



NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Newsletter- Spring 2008

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NCASS Newsletter

Welcome to the second NCASS members news letter. Following our relaunch and recent strategic review we aim to send an update to you every three months.

We welcome any feedback on the newsletter. Please send any comments to Ellen Thomson,
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Web Site Relunched!

Following feedback from members last year we have spent the past two months redeveloping our web site. The web site was relunched on 21st May 2008 and it will be kept up to date on a regular basis and will include details of past and future events, NCASS news, National Student Council and the ever popular photo gallery!

Please visit regularly to keep updated on new events.

Welcome from NCASS Chair



Emma Johnson, NCASS Chair

Congratulations to all students who have had their results from the ACA Professional Stage in March. Keep up the hard work and good luck to all of those sitting exams in June and July.

Also I would like to thank you all for your support at both the Newcastle Annual Dinner and the Teesside Annual Dinner and hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Finally I would like to congratulate my fellow committee member Ross Parker on being voted Vice Chair of the National Student Council.

National Student Council- NASS Member is new Vice-Chair

The 2008 AGM for national student council was held in May where James Smith from BADCASS (Bristol and District) was elected as Chair and Ross Parker from NCASS as vice chair.



Ross Parker

Going forward James and Ross hope to build upon the recent success of the NSC, including being named at the Pass Awards as Student Body of the Year. In particular, it is the Council's aim to increase the level of communication between students, training firms and regional student and senior district societies, as well as make full use of the seat held by the NSC on Institute General Council. There has never been a better time for your views to be heard by others in the Institute.

If you have any queries about your training or exams please do not hesitate to contact NCASS or Ross (ross.x.parker@uk.pwc.com) and we will air your views or concerns at the next NSC

meeting and indeed at NCASS meetings.

Student Deals

The Institute continues to improve its offers for students and members, which are accessible by logging onto the website and if you and don't forget if you are still in your training contract you can apply for an NUS Associate card, which is fantastic for student discounts and can pay for itself in no time.

Recent NCASS Events

Newly Qualified Ceremony

A 'graduation' ceremony has been held to mark the achievement of the region's trainee chartered accountants.

Organised by the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants (NSCA) and supported by Newcastle University Business School, the event celebrated the success of budding business advisers in their professional exams.



After the ceremony

The students received prizes in recognition of passing the exams leading to the prestigious ACA qualification.

Last year a total of 93

candidates in the North East and Cumbria completed the ICAEW's Advanced Stage, while a further 75 passed the Professional Stage. All have been training with accountancy firms and other organisations in the region.

Tyneside-born better regulation guru Teresa Graham, CBE, the first woman winner of the ICAEW's outstanding achievement award in 2007, presented the prizes in the university's historic Kings Hall.



Teresa Graham and NSCA

Mrs Graham, who began her career with Price Waterhouse in Newcastle, said: "The ACA is a passport that can take you as far as you want to go. It is the premier business qualification, which can open up countless career opportunities, both in this country and overseas.

"As chartered accountants, what we learn in our training remains with us throughout our professional lives, underpinning everything we do, as we apply our technical knowledge and skills within an ethical framework."

NSCA deputy president Jim Summers congratulated the students and wished them well in their future careers. "While we recognise the success of our ACA students every year, this is

the first time we have held a graduation-style ceremony to celebrate their achievement," said Mr Summers.

Newcastle Annual Dinner

April 2008: The NCASS Newcastle Annual Dinner was yet again a resounding success. It was attended by 349 guests from a number of firms across the region. Guests were entertained by magicians, a casino and disco making it a lively night!

The charity raffle raised £1,348 for St Oswald's Hospice.



Raffle winner collects their prize!

Thanks go to event sponsors Michael Page International.

Further photos are available on the web site, www.ncass.co.uk

Teesside Annual Dinner

May 2008: The popular Teesside Dinner took place on 9th May and Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium. The dinner was attended by over 100 students and guests from firms including Anderson Barrowcliff, Keith Robinson & Co and Tindles. NCASS

would like to thank sponsors BPP, Kaplan Financial and the General Practitioners Group for supporting the event.



Teesside Dinner

Further photos are available on the web site, www.ncass.co.uk

Quality counts for top Tees trainees

Emma Johnson, Helen Peacock and Jenny Hill received awards from the C U Peat prize fund for outstanding performance in the exams leading to the ACA qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).



CU Peat Prize Winners

Emma, who works for Anderson Barrowcliff, Stockton, came first in the Northern region for the case study in the ICAEW's Advanced Stage (AS) exams, which she completed in July 2007.

Helen Peacock of Kenneth Easby, Bedale, also passed the AS last November, while Jenny Hill of Leonard Bye,

Middlesbrough, completed the Professional Stage exams last December and was sixth in the region for the business finance paper.

Each was presented with a specially-inscribed, gold-plated pen by prize fund representative Rob Tindle at the Teesside chartered accountants students' annual dinner at Middlesbrough FC's Riverside Stadium.

The fund was established in 1961 by former Darlington MP Charles Urie Peat, a leading figure in the accountancy profession. Mr Peat, was a senior partner in leading accountancy firm Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, which had offices in Middlesbrough, Darlington and Newcastle. He became national president of the ICAEW in 1959.

Forthcoming NCASS Events

Quiz Night 26th June 2008, 7pm

Back by popular demand! The NCASS Quiz is always a lively event on the NCASS calendar and last year places sold out in record time.

The quiz will include a buffet and further details will be available on the web site very soon.

Careers Event 31st July 2008

We are currently organising a Careers Event for members. The event will take place in

Newcastle and further details will be confirmed over the coming weeks. We have confirmed the following guest speakers:

- Richard Warren, Senior Manager, Deloitte, Newcastle
- Amy Thompson- Financial Training
- William De Gale- Black Rock (the UK's largest Asset Manager).

Please visit www.ncass.co.uk for further details.

And finally....

NCASS are always looking for enthusiastic new committee members; if you would like to be part of the team please contact myself or Pamela Rule our administrator on

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