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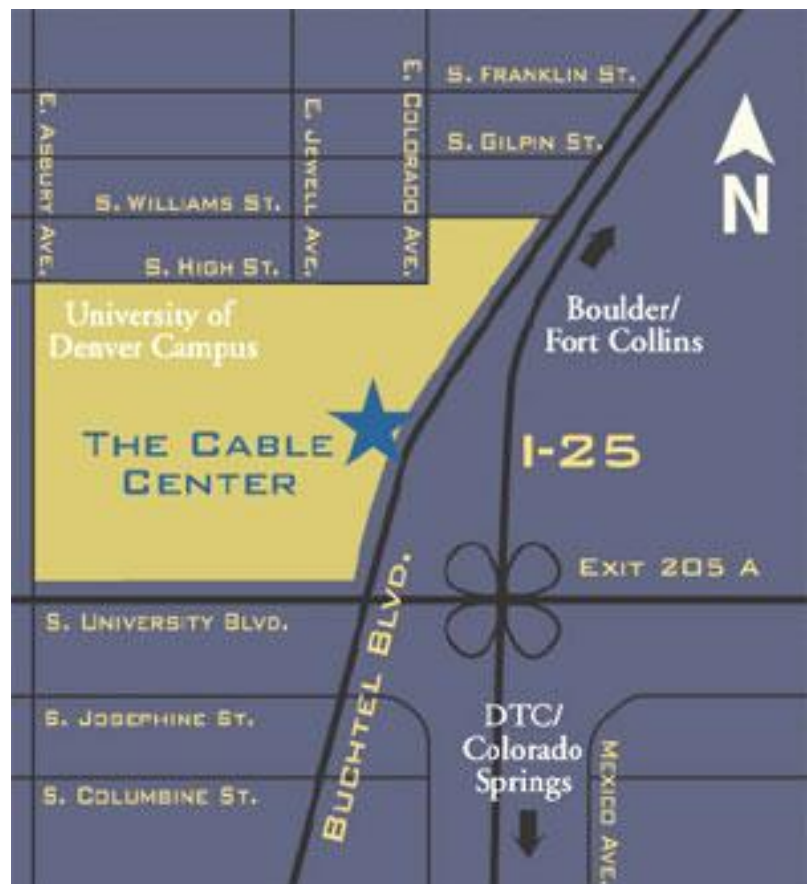
## The Cable Center on the DU campus hosts January Social

for Chapter with  **fei** financial executives international



The Denver – Centennial Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants and the Colorado Chapter of Financial Executives International is holding a Social on January 21, 2004. The Cable Center at Denver University has graciously agreed to provide space for us. This event will be from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be light hour'dors along with a bar. Drink coupons will be available for \$3.00 at the event.

This is a wonderful event to network and to introduce your co-workers and associates to the great benefits of membership. I hope to see you all at the cable center.





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## January 2003

### Presidents Letter

Hello IMA members,

Here we are at the beginning of another year. I hope that last year was a good one for you and your families.

This time of year is when we think about what we have done and about what we might want to do. We reflect on our results and think about the modifications needed to get back where we want to go. Many of our members are deep into year end close for 2003.

The Denver-Centennial chapter is thinking about of goals and how to best serve the members in the future. Michael Westcott has agreed to lead a group of members through the challenge of strategic planning. See inside for more details. I invite any who would like to participate in this to contact Mike Westcott.

This year brings many challenges to the Institute of Management Accountants. I am asking all members to take a moment and think about what their membership means to them. What are the benefits that you enjoy the most? What have you been able to take back to you career? Who are the colleagues that you have met? Have you become certified? If so, has it been beneficial to you? How so? Please think about these questions and if you have the time, please e-mail and let me know your thoughts. What else do you want from the IMA?

I hope to see you at our January Social event on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cable Center on the DU campus.

Lou Sillstrop





## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



### Mikayla Lynnette Pickett

Adams State College  
Alamosa, CO

**Graduation date:** May 2004  
**Current year:** Senior

**GPA:** 3.80  
**Accounting GPA:** 4.00

1. Why are you interested in a career in accounting and what do your future plans consist of?

I began my college career as a biology major with the hopes of one day becoming a cetacean biologist (a biologist who studies whales and dolphins). However, as I got further along in my classes I realized that I didn't have a strong passion for biology, and though I may have enjoyed it for a while, the work was not something that I could see myself doing in the long run. I wanted a career with more opportunity. Knowing nothing about the field, except for the fact that it involved math, I took a chance and changed my major to accounting. I finished up a biology minor, but have been pursuing an accounting degree ever since. I have found that biology and accounting have a lot in common. Both require astute analytical and investigative skills, and both challenge me to my limits. While working towards an accounting degree I found that I have a strong passion for governmental accounting and forensic accounting. Best of all, accounting is something I can see myself enjoying for many years to come. Upon graduating from college I hope to take, and pass, the CPA exam. I then hope to begin working as an auditor for either a CPA firm or a governmental entity. Eventually I would also like to become a Certified Fraud Examiner.

2. What did you do with the scholarship award?

Each semester I am required to take out the maximum amount of students loans allowable under my name. Though I see the loans as an investment in my future, the large sum of money I will begin paying back next year sometimes worries me. I used the IMA scholarship to reduce the amount of loans I had to take out this year. It aided greatly in helping me pay for my books and room and board. Thank you!!!

3. What updates have been made in your career path since receiving the award in February?

Throughout the 2003 spring semester I worked as an intern at Wall, Smith, Bateman & Associates, Inc. (a local CPA firm) as a tax and audit intern. I then worked this past summer as a legislative audit intern at the Colorado Office of the State Auditor. I gained a lot of experience throughout both of my internships, and I hope to be joining the Office of the State Auditor again when I graduate.

Thank you Members for supporting the 2003 Clean-Out Your Closet Drive for Dress for Success and The Denver Rescue Mission. Dozens of high quality Women's and Men's dress and casual clothing were received that will help the poor over the coming year.

Institute of Management Accountants  
Rocky Mountain Council  
CPE Session – January 30, 2004  
Boulder Outlook, Boulder, CO

The Rocky Mountain Council is very excited about our CPE session on January 30. Bridget McGarrity from Jefferson Wells International will lead an 8 hour **hands on** session for Access and Excel. The day will be split into two four sessions allowing flexibility to attend both or just one session. Attendees are assumed to be proficient with Excel. Cost is \$125 for the full day or \$70 for one session. For more information contact Carol Meier at [meiercarol@aol.com](mailto:meiercarol@aol.com).

**Registration Deadline – January 21**

**SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER NOW!**

**Microsoft Access Basics**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ever wonder if you should be using Access instead of Excel? This session will focus on the Access basics including the similarities and differences between Access and Excel for working with data.

**Importing and Linking Data - Basic Query Techniques (including linking multiple tables) - Report Creation - Forms**

**Excel Tips & Tricks**  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This session will focus on tips and tricks that make working with your data more efficient and dynamic.

**Data Manipulation (including pivot tables, consolidations, filters & subtotals)  
Power Formulas (including formula builder)  
How to get more done in less time**

**Congratulations**  
to Bev Pelle, winner of the Blue Bonnet gift certificate and to Robin Shneider, winner of the holiday wreath donated by Sioux Wells.

**CENTENIAL CHAPTER  
MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE  
DRIVE CONTEST**

Starting January 1, 2004 and continuing through May 31, 2004, the Board of Directors is sponsoring a membership and attendance drive.

The chapter member with the most guests during these months AND the member sponsoring the most new members will each receive a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to a Denver restaurant. (Not a fast food chain)

To facilitate your participation we ask that you make three phone calls each month inviting a guest or someone who might be interested in joining. These calls work on the same theory of the Kevin Bacon Game. If you are not familiar with that game let me explain. The theory is that everyone in the world is only 6 degrees removed from everyone else. The actor Kevin Bacon, (currently starring in the movie "Mystic River") is used as an example. If, for example, I know "Kerry", Kerry's cousin is Linda, Linda is a hairdresser in LA. Linda is the stylist for Meryl Streep, who starred in the "The River Wild" with Bacon.

If you don't know someone who wants to attend a meeting or join, maybe you are only 1 or 2 or 3 degrees of separation from someone who does. Maybe six, but we think that three calls will do it.

**THREE CALLS A MONTH could win you a dinner certificate!!!!**

Guests will be recorded at the meetings at sign in and membership sponsors must inform Joan Montgomery, Vice President of Membership of their sponsorship.

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## IMA BOARD MEMBER BIO

Robin Schneider  
Secretary

Robin started her involvement with the Institute of Management Accountants this past February at student night. She became the secretary in June.

Robin graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in May with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She has been working at Leprino Foods Company for the past six months as the Corporate Accounting Analyst. While in school she belonged to the Accounting Student Organization, Golden Key International Honour Society, and Sigma Beta Delta. While attending school Robin worked as an administrative assistant at Rocky Mountain Baldor in Denver and as an office assistant at her parents' business in Wray, Colorado during her school breaks.

Robin is a native of Colorado. She grew up in Wray and moved to Denver about six years ago. Her hobbies include reading, shopping, going to the movies, and spending time with family and friends.

### CMA/CFM CERTIFICATION SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Denver-Centennial Chapter of the IMA is hosting an informational meeting regarding the CMA and CFM certifications. Among the people available to answer questions will be both current candidates that have already passed one or more sections of the exam and some certified members who will be able to answer your questions and provide encouragement. Spring Study group formation will begin with this meeting. Please forward this meeting notice to anyone you feel might have interest in attending.

Getting on the road to certification is one great way to really move and advance your career this year. Last year there were over new twenty people from our chapter that have started down this road - we welcome you to join us.

Date: February 21st Time: 11:00 Location: Koelbel Public Library - just west of the Tech Center (Orchard Rd and Holly) 5955 South Holly - Englewood 303 220-7704 (Note the Koelbel library does not endorse any of the groups that use the library's conference room - their function is to provide meeting rooms to the community) Menu: Pizza Cost: Free Please contact Cynthia Berglund ([CBerglund@arcadis-us.com](mailto:CBerglund@arcadis-us.com)) if you think you will be attending or have any questions.

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#### 2003 – 2004 Dinner Meeting Dates

December (no meeting)  
**SOCIAL on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004**  
 Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday July, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
**PICNIC on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004**  
 Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

#### 2003 – 2004 Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
 Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
 Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
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 Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**January Newsletter deadline – 12/23/2003**

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