

The Don Difference: Sue Minke Video Transcript

0:00-0:50 Sue Minke: The role of accounting was for many years, I think that people have thought that it was to count the items. It's so much more than that now. Accountants can add value to a company, providing information for decision making, to provide just those critical thinking ideas that weren't part of just tallying things before. What I really want my students to look at is how am I going to approach this differently? We have a very strong pass rate for the CPA exam and we have strong testing rates for our students, and so the community reaches out to us to say, 'We could use maybe some help in certain areas.' It's also us, faculty, reaching out to community partners, to work with partners to say we've got these students who can do these skills, and can we find a place to make that work?

0:51-1:10 Amanda Kaluza: I got the position and I've stayed on since, after tax season last year and since on, and I will continue full time. It's meant a lot because I have been able to figure out what I want to do for my career choice. I didn't know if I wanted to do private or public accounting, and now I have it set that I want to do public accounting and continue through with this. It's been a wonderful experience.

1:11-1:30 Sue Minke: We have so much positive feedback about this opportunity for our students to work in real jobs and they go to work every day like employees and employers sometimes say, 'We don't even remember that they're interns. They're part of our team.'

1:31-1:47 Makenzie McLimans: Normally when you graduate you need accounting experience to get a job anywhere. The co-op program is helping me get that experience before I have to graduate. I got into the co-op program just to get that experience.

1:48-2:03 Jordyn Myers: As I was learning in the classroom, I was able to apply those things to what I was doing at work. Also I felt like I was a better student because I was able to relate what I was learning to real life situations.

2:04-2:24 Sue Minke: I am proud of every one of them. Every day I learn something from them. Then when I see them at their workplace, I am just always floored by the things they know, the things they have learned. It's just so fun to watch them really get to make a contribution.