



**Gies College
of Business**

Master of Science in Accountancy

Meet Tony Sarussi

Get to know one of our current MSA students!

Hometown: Arlington Heights, IL

Undergraduate Institution: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Undergraduate Major: Economics

Why did you decide to pursue a graduate degree in accounting? I thought accounting would allow me to best understand how businesses operate, while working in an industry that allows me to protect the public interest by working in compliance.



What areas of accounting interest you the most and why? I have been applying for Tax Associate positions. I think that Tax is a high-risk, challenging and everchanging environment that offers an interesting opportunity to mitigate risk and create value for a company

Why did you choose Gies College of Business for your MSA program? It was an easy choice to come back to my Alma Mater. I knew I'd be comfortable, be provided resources to succeed, and be involved in a top-tier accounting program.

What has been your favorite class so far and why? ACCY 505: Tax has been my favorite so far because we've worked on real-world problems that could be applicable to a professional position.

What advice would you give a prospective student when searching for graduate programs? Dedicate yourself to this program, as it's not easy, and you will prepare yourself for success!

Tony, as well as our other MSA students, are looking forward to meeting you!

Also, remember to check out our new student [website](#) for more information and previous emails.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Career Foundations Course

Module 1 should be complete, and you should be working on Module 2: Developing your LinkedIn Profile. Please submit your LinkedIn Profile URL to Career Services as soon as possible for feedback.

Program Orientation

Save the date for the week of June 6. At orientation, you'll register for classes, meet your cohort, and network with faculty.

New Student Checklist

If you haven't already, please be sure to complete your checklist prior to orientation. [Click here to download.](#)



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