School of Accountancy and MIS
Student Organizations

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What qualities are recruiters after in accounting students?

Recruiters, particularly from major firms, are looking for accounting students who can maintain good grades in a rigorous accounting curriculum, hold down a part-time job or internship, and participate as an officer or active member of a student organization. A student who can juggle multiple responsibilities, perform productively, contribute meaningfully to something outside the self, and achieve a satisfying life-work balance is a highly valued--and highly pursued--student.

Active participation in a student group can help you become this student.

In a few words, student groups can provide . . .

- Networking skills
- Firm visits
- Teamwork development
- Social events
- People skills
- Knowledge of the industry
- Friendships
- Leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Member scholarships and awards
- Volunteer opportunities
- Resume building
- Organizational skills
- Personal development
- Networking opportunities
- Scholarships and awards
- Professional events
- Parties and receptions
- Competitions
- Study group support
- Workshops from firms.

Here’s a quick overview of the School’s student groups.
Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma chapter, DePaul University
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Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) is a national scholastic and professional society for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of the society is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field.

Mission
As the premier professional accounting and business information society, BAP recognizes academic excellence and complements members' formal education through interaction between students, faculty, and professionals, and fosters lifelong growth, service, and ethical conduct.

Purpose
The purpose of this society is to encourage and recognize scholastic and professional excellence in the field of accounting. Beta Alpha Psi promotes the study and practice of accounting, fosters the self-development of its members, and encourages a sense of social and ethical responsibility toward the practice of accounting. Beta Alpha Psi gives members the ability to network with accounting professionals and explore post-graduate career opportunities.

Activities/Programs
BAP activities include significant chapter management and reporting responsibilities, professional presentations by visiting firms, social events for members, and with members and firms, an award program, joint activities and projects with our peer groups, and volunteer/community service opportunities. Events include participation in regional and national BAP meetings, the annual “Meet The Firms,” the Fall and Spring Initiations and Banquets. At graduation, Beta Alpha Psi members are distinguished with red and white honor cords.

Membership
Beta Alpha Psi is open to any student who has completed at least three (3) accounting, finance, or MIS courses and has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 and major GPA of at least 3.3. The course requirements target sophomores in the Strobel Accounting Program or all juniors and seniors who are majoring in accounting, finance, or MIS. Pledging takes place in both Fall and Spring Quarter with an induction banquet at the end of each quarter. Dues are $20 annually. Pledges also have an initial $100 fee. Membership maintenance is important, and there are requirements.
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), DePaul Chapter
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The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) was established in 1970 to counter the many challenges facing African-Americans in the field of finance and accounting. NABA addresses the concerns of minorities entering the accounting profession and makes a commitment to professional and academic excellence.

Mission
The mission of the DePaul student chapter of NABA is to address the professional needs of our members and to build leaders who will shape the future of the accounting, finance and other business professions with an unflinching commitment to inspire the same in the successors. Our motto “Lifting as we climb” reflects the present reaching out to and assisting the future.

Purpose
The main purposes of the DePaul NABA chapter are to promote and develop the professional skills of our members, to encourage and assist minority students in entering the accounting profession, to provide opportunities for members to fulfill their civic responsibility, to ensure long-term financial stability and provide adequate resources to implement chapter, regional, and national programs, and to represent the interests of current and prospective minority accounting professionals.

Programs/Activities
NABA activities include chapter management and development, firm visits, on-campus workshops and seminars provided by firms, community service projects, joint activities and projects with our peer groups, a member award program, and social activities with members, firm representatives, chapter alumni and NABA professional members. Events include NABA’s “Night on the River” cruise, the Spring Banquet, and participation in regional and national NABA meetings.

Membership
Student membership in NABA is open to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at DePaul University majoring in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing, or a related field of business. Membership dues are $20 and last the entire fiscal year.

“Lifting As We Climb”
The Accounting Club is a discipline-based social and pre-professional organization open to all students majoring in Accounting or other business discipline, in order to improve their educations, professionalism and personal growth and development.

Mission
The mission of the Accounting Club is to stimulate and promote student interest in all aspects of Accounting, Finance and the business professions; to encourage student interest, involvement in and appreciation for the accounting profession; to foster academic and professional excellence in our members, and to serve the School, the university, and the profession.

Purpose
The purpose of the Accounting Club is to provide informative lectures and seminars from public accounting, private industry, government, and the university, to promote socialization among students and faculty interested in Accounting/Finance and their career opportunities, to promote comradeship with other DePaul academic organizations, and to stimulate academic and professional growth.

Activities/Programs
Accounting Club activities include club management and development, office visits to firms in the Chicago area, skills-improvement workshops presented by invited firms, social events with members, social service/community projects, networking events, joint activities and projects with our peer groups, a Spring banquet, and a member scholarship/award program.

Membership
The Accounting Club welcomes students of all levels who are interested in the field of accountancy. Members must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Membership is on a rolling basis, but all events occur during the fall quarter. There is a one-time membership fee of $20; an Accounting Club t-shirt is included in the membership.
The Midwest Association of Hispanic Accountants (MAHA) is a student organization dedicated to increasing awareness and sharing business information among students at DePaul. MAHA is Latino oriented, but is open to all students in the Colleges of Commerce and Digital Media.

**Mission**
The mission of DePaul’s MAHA student chapter is to improve and enhance the education, professionalization, and socialization of Hispanic and Latino business and business-related students through relations with the business profession, professional organizations, and the Chicago community.

**Purpose**
The organization strives to enhance three aspects of development: academic, professional and community, while encouraging camaraderie among its members. The organization promotes excellence and high ethical standards among members, recognizes outstanding scholastic achievements of members, and assists and cooperates with the rest of the DePaul community. The organization will also subscribe to the common objectives of the young professional student: to develop relations with the business sector that will help students excel in their respective careers and to promote the economic interest and well-being of members within the profession.

**Activities and Programs**
In addition to chapter management and development responsibilities, members participate in networking events, mentoring programs, workshops and presentations, firm visits, a members’ awards program, joint activities and projects with our peer groups, social events with members and firms, and participation in regional or national professional organization conferences. The chapter also holds a Fall corporate sponsor night and a spring banquet. MAHA monthly general meetings update members on events, and often include guest speakers. MAHA is especially active in the social/community service area, at both the organizational and personal level.

**Membership**
The organization is open to all students who are in the College of Commerce and College of Digital Media Membership Dues Policy: Students, whether first-time or returning members, will pay a $30 annual membership fee for the academic year in which they are submitting the application.
ASCEND, DePaul Chapter
(established 2008)
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The DePaul Chapter of Ascend is the premier student organization for Pan-Asian leaders in finance and accounting. The second chapter in the Midwest, the DePaul student chapter is very closely involved with other affinity groups around Chicago. Although Ascend is Pan-Asian affiliated, it is open to all students in the Colleges of Commerce and CDM.

Mission
Ascend is a professional organization dedicated to enabling its members, business partners and the community to leverage the leadership and global business potential of Pan-Asians. The mission of the DePaul student chapter is to continually influence and encourage the development of DePaul’s many commerce and CDM students while serving as a collective voice for minority communities in the finance, accounting, and related business fields.

Purpose
Ascend is established for the express purpose of developing business professionalism as well as leadership skills to help accelerate the future careers of commerce and CDM students by providing opportunities to connect with real-world professionals in networking and mentorship settings, organizing presentations for which students learn helpful tips to search for and gain internships or full-time positions, following the Vincentian Mission to work with students in helping out the community, and creating a democratic, team-building atmosphere in which all ethnicities are represented and valued.

Activities
The Ascend student chapter offers a variety of social, networking and professional activities for members: firm visits, invited workshops and seminars, networking and social activities, joint activities and projects with our peer groups, relations with the Pan-Asian business community in the Chicago area, and participation in Ascend’s many regional and national meetings and programs.

Membership
Membership is open to any student enrolled in the College of Commerce or CDM. Annual membership dues are $35 in which $25 is contributed to the National Chapter and $10 is contributed to the student chapter. Student members are eligible to receive scholarships as well attend the National Convention or any Ascend-sponsored events.
Other Organizations of Interest to Accounting Students:

DePaul provides close to 200 student groups, representing virtually every discipline, interest or issue among DePaul students. While many of these groups have a political, social or ethnic orientation, many focus on business and business-related interests. Here’s a few you might be interested in:

Alpha Kappa Psi
Business Professionals of America
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization
Computer Science Society/Association of Computing Machinery
Delta Mu Delta
DePaul ACM-w (Committee on Women in Computing)
DePaul Investment Club
DePaul Marketing Association
DePaul Real Estate Organization
DePaul Student Chapter American Advertising Federation
DePaul Women in Business (DeWIB)
Economic Club
The Financial Services Club
Global Business Brigade
Hispanic Business Students Association
Kellstadt Finance Committee of the Circle of Finance Opportunities (KFC of CFO)
Kellstadt Marketing Group (KMG)
Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
Student Finance Association (Formerly Financial Management Association)
Students for Entrepreneurs

For more information on these groups, visit the School of Accountancy website student group information at http://accountancy.depaul.edu/About/studentorgs, or the university’s Student Affairs website http://studentaffairs.depaul.edu/slife, and look under “Student Organizations.” Through the linked “Demon Direct,” each group’s profile, activities, calendar of events and contact/membership information are readily available.

And when you graduate?

DePaul University Alumni Association

Ledger & Quill—the alumni support organization of the School of Accountancy and MIS