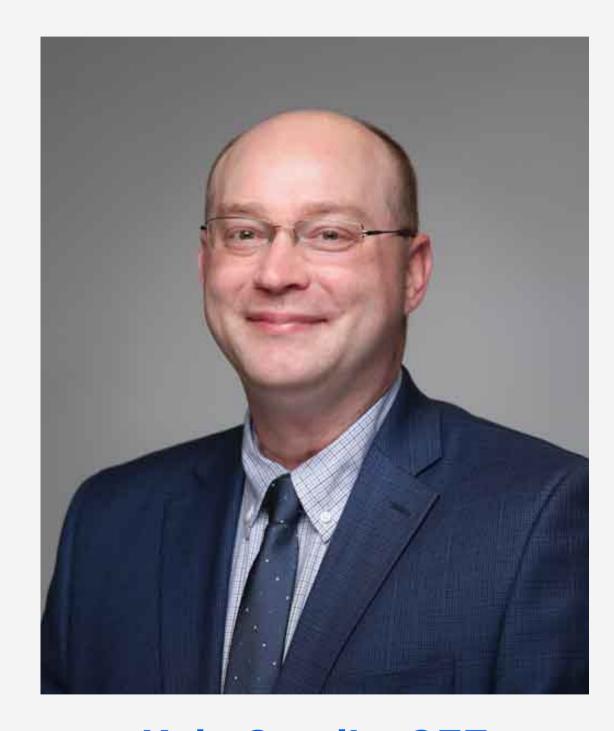
The Accounting Challenge: Gamify Your Way to Recruiting Success in the Intro Accounting Courses

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Before We Begin...

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Today's Presenters



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What will you gain from this presentation?

- Identify ways faculty can use gamification in intro accounting classes
- Discover how faculty can relate accounting to other business majors
- Describe resources available to both students and faculty
- Identify the benefits and barriers with implementing these new activities

How do we think our students feel about accounting?

Poll Everywhere Activity

Why do we think those things?

Let's take a look at how our current classes are run...

How current introductory financial accounting courses are structured:

- Lecture Style
- Emphasis on Debits/Credits

How we have implemented changes:

- Gamification
- Utilizing Fill-in-the-Blank Notes
- Hybrid Models



What is Gamification?

Applying elements of game playing to other applications.

• In this case accounting topics and concepts!





How is Accountopoly played?



Each Monopoly transaction is recorded!

Students are broken up into groups and start the game off like normal. But each event that happens must be recorded as a journal entry!



Examples of transactions:

- Purchasing land (Cash & Land)
- Paying rent & utilities (Cash & Expenses)
- Collecting income from passing GO (Revenue)

This will be demonstrated in:

Numbers & Games: Hands-on Session to Enhance Learning in the Intro Courses

3:50 - 4:40 PM in Breakout B

Not everyone that takes our introductory managerial accounting classes will be accounting majors...

But! Managerial accounting will still show up in nearly every business career!

- Business is a crossfunctional environment
- Students can benefit from learning about managerial accounting no matter their business major

How can we showcase this to students?



Bringing in an accounting speaker alongside a non-accounting counterpart

Emphasis on experiential learning and application of concepts.

Students can learn various ways other majors interact with accountants.

This is how students will learn and grow in their career after leaving the classroom.

As faculty, what resources do we have?

People

- Other Faculty
- Local Employers

Activities

- Cases written by others
 - Monopoly
 - Lego Activities

Funding

 Explore funding opportunities within your university!

What resources are provided for students?



Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) Mentors

PASS Mentors attend classes and hold additional study sessions built to enrich learning.



Beta Alpha Psi Tutoring

Members of Beta Alpha Psi hold additional tutoring hours to help students.



Graduate Assistant Tutoring

Graduate Assistants of the School of Accountancy hold tutoring hours where students can get help.



IMA Student Chapter Success Fest Event

The IMA Student Chapter holds an event that advertises all these resources accounting students have, and more!

What are our goals?

Increase Engagement and Recruitment with students

Generating interest in the accounting field and recruiting accounting students.



Lower D/F/W Rates

We aim to lower the amount of D grades, F grades, and withdraws in accounting courses

What benefits have we seen?

What barriers have we encountered?

Conclusion

Thank you!