Transcript for Career Services Video

**Kathy Krawczyk (Director, MAC Program):** Students should consider accounting over other majors because I think they can end up with a wider range of opportunities.

**Roby Sawyers (Director, Undergraduate Accounting Program):** As an accounting graduate you can work in public accounting, you can work in industry and industries of all size. Everybody hires accountants, everybody needs accountants.

**Brian Newton (Director, Undergraduate Career and Internship Development):** I think what sets NC State and the Poole College of Management apart is our practical application of what students learn in the classroom. That focus on student projects and collaboration of working with employers- I think that’s a real key thing that helps separate us.

**Thomas Dobbins (Intern, Revenue Accounting, RedHat):** The benefits of having the internship on the corporate side are that you get to put to use a lot of things that you learn in classes, you get to work in a lot of the different areas of the company, and you have a lot more experience.

**Eric Shander (Vice President, Global Technology Services IBM):** Accounting is a profession that is relevant. So as you are going through your studies, I can tell you everything you’re learning you will use. I can tell you when you get your CPA, which I encourage everybody to do that, it separates you from your peers. I knew early on that I wanted to be successful in the business world, and if you think about all the different curriculums in business, accounting is the one that is at the heart of the business. It is the business language.

**Beth Wood (North Carolina State Auditor):** At the State Auditor’s office, if you’re looking for great opportunities, great training, and yet a good work-life balance, this is the place to come.

**Kelly Katerakis (Sr. Manager of Content Development AICPA):** My advice for future college students is to keep an open mind about your career path. I know I always thought when I was in college I wanted a defined career path and I wanted to know that if I do these certain things I’m going to get to here. I think it’s important to open your eyes to other opportunities.

**Kelly Hardy (Assistant Director of Career Services, MAC Program):** The MAC program adds value to someone’s career because it specializes them in accounting. They’re getting an additional year of college education and specialized courses that really will hone in on those skill sets that employers are looking for. Really, our numbers speak for themselves. Last year we had 100% placement rate of all of our MAC students and this current year we’re at 96%.

**Greg Anglum (Public Accountant):** Students should pursue a Master’s Degree in Accounting because, sure you can get 150 hours any number of ways, but to be most successful, if you have all the base underlying skills and all the advanced skills that build upon that, it will help you be more successful and accelerate your career.
Laura Robinette (Office Manager Partner, PwC): Generally speaking, the first couple of years in public accounting you would have exposure to lots of clients, lots of different experiences. We have a program called Grow Your Own Way and literally, when I talk to my partners across the firm, whether it be in the US or overseas, it seems like everyone has a different story.

Roby Sawyers (Director, Undergraduate Accounting Program): Accounting is a great major, I think, because of the expertise you get as a major and the differentiation that it provides compared to a finance major for example. What we tell our students is in accounting you not only get the basics of finance and marketing and human resources that other folks in the college will get, you get the specialized knowledge that they don’t and that’s what really sets apart the accounting students from the rest of the students in the College of Management.