

## 2007-2008 AICPA/Accountemps Scholarship Winners

### Kayla Barrett - Washburn University



Kayla Barrett plans to graduate in May 2008 from Washburn University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting and Finance. Throughout her undergraduate studies, Kayla has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and remained involved in numerous organizations on campus. She has served as vice president for Student Ambassadors, vice president for Nonoso Honor Society, treasurer for the Washburn Accounting Society, treasurer for the Washburn Finance Society, and business manager for the Student Alumni Association Board. In addition, Kayla has remained actively involved in organizations such as Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Nonoso Honor Society, Junior Achievement, and Ichabod Pride.

Kayla serves as a representative on the Dean's Student Advisory Council and has been listed on the President's Honor Roll throughout all four years of her undergraduate study. She was designated as the Outstanding Junior Scholar by Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and has received numerous awards and distinctions for her academic accomplishments from associations such as Financial Executives International, the American Business Women's Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and the Kansas Society of CPAs.

In addition to her academic achievements, Kayla has been employed while attending college in an effort to financially support her academic studies. The first few years of school, she was employed as a student telecounselor and summer orientation counselor for the Washburn Admissions Office. She then pursued an internship for two years with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas in the Internal Audit Division.

In summer 2007, Kayla had an internship with KPMG and upon completion, she accepted a full-time position with the firm in their Audit practice. She plans to complete her degree in May and begin preparing for the CPA exam.

### Ryan Betka – University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Ryan Betka graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and finance degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2006. As an undergraduate, Ryan was active in Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, serving as a national board director and vice president. Additionally, Ryan served on the College of Business Administration's Student Advisory Board, the Student Senate, and was accepted into the Mortar Board National Honor Society. He also volunteered for the Handy Hands 4-H Club and Heartland Big Brothers and Sisters.

Ryan is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, pursuing a second major in accounting. He is preparing for the CPA exam and looks forward to beginning his career as an auditor for Deloitte. He continues to stay involved with his fraternity and enjoys golfing.

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### Marissa Prosky – Villanova University



Marissa Prosky is currently a junior at Villanova University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems. Throughout her academic experience, she has routinely been named to the Dean's List and maintained a 4.0 major grade point average for both of her majors. At Villanova, Marissa participates in many organizations including Beta Alpha Psi honor society, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, The Accounting Society, Villanova School of Business Peer Counselors, Relay for Life, and Club Tennis among many others. On campus she is also an active member in her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, where she serves as Corresponding Secretary and Financial VP Assistant. Marissa is also a lab intern in Villanova's Applied Finance Lab.

In 2007, Marissa studied abroad in Italy and also participated in the summer leadership programs of Ernst & Young, Deloitte, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers. The prior year she participated in Grant Thornton's Footsteps program. Marissa plans to participate in Villanova School of Business' Spring Accounting Internship program where she will intern with Ernst & Young in Spring 2008. Upon graduation in May 2009, Marissa plans to prepare for the CPA exam and begin her career with a public accounting firm.

### Terra Teague – Alma College



Terra Teague will graduate from Alma College in Alma, Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting and marketing in May 2008. Terra is serving as the Alma College Class of 2008 President for her fourth term and is President of the Alma College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team which holds seven consecutive regional titles. Terra maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is a very active student and athlete. She is a member of the Alma College Varsity Women's Basketball Team, has an Enrollment and Marketing Internship, and is a teaching assistant for the Business Department. Terra also enjoys volunteering as an assistant coach for the local Girls on the Run program and participating in Alternative Spring Break events like supporting the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund in Louisiana.

Terra has been recruited by numerous companies and is looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

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### Jason Wattier – University of Kentucky



Jason Wattier is a fifth-year senior majoring in accounting with a minor in Japan Studies at the University of Kentucky. His on-campus leadership positions have included serving as the vice president of activities for Beta Alpha Psi honor society as a junior and senior, and tutoring for general chemistry and financial and managerial accounting classes. Jason is a Resident Advisor for a campus residence hall. He has also been extensively involved in campus and community ballroom dance organizations like the Lexington Vintage Dance Society and Hepkats Swing Club.

In 2006, Jason was a summer intern in General Electric's Financial Management Program at the Consumer and Industrial segment headquarters. In the summer of 2007, he worked for the audit department of Deloitte and has accepted an offer to begin working full-time with the firm upon completion of his undergraduate and graduate studies.

Jason's future plans include obtaining his master's degree in accounting and then taking an additional year to complete a master's in logistics or teach English in Japan as part of the Japanese Exchange Teaching program.