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By Steve Eaton



Frank Shuman has been on a roll. In fact, he has been part of a winning streak as as old as some of his students.

While he has been the Huntsman School chapter advisor for the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) student club, the chapter has won the “Gold Level Award of Excellence” 19 years in a row, the longest winning streak in the nation. To achieve the Gold Level Award, student chapters must document their community service and meet other high standards set by the organization.

This year those at the IMA are giving Shuman one of their highest honors, the Ursel K. Albers IMA Campus Advocate of the Year Award.

Shuman said he was pleased with the recognition but quick to credit the students for his award.

“I am honored but I feel like I am just the coach of a winning team,” he said. “For me, the most rewarding thing has been to see these students growing and developing as leaders.”

Michael Bills, president of the Huntsman IMA chapter, wrote a letter of recommendation, explaining why he felt that Shuman deserved the advocate of the year award. He noted that when he had just returned to school after taking two years off, he went to Shuman for assistance.

“Frank was very helpful and encouraging, and was more than willing to spend extra time with me to help cover the material that I missed or didn’t understand,” he wrote. “Also, because I started school late the book store was sold out of the managerial accounting textbook, so Frank let me borrow his copy until I was able to purchase one.”

This is not the first time Shuman has been recognized for his work with students. He was also named the School of Accountancy Teacher of the Year in 1994 and 2007, and the Jon M. Huntsman Advisor of the Year in 1995 and 2013.