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Nationally-renowned educator named accounting chair

David Stout, a nationally-renowned accounting educator who has extensive experience building partnerships with the business community, has been named the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Chair in Accounting at Youngstown State University.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration at YSU, said Stout, who currently is an accounting professor at Villanova University, will be an outstanding addition to the YSU campus and community.

"His national reputation in accounting education, his involvement with the American Accounting Association, and his background in building partnerships with the accounting field will increase the visibility of our accounting program and enhance our partnerships with the regional and national accounting communities," Licata said.

"His contributions in the area of accounting education are a perfect match with our mission as a student-centered college that emphasizes the teaching-learning process."

John Donchess, tax director at Packer Thomas in Youngstown, said Stout will bring a fresh perspective to the university and the business and professional community in Mahoning Valley.

"Not only does he have terrific academic credentials, but what was really impressive was his interest in interacting with the business community and in how the business community could help YSU and vice versa," said Donchess, a member of the search committee that selected Stout.

The John S. and Doris M. Andrews Chair in Accounting was established in 2001 with a \$1 million gift from the Andrews Trust, named after the late financial manager and his wife.

Stout, who was selected after a two-year national search, will be responsible for establishing new partnerships with the accounting profession and business community, working to enhance the areas of curriculum, co-curricular activities, faculty development, strategic partnerships and student services, and increasing the visibility of the YSU accounting program through speaking engagements locally, regionally and nationally.

"The hiring of Dr. Stout has set a high standard for endowed chairs at YSU," said Tony Atwater, YSU provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Stout, who begins his new duties with the start of the next academic year in August, said he is honored to get the post.

"One of the factors that affected my decision to accept is the 'people factor,'" said Stout, who earned a bachelor's degree in finance from LaSalle College and master's and doctorate degrees in accounting from the University of Pittsburgh.

"Everyone I met and with whom I dealt during the interview process was friendly, caring and enthusiastic. The fact that, on my first visit to campus, I was able to meet with both the president of the university as well as the provost was very telling. It is, I believe, reflective of the friendly atmosphere of the organization and the commitment of the university to its people."

Stout has been a faculty member at Villanova since 1988 and was chair of the university's accounting department from 1996 to 2001 before taking his current post as the John M. Cooney Professor of Accounting. Prior to joining Villanova, he was a faculty member, associate dean and department chair at Rider University in New Jersey.

At Villanova, Stout was responsible for special events on campus that involved national accounting firms such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte & Touche, KPMG and Ernst and Young.

He has served as editor, associate editor or on the editorial boards of several accounting and finance journals, and has published more than 50 articles and made more than 70 professional publications.

He is past president of the Teaching and Curriculum section of the American Accounting Association, and serves on the AAA Innovation in Accounting Education Award Committee, the Instructional Resources Committee of the Management Accounting Section, and chairs the MAS Teaching Innovation Awards Committee. In 2002, he received the American Accounting Association, Teaching and Curriculum Section



David Stout, the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Chair in Accounting at Youngstown State University.

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