

MST Program News

Attention MST Grads

Earn a Certificate in Advanced Taxation (International, High Tech, Advanced)

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<https://buff.ly/43zCxdf>

Attention Accounting Majors

Consider a 9-unit Certificate in Tax Practice

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Open University

Individuals eligible to enroll in the MS Tax Program or who already have an MST may take courses via Open University.

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MST Faculty News



Zach Nolan

Zach Nolan had a few articles published in Bloomberg's Daily Tax Report, in recent months:

- "[Mastering the Mailbox Rule So IRS Tax Forms Can Arrive on Time.](#)" Jan. 17, 2023
- "[Knowing When a 'Wet Signature' Is Needed on Corporate Tax Forms.](#)" Mar. 14, 2023
- "[Cannabis Companies Can Save Millions With One Tax Code Section.](#)" Apr. 20, 2023

Will Skinner was ranked by [MergerLinks](#) as among top dealmakers in North America. William was recognized for his role as a tax advisor on many corporate transactions during 2022, including representing Figma in its pending acquisition by Adobe.



William Skinner



Julia Ushakova-Stein

Julia Ushakova-Stein had an article published in Tax Notes International: "[U.S. Tax Review: 3M, Microsoft, and Eaton; Dual Consolidated Loss Rules; Pillars 1 and 2](#)," on March 6, 2023.

Annette Nellen was appointed to the [IRS Advisory Council \(IRSAC\)](#) for a three-year term starting January 2023. She was also named as a [Research Fellow](#) to Joint Venture Silicon Valley's Institute for Regional Studies in March 2023. She continues to chair the AICPA Virtual Currency Digital Assets Tax Task Force. In April the task force's [letter](#) recommending that the IRS issue guidance on digital assets was submitted to the IRS and Treasury Department. Professor Nellen's article "How Much Do We Love Newspapers?" was published in [Tax Notes State](#), on April 3, 2023.



Annette Nellen

Conferences



The 39th Annual TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute is November 6 - 7, 2023

For more information, visit www.sjsu.edu/taxinstitute

Student Awards

Scholarship Award recipients for Outstanding Achievement in Tax Research and Writing:

Fall 2022: **Aizhan Toibazarova**

Spring 2023: **Linda Ren**

Congratulations!

Have an MST?

How about a 9-Unit Advanced Certificate in Taxation?

Earn an advanced certificate in international taxation or high tech taxation. Learn more at www.sjsu.edu/lucasgsb/prospective-students/advanced-certificates/index.php.

Summer MST classes that will count towards the certificate include Data Analytics; and State Taxation Fundamentals.

Alumni News

Meet Alex Ho: A partner in the Tax Department of Marcum LLP's San José Office with almost two decades of experience.

Alex Ho is a partner in the tax department of Marcum LLP's San José office. He has over 19 years of public accounting experience focusing on taxation of closely held businesses and how income flows to their owners. Alex works with small and large ownership groups that have complex ownership structures across multi generations. The various industries he has worked with include real estate, sports & entertainment, recreation and technology. Within these industries, Alex assists his clients with tax planning, business consulting and multi-state compliance.

After graduating from UC Santa Barbara, Alex worked with a couple mid-size regional firms in the Bay Area before joining a national firm. Alex has served on CalCPA - Silicon Valley Chapter's Board of Directors for five years and currently serves as Chapter President.

Eight years into his career, he felt a need to get a deeper understanding of various tax topics and took an SJSU MS in Taxation course through the open enrollment program.

After his first course it was obvious that completion of the MST program was a must!

**Alex Ho,
CPA, MST**



"The MST program can take you to the "next level" in terms of ability for critical thinking in the tax world however you get out of the program what you put in; so take the time to read, re-read, understand and absorb as much during the program. Ask questions and let your mind be a sponge!"

Outstanding MST Graduate

Angela (Haoye) Xu, MST '23, credits program for solid foundation and valuable skills

**Angela
(Haoye) Xu**



"It's a great honor for me to receive the most outstanding MST graduate award this term. The MST program not only provided me with a solid theoretical foundation, but also equipped me with the skills to handle complicated tax issues in the ever-changing tax world.

The most valuable skill that I have learned from this program is the ability to conduct tax research effectively to find solutions to tax issues and communicate the results clearly. Besides, the MST program has helped me build a robust professional network that will undoubtedly benefit my future career.

To fellow students, I highly recommend previewing the course materials before each class session.

The pace of each session is typically rapid, and it's not uncommon to miss important details. While previewing, it's a good idea to make notes on aspects that you have questions about or are interested in.

Moreover, don't hesitate to speak up and ask questions during the class. Likely, other students may have the same questions, thus addressing them promptly can benefit the entire class."