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Greetings Accounting Students:

Let me begin by welcoming back all returning students. Whether you took summer session classes or not, I hope you made time for fun during this hot and dry summer. All of us are getting psyched up for a challenging fall semester.

Congratulations to all accounting majors for choosing a degree program that will encourage (and sometimes demand) you broaden your analytical skills and understanding of business ethics, search for creative solutions, develop professional integrity, and so much more. Excellent opportunities currently exist in the accounting field, and the outlook is bright for years to come. The accounting program here at IU-Kokomo will help you to successfully seize those opportunities.

Another important resource to help you make the most of your accounting education is the Accounting Council. The Council was formed in the spring of 1994 to serve students majoring in accounting at IU-Kokomo—to be a liaison between the accounting students and faculty members. Today, I don't believe accounting students need a liaison to faculty. The IU-Kokomo School of Business faculty is an excellent group of educators who are always ready to assist students. Our faculty are approachable, so don't hesitate to speak up in class or visit them during office hours!

For me, the Council's function is to bring the accounting profession to life for students. Guest speakers provide not only first person accounts of life as an accountant, but also important networking opportunities. Mock interviews allow accounting students to practice their interviewing skills before a job is on the line, but also to sit down across from an accounting professional. And we're always looking for new ideas on how to connect students with the profession! So, if you have an idea on how to make that happen, please don't hesitate to speak to a Council member. Or better yet, become a Council member!

Please explore the Council's webpage. We have links to a number of past projects where you can learn interviewing tips, how companies prefer to have resumes submitted, who these Accounting Council people are, and more! Have a great semester!!

Sincerely,

Vanessa A. Dotson
Accounting Council Chairperson