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“Make sure you have the (February 3rd and 4th 2017) meeting on your mind and in your calendars.”

Make your 2017 hotel reservations soon. Information is included at the end of this newsletter.

Staying in touch with our Accounting educators

It is hard to believe that the summer is nearly over. Whether you have spent your summer researching, teaching, or relaxing we hope that you have been able to take some time off to enjoy your time away from the demands of committee work, faculty meetings, and full teaching loads. By all measures our 2016 Annual Meeting was a success. However, we have used your survey to help us plan for our 2017 meeting. We are grateful for all our 2016 sponsors and have highlighted each of these organizations below.

2017 Annual Meeting Highlights

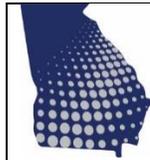
We look forward to hosting the 2107 Annual meeting February 3rd and 4th, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Savannah (605 West Oglethorpe Avenue; 912-721-6900).

We are proud to have Ms. Stephanie Mickens from the PCAOB as our Keynote lunch speaker on Friday, February 3rd. Ms. Mickens is a graduate of Savannah State University (BBA-Accounting) and Georgia Southern University (MAcc). Her bio is presented below. Additionally we are in planning with Georgia Southern University to identify a panel of forensic accountants who will provide an interesting panel discussion. We also look forward to a variety of presentations from you, our members. The call for proposals will be sent to you in the fall, but it is not too early to think about a presentation topic. We hope to receive a wide range of proposal topics that will be of interest to our diverse membership.

Stephanie Mickens, CPA

Stephanie Mickens is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Georgia. She has spent the last year as an Inspections Specialist at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) where she is one of a team of nearly fifty Information Systems Auditors nationally. Her team is responsible for overseeing the audits of public companies performed by the Big Four network firms globally. Prior to her role with the PCAOB, Stephanie worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) for eight years as a Manager in Risk Assurance practice, where she provided services related to the performance of assessments of internal control over financial reporting as part of Sarbanes Oxley 404 requirements for public companies. Her main focus was on financial and IT-related control activities. Stephanie earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Savannah State University and a Master of Accountancy degree from Georgia Southern University. In addition to her professional work experience, Stephanie has served in numerous leadership roles for the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA), including her current position as a board member for the Southern Region. Stephanie is also exploring opportunities in the field of academia and currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor of Accounting at Brown Mackie College, a private community college in Atlanta, Georgia.

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of CPAs**



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- *Sponsorship and hosting of GAAE's website*
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If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to email [Nikelle Klareich](mailto:Nikelle.Klareich), manager, foundation & student initiatives for GSCPA at nikelle.klareich@gscpa.org or by calling 800-330-8889, extension 2956.

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Enjoy the rest of your summer! Send suggestions for the 2017 conference to any of our Board Members:

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Georgia Association of Accounting Educators Hotel Information: 2017 Meeting

Hotel Name	Embassy Suites by Hilton Savannah
Hotel Address	605 West Oglethorpe Avenue; Savannah, GA 31401
Phone	912.721.6900 (or use booking link below)
Booking Link	http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SAVESES-GAA-20170202/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
Group Name	Georgia Association of Accounting Educators
Group Code	GAA
Room Rates	1 King Bed Suite: \$154; 2 Queen Beds Suite: \$164
Parking	Self-Park: \$ 15.00; Valet: \$ 20.00
Other Charges	Room tax of 13%; Occupancy Fee \$ 1.00; Ga Hotel-Motel Fee \$ 5.00
Reservation Deadline	The special room rate will be available until January 10th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. There is limited availability so make reservations in advance to secure a room.
Cancellation	72 hours prior to arrival

Hotel Name	Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah Historic District
Hotel Address	603 West Oglethorpe Avenue; Savannah, GA 31401
Phone	912.721.1600 (or use booking link below)
Booking Link	http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SAVHSHX-GAA-20170202/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
Group Name	Georgia Association of Accounting Educators
Group Code	GAA
Room Rates	1 King Bed \$ 129; 2 Queen Beds \$ 139
Parking	Self-Park: \$ 15.00; Valet: \$ 20.00
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