

**LUCINDA SPARKS**  
**FALL 2013 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST**

Lucinda graduated in August with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting. In January, she will begin work at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in Kansas City. She plans to complete and pass all four sections of the CPA exam by May 2014 and eventually enter a graduate program related to information technology. She would ultimately like to work for the Federal Government in the area of forensic accounting analyzing terrorist cells' finances.

Lucinda is a member of the Beta Alpha Psi and the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor societies. As a member of Beta Alpha Psi, she volunteered at Harvester's, the Festival of Trees, Run for Ronald, and Bowling for Kid's Sake.

Lucinda was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha for a year. She handed out ribbons and information cards and participated in fundraising for breast cancer awareness during Think Pink Week. She also volunteered at the Topeka Rescue Mission, worked with the Race against Breast Cancer, and participated in Trick or Treat for Cans.

Lucinda received the President, Mazachek Accounting School, McNeill Family WEA, Shultz Banking WEA, King Business School, Sweet Foundation WEA, and the Dean WEA scholarships from Washburn.

Lucinda wrote in her application, "Washburn provides a supportive environment of faculty members who go beyond their daily obligations to help students reach their goals. Through their dedicated effort, they provided me the opportunity to obtain the appropriate degree to reach my goals. A superior accounting education has proven valuable in the business world and has set me apart from other candidates. Washburn University provided a real world experience applicable to business today that employers value, so it made my career goals a reality."