**Tax Strategy Concentration: MAC Program, NC State University, Poole College of Management**

Jennie Dirienzo: “NC State offers a corporate tax strategy concentration, and understanding a corporate tax provision is so important. There has been a lot of focus on income tax. It’s a big number, and it can move a lot. In my class, that’s what you learn how to do.”

Roby Sawyers: “Every business transaction, every tax transaction, from planning to compliance, starts and ends with data. Businesses across the globe really rely on individuals these days that understand the necessity of being able to transform this data into useful information. The real gist of the class is understanding how tax and other factors interact and affect business decisions.”

Jennie Dirienzo: “We work on how you prepare a tax provision, what’s affecting it and why. This is a skill set that really makes you marketable in the business community.”

Kara Carroll: “The firms are looking for this tax concentration. NC State puts a lot of in-depth knowledge into their classes. Being in on a tax provision is something that if you didn’t have this class is something totally new and different for you. It gave me some that background experience. It gave me a leg up.”

Jennie Dirienzo: “They really come out of the program with practical applications. They hit they ground running. They really are ready to start work.”

Roby Sawyers: “The combination of the experience of the faculty and the use of the faculty that have real life experiences is what sets us apart at NC State.”