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By Steve Eaton



A publication widely read within the accounting profession, *Public Accounting Report*, has ranked the School of Accountancy at the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business in the top 50 among accounting schools nationwide.

Utah State University's undergraduate accounting program is listed at 46th in the rankings that are based on a survey of accounting professors across the country. The *Public Accounting Report* says it is the "leading provider of competitive intelligence for public accounting firms and the profession." It is targeted at accounting firm partners and professionals, opinion leaders, and industry observers.

Larry Walther, who heads the School of Accountancy at the Huntsman School of Business, said there are nearly 800 undergraduate programs that are eligible for the list, putting the Huntsman School of Accountancy in the top 6% of programs nationwide. As far as he knows, this is the first time the Huntsman School of Accountancy has been ranked in the top 50.

"We appreciate the recognition we have received from the *Public Accounting Report*," Dr. Walther said. "We take even more satisfaction, however, seeing our students excel once they enter the job market and effectively compete with graduates of top schools from around the country. Our professors and staff keep standards high because we believe in our students and their capacity to compete."