



Kiely Strohmaier

MAcc Alumna & Elijah Watt Sells Award winner

"I'm really thankful for everybody at Gonzaga who supported us and helped us learn what we need to know to start careers and pass the CPA. Gonzaga did a great job. The MAcc program is strong and getting stronger all the time!"

In 2011, more than 90,000 candidates sat for the Uniform CPA Examination. While passing the exam is an accomplishment in itself, earning a score within the top 100, or even top 50, is unthinkable for many test takers. Gonzaga University Master of Accountancy graduate Kiely Strohmaier (MAcc '11) went one step beyond that by earning a score that placed her in the **top 37** among 90,000 test takers.

In spring 2012, Kiely received the 2011 E.W. Sells award, recognizing her outstanding performance on the CPA Exam. AICPA [American Institute of CPAs] presented the award to 37 candidates who obtained a cumulative average score above 95.00 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, completed testing during the previous calendar year, and passed all four sections of the Examination on their first attempt.

According to Kiely, earning this award was a significant honor. "This came as a huge surprise. When you are taking the exams, you really have no idea where you stand or how you are doing."

Kiely enrolled in Gonzaga's Masters of Accountancy program after finishing her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington. According to Kiely, key benefits of the MAcc program are rolling admissions and flexible start times. "I graduated early from the University of Washington and I was able to start my MAcc right away at Gonzaga. It worked out perfectly to complete the program within a year and take the CPA in the summer."

While at Gonzaga, Kiely enjoyed the personal, close-knit community on campus. Interested in tax issues and case studies around agriculture, Kiely appreciated the faculty's willingness to provide her with extra information and resources.

"We are very pleased to see Kiely be recognized for her impressive achievement in winning the Elijah Watt Sells Award. She was an outstanding student in our program and we look forward to her continued success as her career progresses," noted Dr. Gary Weber, Director of Gonzaga University's Master of Accountancy program.

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