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Please contact [Bob Shapiro](#) if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

February 2018

Dear Akron IMA,

Please join your fellow IMA Members for Students' Night on February 21, 2018 at the HILTON GARDEN INN, 1307 E. MARKET ST., AKRON, OH 44305

Check In is at 5:30 pm.

Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. sharp. Pre-Technical Session begins at 6:10 p.m. and Technical Session begins at 7:10 p.m.

Cost for Members is \$25.00. Non-members pay \$30.00.

For every Pre-Technical or Technical Session that you attend, you earn 1 CPE towards your CMA or CPA requirements.

Remember, members are always welcome at meetings. Even if you're on a diet or don't feel like eating - come to hear the speakers anyway.... there is NO charge if you are not eating!

Please forward newsletter items to: [IMA Newsletter](#).

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Fellow IMA Members,

February is here and we have a fun event planned!

Our February 21st dinner meeting will be a blast! We have our own Wendy Tietz, Professor of Accounting at Kent State University, leading two lively and educational sessions. First up, we have CMA Jeopardy. We will put accounting students up against accounting professionals in a friendly competition based on knowledge from the CMA exam. Next, we will play CMA Family Feud. Hopefully our accountants remember this material and give the



students a good challenge. There will be prizes and fun for all. These sessions will also earn us competition points because there is a focus on the CMA certification this year.

We also earn competition points for anyone who wants to begin a mentor/mentee relationship while studying for the CMA exam. If interested, please let me know. Stay tuned for upcoming information on the April Meonske Conference.

Follow us on Twitter for announcements and information [@AkronChapterIMA](https://twitter.com/AkronChapterIMA).

See you on the 21st!

Linda Garrison, President
Akron Chapter IMA
2017/2018

2017/2018 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2017/2018 will be:
February 21, 2018 - "Students' Night"
March 21, 2018 - "CMA/CFM Night"
April 18, 2018 - "Past Presidents' Night"
May 16, 2018 "Guest Night"

All monthly meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn unless otherwise indicated above.

For meetings at Hilton Garden Inn check-in at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., pretech 6:10 p.m., and tech session at 7:10 p.m.

Pre-Tech Session - "CMA Jeopardy: Accountants vs. Students"

Hilton Garden Inn
November 15, 2017
6:10 P.M. (SHARP)

Wendy Tietz, Ph.D., CMA, CPA
Professor, KSU Department of Accounting

"CMA Jeopardy: Accountants vs. Students"



Technical Session - "CMA Family Feud: Accountants vs Students"

Hilton Garden Inn
February 21, 2018
Students' Night

Wendy Tietz, Ph.D., CMA, CPA
Professor, KSU Department of Accounting

"CMA Family Feud: Accountants vs Students"

Wendy Tietz, PhD, CPA, CMA, is a professor in the Department of Accounting in the College of Business Administration at Kent State University, where she has taught financial accounting and managerial accounting since 2000. She teaches in a variety of formats, including large face to face, hybrid synchronous web-based, and asynchronous web-based. She authors a blog, Accounting in the Headlines, which has real-world news stories and resources for use in the introductory accounting classroom. Dr. Tietz was awarded the Jim Bulloch/IMA Award for Innovations in Management Accounting Education for her blog in 2016 and the Bea Sanders/AICPA Teaching Innovation Award in 2014. She is the co-author of Managerial Accounting, Braun & Tietz, 5th edition, 2017, Pearson Education, and is also a co-author of Financial Accounting, Harrison, Horngren, Thomas & Tietz, 11th edition, 2016, Pearson Education.

Come to a Board Meeting

If you would like to go behind the scenes and learn what it takes to put on a monthly tech session meeting and run the chapter, consider coming to a Board meeting. The chapter meets at 6 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at Mr. G's Pizzeria, 2955 W. Market Street, Fairlawn 44333 (330-836-1111), except as follows: no meeting in November, December meeting earlier in the month, meeting on Saturday morning in June, occasionally earlier than the last Wednesday if there is a conflict with monthly closings of employers. Here are the remaining meeting dates this fiscal year: February 27, March 28, April 25, and May 30. Free pizza and soft drinks; see your Board leaders in action.

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
1-9-18	Bryce Matthew Warmouth	Student at YSU	
1-14-18	Daniel Sanchez	Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems	
1-20-18	Christina Bondi	Student at YSU	

Meonske Professional Development Conference

Save the dates!

44th Annual Professional Development Conference, Institute of Management Accountants, Ohio Council at Kent State University

THURSDAY, April 26, 2018 CONFERENCE (8 hours CPE)

"Cybersecurity Panel"

Andrew Retrum, Managing Director, Protiviti Inc.

Timothy F. Gearty, Partner, Gearty & McIntyre LLP, National Director & Editor-in-Chief,
Becker CPA Review Course Professional Program

FRIDAY, April 27, 2018 CONFERENCE (8 hours CPE)

"Financial Reporting Panel, Accounting Standards Update"

Moderator: Dennis R. Beresford, Executive-in-Residence, J.M. Tull School of Accounting, University of Georgia, and former chairman of the FASB

James L. Kroeker, Vice Chairman FASB

Wesley R. Bricker, Chief Accountant, SEC

Wayne Carnall, Partner in National Professional Services Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and former Chief Accountant, SEC

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Lou Holtz, former Head Football Coach, University of Notre Dame and other colleges, former ESPN football analyst, and motivational speaker

"Afternoon Program"

Robert B. Hirth, former Chairman of COSO (2013 - January 31, 2018), and Senior Managing Director, Protivity

Jeffrey C. Thomson, President & CEO, IMA

Brad J. Monterio, Managing Director, Colcomgroup Inc., and former Global Board Member, IMA

Robert H. Herz, Board member of Sustainability Accounting Standards Board Foundation, and former chairman of the FASB

Annual Program Book Update

The Board of Directors has decided to stay with the pdf online format of the Annual Program Book and, thus, hard-copy Annual Program Books will not be mailed to members with email addresses. Instead, members can view/download the book from the website address www.Yodergraphics.com/ima/2017_ima_roster.pdf. The password is "ima 2017". The website was accessible after October 1. Members without an email address were snail-mailed a hard-copy Program Book. Members who attended the September 20 tech session meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn also received a Program Book. If you need a hard-copy of the Annual Program Book, please contact Linda Garrison at Linda_Garrison@goodyear.com.

CMA Mentoring Program

The Akron chapter IMA is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

The CMA Designation The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced

professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

The CMA credential is:

Focused - On the critical skills you use in business

Respected - Leading employers seek to hire and promote CMAs

Valued - CMAs on average, earn higher compensation than noncertified professionals

Convenient - CMA exams are offered electronically in hundreds of locations worldwide.

The CMA Mentoring Program - The accreditation process leading to the CMA designation can be a rigorous experience requiring great energy and effort. The CMA candidate will have questions regarding exam content, study materials, test taking strategies, and much more. Without somebody to guide and mentor them, the candidate may become discouraged and abandon the certification program. However, through the Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program, candidates will be able to seek and obtain the support and guidance of fellow chapter members who have earned their CMA designation.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are encouraged to enroll.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter jfalter@roadrunner.com

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IMA National website: www.imanet.org

Login : enter user name (your IMA account number)

Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2017_ima_roster.pdf

Password is ima2017

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

Contact Roy Howarter at (330) 688-7670 or R_Showarter@hotmail.com

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