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Celebrated Accounting Professor Robert May Retires

Robert May, PhD, who has served as KPMG Centennial Professor of Accounting, chairman, and dean of the accounting department at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business, is retiring this month after thirty-four years. In an interview with AccountingWEB's Jason Bramwell, May talks about the **McCombs School of Business Master in Professional Accounting (MPA) program**, which he is credited with developing. The MPA program has been widely recognized as the leading graduate accounting program in America and has been ranked number one by *US News & World Report* for the past six years.

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EDUCATION HEADLINES

→ May Day: Retiring Texas Accounting Professor to Give Commencement Speech

After a forty-three-year academic career – the last thirty-four of which were spent as professor, chairman, and dean in the department of accounting at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business – Robert May, PhD, will be addressing 2013 graduating Master in Professional Accounting (MPA) students one last time.



→ Chapman University Competition Gives Start-ups a Head Start

This April, Chapman University in Orange, California, became a mecca for "out-of-the-box" thinking when aspiring student entrepreneurs from top university programs put their business plans to the test in the California Dreamin' Investor and Fast Pitch Business Plan Competition.



→ Study Reveals Top Nonaccounting Skills Sought in Accountants

Accounting and finance professionals who possess nontraditional accounting traits, such as general business knowledge and good communication skills, are valued not only by CFOs trying to fill open finance department positions at their companies, but also by human resources directors looking to recruit new talent to their accounting firms.



THIS WEEK ON ACCOUNTINGWEB

→ **Kevin Packman, a partner with Holland & Knight and chair of the firm's Offshore Compliance Team**, offers tax practitioners advice on working with clients who have offshore holdings.

→ **Harley Duncan, managing director and state and local tax leader in KPMG's Washington National Tax practice**, shares these tips for retail businesses dealing with Internet sales tax.

→ **Richard Sudek, PhD, director of the Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics at Chapman University**, offers key tips for delivering the "perfect pitch" when selling your business idea.

TIP OF THE DAY

Rita Keller, CPA firm management consultant, shares her insight on why summer is the best time to hire college interns.

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