. After obtaining her first degree, she spent three years serving as a customer service supervisor and project lead at a regional GEICO call center. Since returning to school, Charlotte completed her accounting degree and two public accounting audit internships within one year. After she finishes the MAcc program and has passed all parts of the CPA exam, she plans to return as an audit associate at a public accounting firm in the Atlanta area. Outside of work, Charlotte enjoys dancing, playing games with friends and family, and going on adventures with her dog.

Diana Cruz

Diana Cruz is a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University. She recently graduated in May from Reinhardt University with a BBA in Accounting. During her BBA program, she was an intern for Davis & Associates, CPA in Woodstock, GA. Her internship experience included bank reconciliations, helping in the payroll department, and doing compilations. After her BBA, she worked as an A/P Specialist for Interra International LLC, working with high volume Accounts Payable. Diana researched discrepancies in invoices and helped with foreign vendors. Being bilingual in Spanish, Diana was able to better serve a number of vendors. After completing her MAcc and passing the CPA exam, she plans to pursue an audit position with a public accounting firm. She likes to dance, participate in sports, and exercise.

Samaica Deshetty

Samaica Deshetty recently graduated with a BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University. She is pursuing her MAcc at KSU as well, specializing in Audit/Advisory. She plans to complete all four parts of the CPA exam by her May 2019 graduation. During Spring 2018, Samaica interned at Trusted CFO Solutions. Since 2015, Samaica has served as a student assistant for the School of Communication & Media on campus. On weekends, she enjoys spending her spare time teaching young girls a classical Indian dance form, Kathak, at Nritya Natya Kala Bharti Dance Academy.

Kelsey Epps

Kelsey Epps of Cartersville, GA received her BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University in May 2018. She is currently a graduate student in KSU's MAcc program, specializing in Audit/Advisory. She plans on sitting for all four parts of the CPA exam before completing the MAcc program in May 2019. Kelsey participated in two co-ops in Cartersville while completing her undergraduate studies. One consisted of performing accounting functions for a small courier business and the other was with a small investment firm. Her long-term goal is to obtain and establish a full-time position with a mid-size firm in the Atlanta area. She also hopes to be able to travel for pleasure and possibly for work in the near future. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and watching the Atlanta Braves and Georgia Bulldogs play baseball and football.

Haley Favors

Haley Favors recently graduated from the University of North Georgia with her BBA in Accounting. She is currently enrolled in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University, where she will be studying for the CPA exam in addition to her course work. Over the summer, Haley completed a dual audit and tax internship at Rödl & Partner. Upon completion of the MAcc program, she will return to Rödl & Partner where she has accepted an offer as a Staff Accountant. Her long-term goal is to become an audit partner at a public accounting firm. During her spare time, she enjoys playing golf with her friends and going to the lake on the weekends.
Calie Hawthorne

Calie Hawthorne is from Ball Ground, GA and currently enrolled in Kennesaw State University’s MAcc program where she also obtained her BBA in Accounting. She works with Myers and Stauffer LLC in Atlanta, Georgia as an audit intern. Prior to her internship and throughout college, she worked as a floating teller with Renasant Bank. Upon completion of the MAcc, Calie plans to pursue a career as a CPA with a long-term goal of owning her own firm. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

Thomas Herrin

Thomas Herrin earned his BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in Summer 2018. Thomas is currently enrolled in the Audit/Advisory concentration of the MAcc program at KSU. Based on his accounting achievements in the BBA, Thomas was a two-time recipient of the J. Larry Stevens Scholarship and was selected as the 2017-2018 BBA Outstanding Accounting Student. He is currently serving as a graduate research assistant. Thomas has interest in audit topics, financial reporting, and the growth of data analytics usage in the audit process. Outside of school, Thomas has an interest in anything sports related and in finding new breakfast-focused restaurants. Recently, Thomas completed an internship with PwC, where he has accepted a full-time offer to join the core assurance practice as an associate in Fall 2019.

Ryan Horzepa

Ryan Horzepa is currently a MAcc student, specializing in Audit/Advisory. He is originally from Readington, NJ, and now lives in Kennesaw. He obtained his BBA in Accounting with a minor in Information Systems from Kennesaw State University, where he managed the club baseball team and also served as a peer leader under The Center for Student Leadership. Ryan also worked as an accounting tutor for the Coles College of Business. Prior to tutoring, he interned with Hapag-Lloyd’s customer service department. Ryan enjoys playing all sports and spending time with his dog, Trooper.

Rachael Howard

Rachael Howard is currently a student in Kennesaw State University’s MAcc program. She obtained her BBA in Accounting from KSU in May 2018. During her BBA program, Rachael worked as an audit intern at HLB Gross Collins. She has accepted a full-time offer with HLB Gross Collins to start after her MAcc graduation. Rachel also has a year and a half of experience working in the accounting department at Buildrite Construction Corp, and she aspires to specialize in the construction and manufacturing industries during her auditing career. Rachael loves spending free time with her dog and enjoys watching Falcons games.

Daniel Jacobs

Daniel Jacobs graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University in July 2018. He is currently enrolled in KSU’s MAcc program with the goal of obtaining his degree, passing the CPA exam, and completing the required 150 credit hours needed to obtain licensure. During his BBA program, Daniel interned with KPMG’s audit and assurance department. In his free time, he enjoys using his business proficiency and education to help friends and family, including assisting a friend in an entrepreneurial contest. He also enjoys white water rafting, reading a good book and landscaping.

Brock Lohnes

Brock Lohnes is currently a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University, specializing in Audit/Advisory. He was raised in Roswell, GA and obtained his BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University in July 2018. Brock is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and Beta Alpha Psi at KSU. Prior to graduation, he completed an internship with the city of Myrtle Beach, SC in the audit department and volunteered for the Summer Leadership Program at the accounting firm of Rödl & Partner in Atlanta, GA. Brock serves as an assistant coach for the KSU men’s lacrosse team. He enjoys playing golf and lacrosse in his spare time and is a huge fan of Atlanta sports teams.
Abmarie Martinez

Abmarie Martinez is a student at Kennesaw State University completing both a BBA in accounting and a MAcc degree as part of KSU’s Accelerated Bachelor’s Master’s Program. Abmarie received the PCAOB Scholarship to help fund her MAcc degree with an Audit/Advisory concentration. She has interned with United Parcel Service and EY. Her internships have allowed her to gain experience in areas such as international accounting, business valuation and modeling, external audit, and company adoption of the new Revenue Recognition Standard. Abmarie has accepted an offer to return to EY full-time after graduation. At KSU, Abmarie served as the chapter president for the Association of Latino Professionals For America (ALPFA), during which the student membership doubled. Abmarie strives to complete her CPA before starting full-time employment. Her long-term career goals are to gain insight about the accounting profession and to expand her global perspective within the industry in order to help the growing economies of third world countries.

Cole Morrison

Cole Morrison earned his BBA in Accounting at Valdosta State University in 2014. He is currently enrolled in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University and looks forward to graduating in 2019. During the MAcc program, Cole plans on taking all four parts of the CPA exam and being involved in the Iota Tau chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. Before enrolling at KSU, he was self-employed in the automotive repair industry for a decade, with job roles ranging from accounting/IT to marketing and supervising a team of a dozen repair technicians. Currently, Cole works part-time for D&L Contracting Services, Inc. in Norcross, GA, job-costing and invoicing construction projects. He’s been actively involved in volunteer work through his hometown’s Lion’s Club chapter. His hobbies include cooking, discovering new recipes, and actively discussing and analyzing public companies for investment purposes via StockTwits and Discord.

Jon-Michael Munoz

Jon-Michael Munoz is currently an accounting major in Kennesaw State University’s Accelerated Bachelor’s Master’s Program. He intends to specialize in Audit/Advisory. He anticipates graduating with both BBA and MAcc degrees and completing the CPA exam during the course of the academic year. He recently completed an auditing internship with Tidwell Group in Dunwoody, GA. Jon-Michael accepted an employment offer to return to Tidwell Group following his graduation. Throughout his college years, he worked at Banfield Pet Hospital as a veterinarian assistant as a part time job. In addition, he participated as a marching member of Atlanta CV drum and bugle corps. His long-term goals include achieving partner within a CPA firm or working as a CFO of a hospital or other organization.

David Nwokocha

David Nwokocha obtained his BBA in Accounting and Information Technology from Kennesaw State University. He is originally from Nigeria, and his love for accounting stemmed from a very young age. David is the winner of multiple accounting awards in his home country as well as in the United States. He recently received the 2018 Federation of Schools of Accountancy award. During his undergraduate program, he was a Dean’s list recipient, President’s list recipient, Honors Scholar, National Society of Collegiate Scholars chapter member, Resident Assistant, and Student Assistant in various departments. He also obtained accounting and financial services internships. After earning his BBA, he worked as a Staff Accountant for an IT security firm in Roswell, GA. David is enrolled in KSU’s MAcc program with a specialization in Audit/Advisory. He hopes to pass all four parts of the CPA exam by the end of his MAcc program. His long-term goal is to work with leaders in the accounting and technology industries and use this knowledge and experience to create a technological and accounting firm in his home country.
Alex Steinbaum
Alex Steinbaum of Alpharetta, GA is currently a graduate student at Kennesaw State University in the MAcc Program, specializing in Audit/Advisory. He graduated this past December from Georgia College and State University. While at GCSU, he was an active member of both Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This past spring, Alex completed an internship with Aprio, LLP in its Assurance department. Alex plans to have successfully passed all four parts of the CPA Exam by next summer and is seeking a full-time assurance position at a public accounting firm beginning Fall 2019. In his free time, Alex enjoys playing golf, taking care of his dog, and watching all Georgia sports.

Stacy Townsel
Stacy Townsel is a recent graduate of Bethune-Cookman University with her BS in Accounting. She is currently enrolled in the MAcc Program at Kennesaw State University and is looking forward to graduating in May 2019. Stacy is originally from Orlando, Florida and is very new to the Georgia area. In her undergraduate years, Stacy worked in her school’s accounting department and served as Vice President of B-CU’s National Association of Black Accountants. Stacy recently accepted a position at RSM US LLP in Atlanta as an Audit Associate. During her free time, she likes to work out and spend time with close friends. After graduation she plans to start her new career with RSM, learning all that she can so she can excel in the field.

Jacob Uhrin
Jacob Uhrin graduated from Auburn University with a BSBA in Accounting in May 2018. He is currently enrolled in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University with an Audit/Advisory concentration. Jacob completed a summer audit internship with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Atlanta. After passing the CPA exam, he plans to start full-time as an auditor in PwC’s Core Assurance group. He has an interest in traveling as much as possible, both personally and professionally. In his free time, Jacob enjoys spending time at golf courses and dog parks around Atlanta.

Emily Weeks
Emily Weeks is a student in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University. Originally from Rome, GA, she graduated from KSU with her BBA in Accounting in May 2018. During her undergraduate program, Emily served as Assistant Treasurer of Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity and was a member of Phi Eta Sigma honor society. Emily was involved with various philanthropies, including The Arthritis Foundation and Sisters for Soldiers. Emily will take all four parts of the CPA exam this year. Upon completion of her MAcc degree in May 2019, Emily hopes to begin her career in Audit/Advisory at a public accounting firm. In her free time, Emily enjoys reading and researching recipes to cook.

Beth White
Beth White is currently a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University, specializing in Audit/Advisory. During her undergraduate program, she served as the Officer of Reporting for the Iota Tau chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. In addition, Beth completed two internships at Carr, Riggs, and Ingram. After the MAcc program, Beth intends to return to Carr, Riggs, and Ingram as a staff auditor. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and sculpting.

Chelsea White
Chelsea White earned her BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University in Summer 2018. While working toward her undergraduate degree, Chelsea had the opportunity to intern as the Accountant/Bookkeeper for Level Team Contracting. After her internship, she was promoted to Office Administrator after single-handedly restructuring the company’s accounting processes. Chelsea’s time at Level Team Contracting has made her realize her passion for audit and has inspired her to continue her education. She is currently enrolled in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University. Chelsea is excited to join the Accounting industry as a CPA following her graduation in Spring 2019.
Rachel Zion
Rachel Zion is a Kennesaw State University MAcc student, specializing in Audit/Advisory. Prior to graduating from the University of North Georgia in 2017 with a BBA in Accounting, she worked as a government accounting intern at the Dawson County Finance Department. After graduation, she worked as a tax intern at Smith & Howard in Atlanta. She plans on completing the CPA exam by graduation in May 2019. In her free time, she enjoys reading and cross-stitching. After obtaining her MAcc and CPA, Rachel hopes to work for an international company where she looks forward to traveling the world.

Courtney Ashworth
Courtney Ashworth graduated from the University of North Georgia with her BBA in Accounting in May 2018. She is currently in the MAcc program at Kennesaw State University, specializing in Tax. This summer she interned at KPMG as a State and Local Tax Intern. Courtney has accepted a position with KPMG upon graduation. She also has completed tax internships with Turner & Associates and worked at Red Lobster on weekends. Courtney has held various leadership roles with Phi Mu Fraternity and Beta Alpha Psi. She is a cat and dog lover, enjoys going to the lake, and spending time with family and friends. Her long-term goals include becoming a partner at a public accounting firm and traveling to Europe.

Claudia Becerra Gutierrez
Claudia Becerra Gutierrez is a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University. She received her BS in Accounting in May 2018 from Berry College. She recently finished a tax internship at Deloitte, LLP in Atlanta in the Global Employer Services department. Claudia has accepted a full-time offer at Deloitte starting Summer 2019. Prior to obtaining her BS in Accounting, Claudia worked for Fresenius Kidney Care as a Cycle Revenue Intern in Summer 2017 and at Shorter B. Pullen Co. as a Tax Intern in Spring 2017 and 2018. During her BS program, she also worked as the Site Coordinator of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, an Accounting Tutor, and a student cashier at the cashier’s office. Her goal this year is to finish her MAcc and pass all four parts of the CPA exam. She enjoys skydiving, roller coasters and spending time with her friends and family.

Mackenzie Burk
Mackenzie Burk is a MAcc student from Rome, GA. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kennesaw State University with a BBA in Accounting in May 2018. During her undergraduate program, she completed an internship with Myers and Stauffer LC, worked as a billing administrator for her family’s storage unit business, and held the position of Vice President of Finance of her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. After graduating, Mackenzie worked as an accounting intern for the CFO of Scott Logistics Corporation. She is a student member of the Georgia Society of CPAs and Beta Gamma Sigma. She is also a recipient of the J. Larry Stevens Graduate Scholarship. During the MAcc program, Mackenzie plans to complete all four parts of the CPA exam. In the future, she would like to become a partner at a local CPA firm and assist in managing/expanding her family business on the side.

Karla Cruz
Karla Cruz is currently a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University specializing in Tax and planning to graduate May 2019. Prior to starting her MAcc, she was a Staff Accountant for Genuine Parts Company for two and a half years. She received her BBA from Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) in December 2015. Karla held leadership positions in GGC’s Accountancy Student Organization and participated in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Tax Preparers as part of an IRS program. In addition, she interned with Keune as its accounts payable clerk during her BBA program. Karla aspires to become a CPA and to work in corporate or individual taxation. Karla also has an interest in financial reporting. In her free time, Karla enjoys dancing, going to the movies, and traveling abroad.

Emma Johnson
Emma Johnson completed her BBA in Accounting with honors at Kennesaw State University in May 2018 and is currently enrolled in KSU’s MAcc program. During her BBA program, Emma interned with accounting firms Sklar Marsh and McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co. She has accepted a full-time position as a staff accountant with Sklar Marsh to start post-graduation. After graduation, she plans to obtain her CPA license and pursue a career that will further her experience in international tax. In her free time, Emma enjoys reading, watching Bob’s Burgers, and studying foreign language, and hopes to employ her foreign language skills to enjoy travel and work abroad.
Jane Lai
Jane Lai is currently a MAcc student at Kennesaw State University, specializing in Tax and planning to graduate May 2019. She obtained her BBA in Accounting from Georgia State University in August 2009. She is fluent in Chinese, Vietnamese and English. She is currently an Accountant at Screen Tech Graphics, handling all accounting related duties for the business owner. Before starting work at Screen Tech Graphics, she was a senior accountant at Buckhead Investment Partners, where she helped to consolidated over 60+ private equity and debt entities. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her four boys, two dogs and handling her husband’s bookkeeping for his Auto Repair Shop. Her long-term career goals include pursuing her CPA license and getting enough experience in taxation that she can one day open her own CPA firm with her sister.

Ying Lin
Ying Lin is currently a graduate student in Kennesaw State University’s MAcc program and is specializing in Tax. She is originally from China, and now lives in Woodstock, GA. She obtained her BBA in Accounting from KSU in July 2018. Prior to graduating Magna Cum Laude, Ying was a tax intern for Aprio, LLP, and she has accepted an offer to return to Aprio as a tax associate. Her goal is to pass all four parts of the CPA exam by the end of the MAcc program.

Dylan Middleton
Dylan Middleton, of Hoboken, GA, received his BBA in Accounting from Kennesaw State University in Summer 2018. He is currently pursuing a MAcc at KSU, specializing in Tax. He plans to complete all sections of the CPA exam in the coming year. During his college years, he worked as a wildlife management intern for the Department of Natural Resources and as a crop scout. His long-term goals are to become a CPA and eventually become a CVA. In his free time, Dylan enjoys playing golf and is a lifelong fan of the Atlanta Braves.

Mofoluwaso (Mo) Onitiri
Mofoluwaso (Mo) Onitiri holds Accounting degrees from the University of Lagos and Oxford Brookes University UK. She is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants UK. Mo has international work experience in both East and West Africa and has worked for big multinational companies such as Zain and Total. Her past job roles include Finance Analyst, Cost Controller and Retail Branch Manager. She is an entrepreneur, the founder of Mitaneon, the Director of Finance Women In Hospitality Nigeria and a student member of the National Association of Black Accountants. She loves to travel to new destinations and watch movies. Mo intends to complete her MAcc degree from Kennesaw State University with a concentration in Tax. She also looks forward to completing the CPA exam by May 2019 and working in the international tax and transfer pricing division of a public accounting firm.

Austin Stephens
Austin Stephens is a student at Kennesaw State University enrolled in the Macc program with a concentration in Tax. Originally from Young Harris, GA, Austin lives in Kennesaw and earned his BBA in Accounting from KSU. Austin interned for Robert Williams Jr., CPA, where he helped prepare tax returns, including partnership and business returns. Austin plans to complete all four parts of the CPA exam during his MAcc program and hopes to join a firm where he can provide clients with excellent customer service. In his spare time, Austin enjoys playing video games with his friends and is a big fan of the Miami Dolphins.
As the Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships my passion is student success and helping students make lasting connections that will enhance their professional careers. I want to personally invite you to get involved with the School of Accountancy (SOA) at KSU. Being involved with the SOA: (1) helps the next generation of accountants learn from professionals in the field, (2) expands students’ real-world experience, and (3) provides comprehensive support for our students. You can get involved in many ways. One is providing financial support. By donating to the SOA, you ensure we will have the resources to keep improving students’ educational experiences. By donating one or more scholarships, you are helping students reduce the financial burden of their education.

Recruitment is another great way to get involved with the SOA. We strive to help each student get connected with the correct employment fit. One way to engage in our recruitment process is to become a Partner with the School of Accountancy. Partners with the SOA participate in both supporting our students and engaging them through on-campus involvement. Ways to recruit on campus include: (1) registering for our Accounting and Finance Career Fair, (2) participating in other on-campus recruitment activities and interviews, (3) offering internships, and (4) meeting with Beta Alpha Psi.

Alternatively, if you would like more direct access to accounting students, we have opportunities for guest speakers and mentorships. Without the generosity of outside organizations and individuals, the SOA cannot offer the best educational experience for our students. After reading more about the MAcc Class of 2019, I hope you will choose to get involved with the SOA at KSU! For more information, please contact me directly at npearce3@kennesaw.edu.

Sincerely,

Nicole Pearce M.Ed.
Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships

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