



## Upcoming Conferences

- IRS-SJSU Small Business Tax Institute—Wednesday, June 18, 2014
- High Tech Tax Institute Academy—Friday, October 17, 2014
- 30th Annual TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute—Mon/Tues, November 10 and 11, 2014

For more information and to register, visit

[www.tax-institute.com](http://www.tax-institute.com)

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## NEW COURSES AND FACULTY

The MST program will be offering two new courses beginning Fall 2014.



*Eric Ryan*

**BUS 225V, Tax Considerations for High Tech Companies** will explore the nature of high tech companies, special features, and why tax issues exist. Course topics include tax incentives for innovation such as the research credit, treatment of intangibles, stock options, multi-stage financing, multijurisdictional considerations, and book-tax differences.

The course will be taught by new, part-time faculty member Eric Ryan, Partner, DLA Piper where he concentrates in international tax planning, transfer pricing, post merger integration of legal entities and operations and tax controversy. His clients are primarily in the high technology industry, including software, hardware, semiconductors and life sciences.

**BUS 225W, Introduction to International Taxation** will provide students with an introduction to the structure, basic rules, and policies of the federal income tax system with respect to international transactions of US and foreign persons. Topics include residency, sourcing, tax treaties, foreign tax credit, transfer pricing, and compliance.

This course will be taught by current, part-time MST faculty member, William Skinner, Associate, Tax Group of Fenwick & West LLP. His practice focuses on representing U.S. and foreign-based multinationals on international and general corporate tax issues.



*William Skinner*

## STUDENT AND FACULTY NEWS

### Most Outstanding MST Graduate

Congratulations to Tejal Shah, who was selected as the Outstanding MST graduate for Spring 2014. She was recognized at the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business convocation ceremony on Friday, May 23 at the SJSU Event Center.

### Annette Nellen, Recipient of the 2013 Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award

Annette Nellen, J.D., CPA, Director of the SJSU MST Program, received the 2013 Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award, the highest award given by the accounting profession in the area of taxation. The award, bestowed by the AICPA Tax Division, was presented November 6, 2013 at the AICPA fall Tax Division Meeting in National Harbor, MD.

Nellen has been a dedicated volunteer for the AICPA for more than 20 years.

She currently serves on the Tax Executive Committee and the Tax Reform Task Force. She has chaired the Individual Income Tax Technical Resource Panel and the Fundamental Tax Reform Task Force. She also served on the Tax Policy and Simplification Committee, the Worker Classification/Workload Compression Task Force, the Strategic Planning Task Force,

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the Tax Accounting Committee, and the Sales Tax on Services Task Force. Since 2003, she has served as the editor of the Campus to Clients column in The Tax Adviser and is a monthly contributor to the AICPA electronic newsletters: *Tax Insider*. The annual award honors the memory of Arthur J. Dixon, a CPA who had an outstanding record of service to the tax profession and to the AICPA Tax Division. The award was established after his death in 1981 to honor outstanding CPAs in the area of taxes.

**Ryan Zhou.**

**Chapter Secretary of Beta Alpha Psi**

MST student Ryan Zhou has been elected Chapter Secretary of Beta Alpha Psi this Fall. His responsibilities include:

- Records minutes at all Chapter and Officer Meetings.
- Initiates and organizes Community Service events.
- Contacts community service organizations to schedule participation.

- Ensures decent attendance at CS events.
- Ensures the integrity of CS sign in sheets.

Ryan's goal is to provide a team-building, fun and safe environment for Bappers to build a strong community relationship through various community services events and develop the compassion and leadership to give back to the community.

You may find more information about Beta Alpha Psi at <http://www.sjsubap.com/>. MST students seeking internships and entry-level tax employment are encouraged to join BAP.



We held our second MST Retreat on March 21-22, 2014 attended by 15 students at no cost to the student. Students learned about team building, ethics, career planning, emotional intelligence and other soft skills. An event highlight was the etiquette dinner at Pedro's Restaurant in Santa Clara.



**Lisa Pan and June Xie**



**Ryan Zhou, Archie Thomas and Jared Riedel**

The Lucas College and Graduate School of Business held convocation for Spring 2014 graduates on May 23 at the Event Center on campus. The University held commencement for Summer 2013, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 graduates on May 24 at Spartan Stadium.



**Selfie of MST Director Annette Nellen with Sammy Spartan at Spartan Stadium.**



**MST graduates Kara Gaidhar and Angel Mo being photographed by MST Director Annette Nellen after being hooded at Spartan Stadium.**

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Wesley A. Fachner, CPA, EA, CMA, MST, TEP**  
**President, Fachner Accounting Group**



For over 20 years, Wesley A. Fachner, CPA, EA, CMA, MST, TEP president of Fachner Accounting Group, Inc., has provided tax and accounting services to individuals, small businesses, and fiduciaries of estates and trusts. He received his Master of Science in Taxation degree from San Jose State University and his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Montana. In February 2011, he successfully completed all parts of the Enrolled Agent exam just for fun.

Professionally, Wesley served nationally, regionally, and locally with the Institute of Management Accountants. He currently acts as a co-chair of the Estate & Trust Committee of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the California Society of CPAs. He is also active in the Santa Clara County Estate Planning Council, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, the Silicon Valley Bar Association, and the ElderCare Matters Alliance. He continues his education to stay current with today's changing laws. In addition to lecturing to various groups on tax-related topics, he teaches tax and accounting classes at UCSC-Extension in Silicon Valley and has taught payroll for Gavilan College.

Wesley actively volunteers service in his community. He is the President and Treasurer of the Campbell Chamber of Commerce for 2014, a former Treasurer for his son's school PTA, HOA board member, and church board trustee and musician (organ and clarinet). He is married and has one son.

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