



Catawba Valley Chapter

January 2023

Message from the President

Happy New Year!

My hope is you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and spent time with family, friends and maybe eve a little time to relax as well.

Our Chapter held our annual Fall Conference with both in person and Webinar sessions. A Huge Thank you to all of those who make this event a success. That includes Ron Nicholson, Rhonda Tankersley (Young) who handled the rough work of getting things organized including finding quality speakers and coordinating with National to get the new On 24 process set up. Thanks to CVCC for hosting this in the Manufacturing Solutions Center - a great place if you have never been to an event there you are missing a great venue.

Last fall, we welcomed the Mountain Chapter to the Catawba Valley IMA Chapter. If you are from that Chapter, please reach out with any questions or interest in any event or suggestion for an event. Our Chapter now covers a large geographic area making hosting events in different areas a bit more involved. That does not mean we are not able to, but we may need some help in finding the venue that works or the places to tour.

An addition to our website this year is a section for the Appalachian State Student Newsletter. Please take a look and see what this active student chapter has going on. If you are in the area, try to stop in to see them in action.

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This is my 5th year as your President, and while it has had its challenges (Covid anyone!) I believe it is time to consider a different President. I will still offer assistance and help whoever is interested in guiding the Chapter forward. This is my way to say I am enforcing the 5 year term limit for my tenure! Chapter elections are not until April, so if you have any interest, please reach out.

Keep healthy! Ellen

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

App State Student

Chapter

Joseph F. Ryan

Student Scholarship

Applications available

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Job Openings

If your company has a position to fill and you would like to advertise it in our Newsletter, please forward the Ad to catawbavalleyima@gmail.com. We will pick it up and run it in our next edition.

Are YOU the future of IMA???

Many hands make work light - a phrase you may have heard before. This is very true in every volunteer group and our Chapter is no different. If you have a few minutes each month to help it would be appreciated.
Even Board positions take less than 1 hour per month - not too much to spend to help grow a Chapter dedicated to improving your accounting/finance career.
Please reach out to one of to see how you can help!

To provide personal and professional development opportunities in management accounting, financial management and information management through education and association with business professionals and certification in management accounting and financial management to members in the Catawba Valley area.

Questions? Reach out to Kim Gales at
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APPALACHIAN STATE NEWS

(a new feature in our Newsletter and on our website)

Hello from the Appalachian State Student Chapter of the IMA!

We would like to share a quick update and let you know what our chapter has been up to this semester. We have seen some great engagement from new student members this semester. We took a group of five students to the IMA's Student Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh in October. While there, our students had the opportunity to tour the Pittsburgh Penguins Arena and the headquarters of local corporations, attend numerous learning sessions, participate in the leadership roundtable, and got to see our Advisor, Dr. Kimberly Zahller, awarded the Ursel K. Albers Academic Mentor of the year award! We have 15 students participating in the IMA Student Case Competition this year! Three teams will be preparing to submit their cases in the coming month with hopes to represent the App State chapter in the final competition at the National Conference in June. In November we visited Hickory Springs Manufacturing metalworks factory, where we enjoyed a "lunch and learn" discussion with head accounting and financial officers as well as taking a tour of the factory floor.

In addition to hearing from a diverse range of speakers at our meetings, the chapter held a fundraiser at a local restaurant, is coordinating an ongoing diaper donation drive to help support a refugee family from Afghanistan and submitted our intent for the Gold Level Award of Excellence. We have a rising group of motivated officers taking on leadership and have an exciting lineup of events and speakers for the upcoming Spring Semester, creating a need for us to move from biweekly meetings to meetings every week. We also have five students currently who have been awarded the IMA CMA Scholarship for the year. It is an exciting time for our Student Chapter. We feel grateful for the experiences we have had this Fall and excited about what's to come this Spring!
