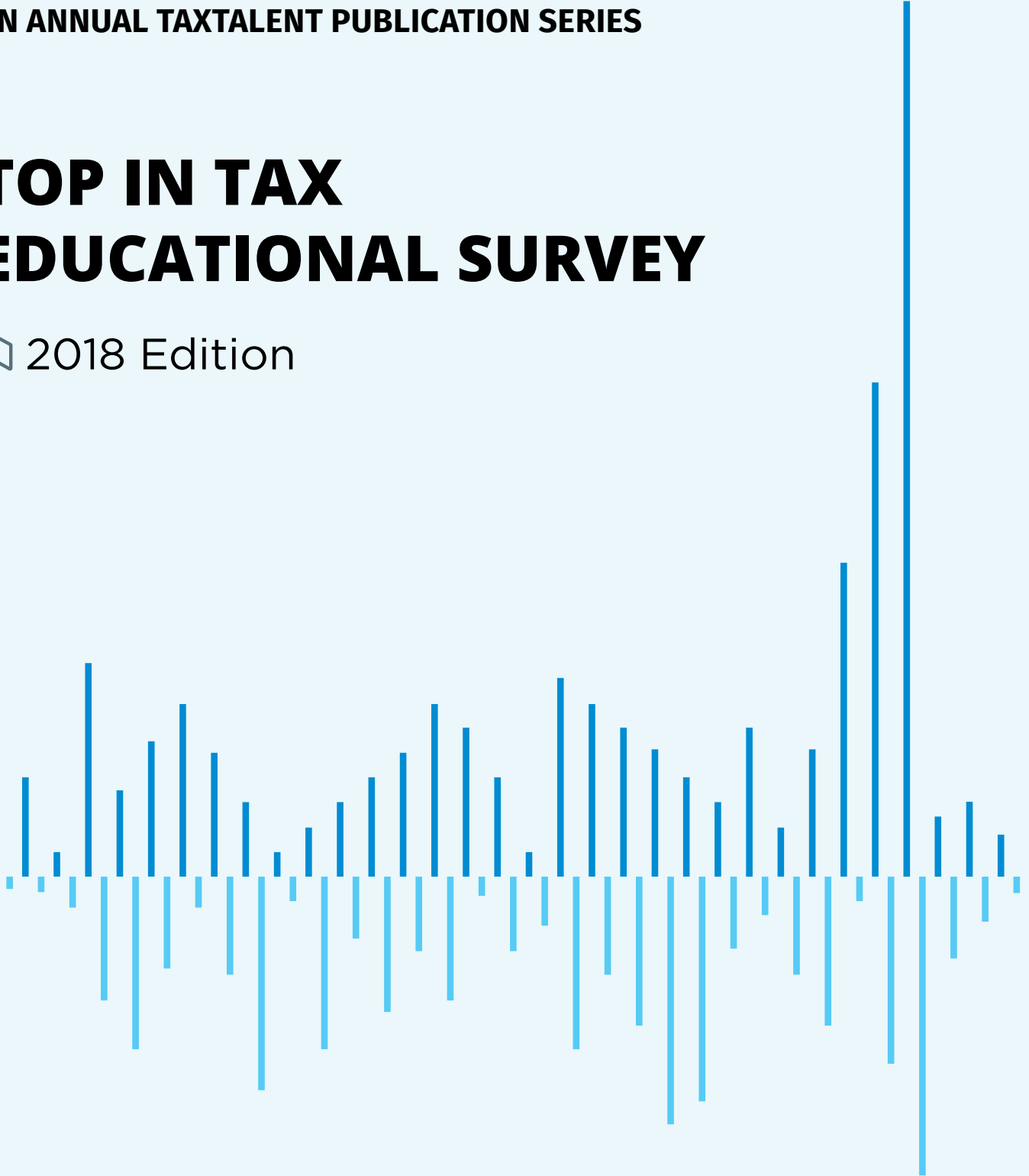


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***THE LEADING UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND LEGAL PROGRAMS
FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR ACCORDING TO TAX EMPLOYERS.***

2018 TOP IN TAX

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About This Survey



This annual survey provides tax employers the opportunity to vote for the best U.S. undergraduate, graduate and legal programs from their perspective for the 2017-2018 school year. One of TaxTalent’s long-term missions is to help bridge the gap between academia and the professional world of tax.

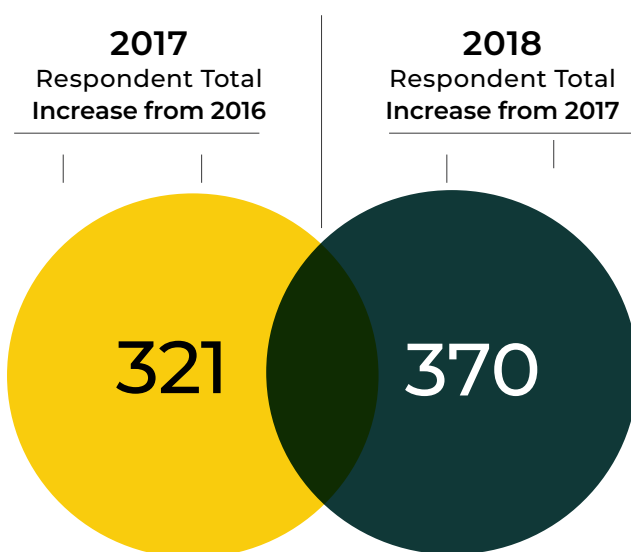
In fact, we believe the real client for tax educational programs is ultimately the tax employers. Respondents were asked to select up to five schools per program that they hold in highest regard when hiring candidates.

- Undergraduate Accounting
- Master of Science - Taxation (MS Tax)
- Master of Accounting (MAcc)
- Master of Accounting - Taxation Specialization (MAcc Tax)
- MBA in Taxation (MBA Tax)
- Juris Doctor - Taxation (JD Tax)
- LL.M. - Taxation (LL.M. Tax)

Respondent Profile:

370 total respondents (U.S. tax hiring authorities, from both corporate in-house tax departments and professional service firms).

This respondent total is up from 321 the previous year.



Delivery Method:

The survey was sent out as an e-mail, a forum post on TaxTalent’s Career Forum and through social media.

Participants were given 6 weeks to take the survey.



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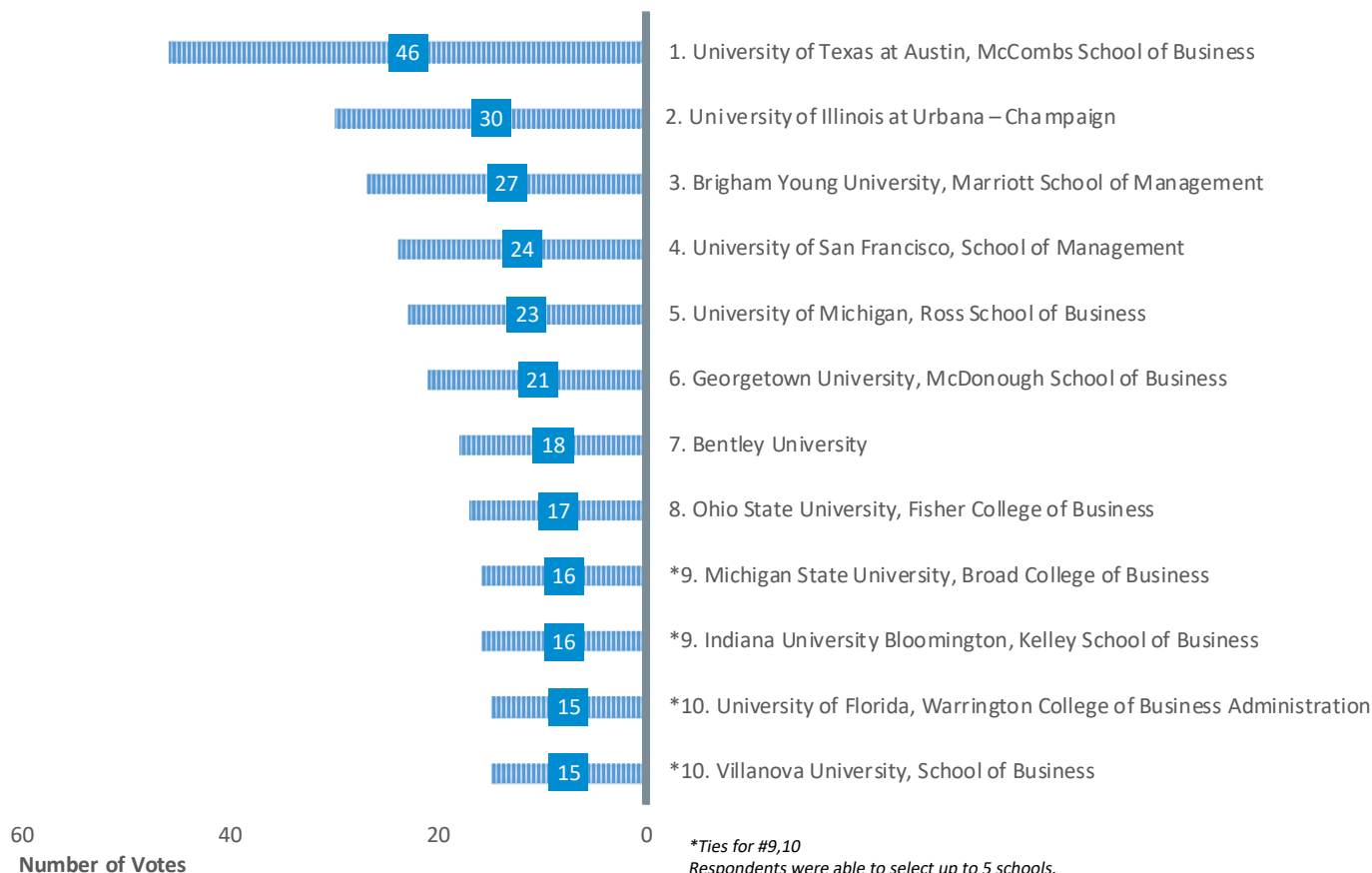
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2017-2018 UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 263 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the Undergraduate Accounting programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING PROGRAMS

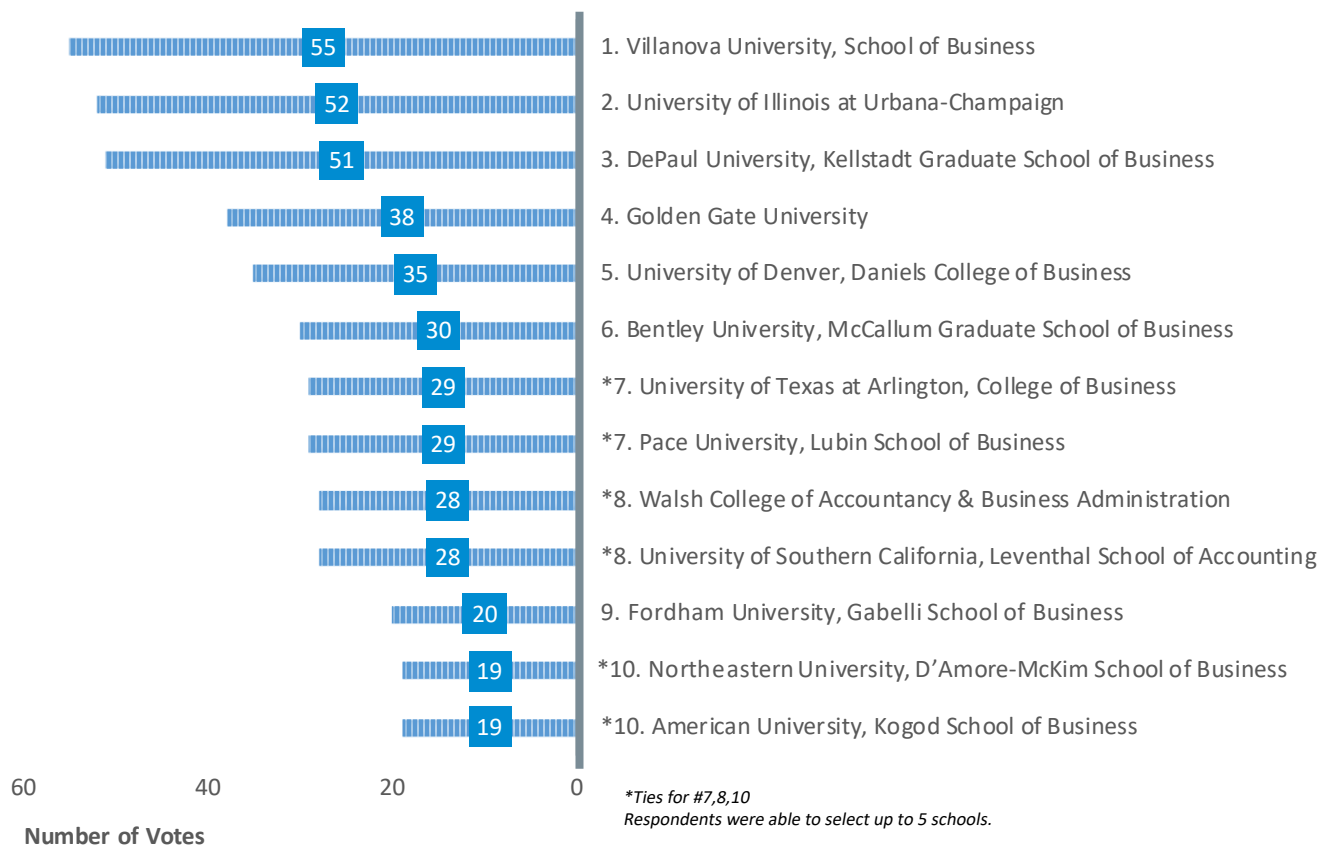
7 schools were named among the Top 10 Undergraduate Accounting Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	`15-`16 RANK	`16-`17 RANK	`17-`18 RANK
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	2 (TIE)	2	1
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA – CHAMPAIGN	1	7 (TIE)	2
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	2 (TIE)	4	3
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	4	1	5
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, MCDONOUGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	3 (TIE)	3	6
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY	10 (TIE)	8 (TIE)	6 (TIE)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	NOT RANKED	6	9 (TIE)

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2017-2018 MS TAX RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 268 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the MS Tax programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 MS TAX PROGRAMS

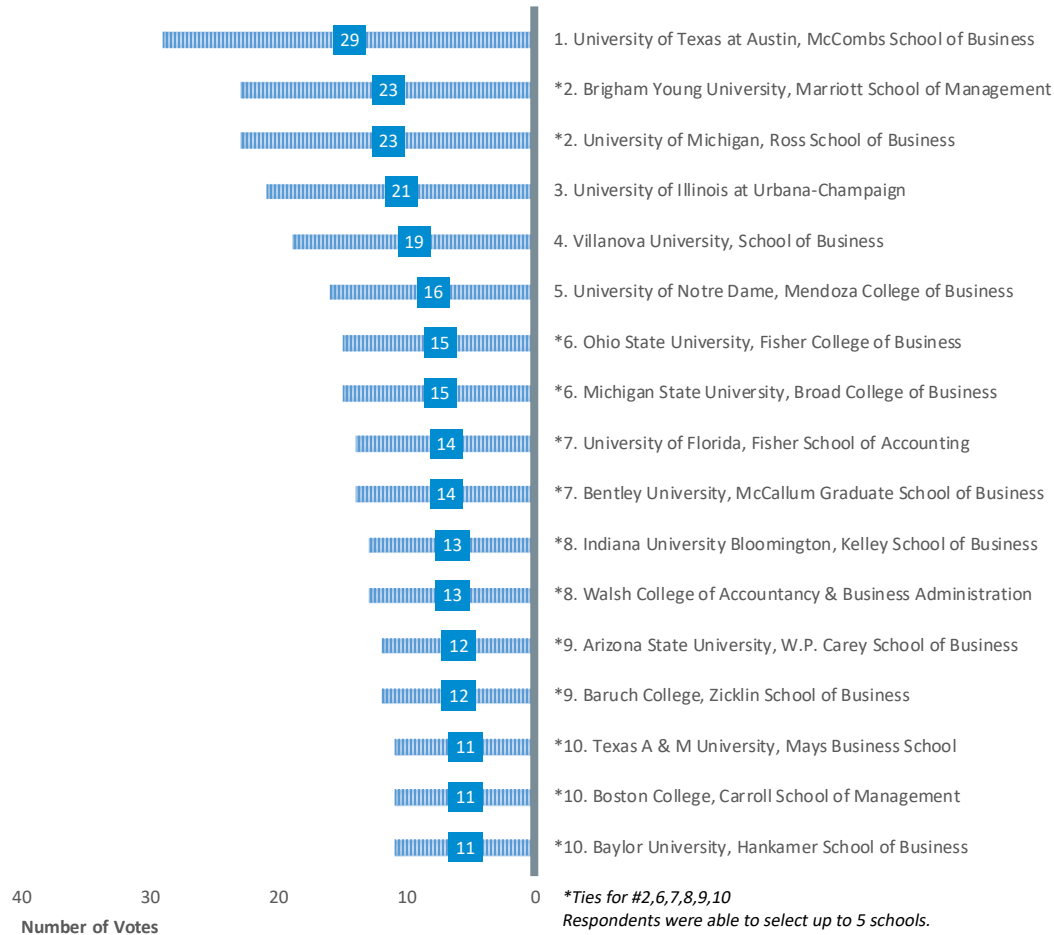
11 schools were named among the Top 10 MS Tax Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	'15-'16 RANK	'16-'17 RANK	'17-'18 RANK
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	2	2	1
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	3	3 (TIE)	2
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, KELLSTADT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	4	3 (TIE)	3
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY	1	1	4
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, DANIELS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	5	6	6
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY, MCCALLUM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	7	8	6
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	10 (TIE)	10	7 (TIE)
WALSH COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	NOT RANKED	5	8 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LEVENTHAL SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING	6	4	8 (TIE)
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	8	7	9
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, D'AMORE-MCKIM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	NOT RANKED	9 (TIE)	10 (TIE)

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2017-2018 MACC RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 200 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the MAcc programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 MACC PROGRAMS

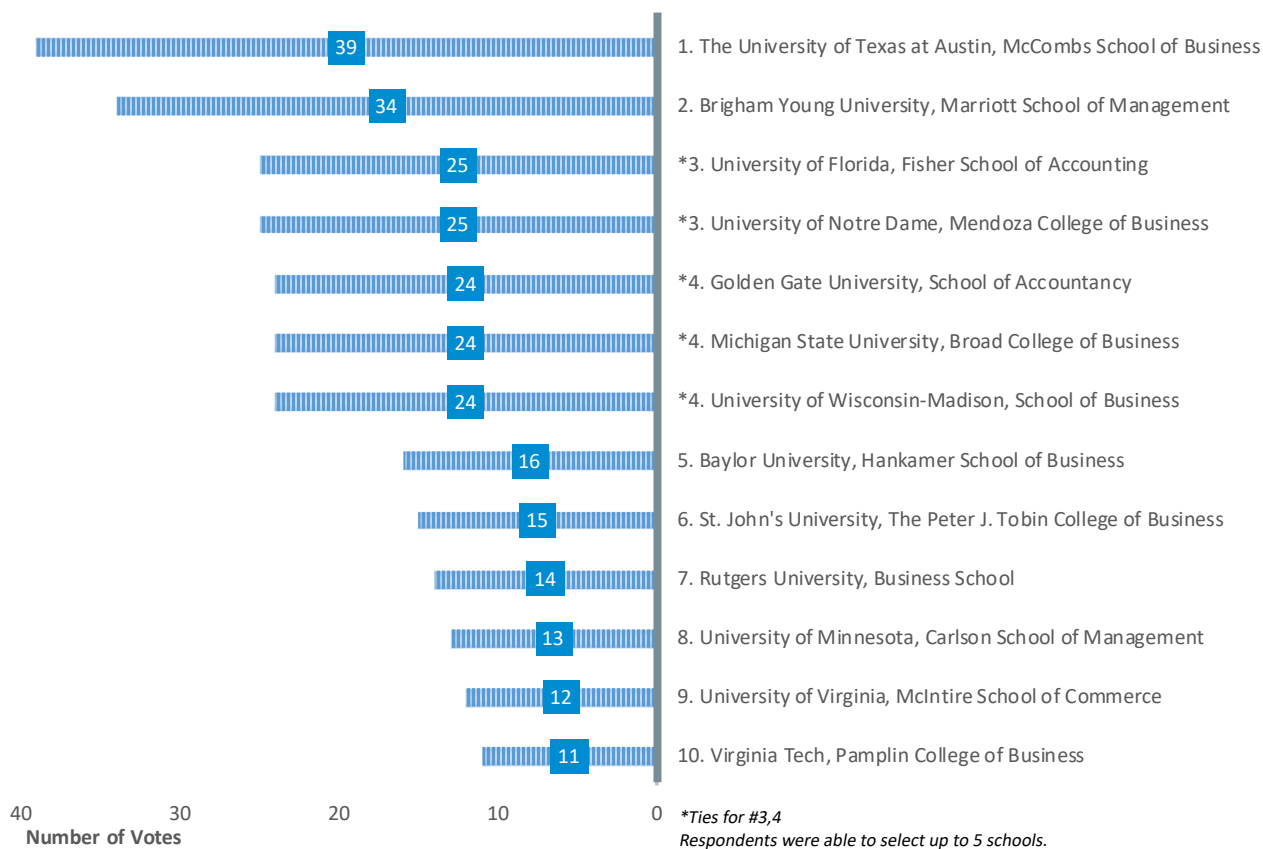
9 schools were named among the Top 10 MAcc Programs for the second or third consecutive year

SCHOOL	'15-'16 RANK	'16-'17 RANK	'17-'18 RANK
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	NOT RANKED	1	1
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	1 (TIE)	2	2 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	3	4	2 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	NOT RANKED	9	3
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	1 (TIE)	5	5
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	9 (TIE)	8	6 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, FISHER SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING	4	6 (TIE)	7 (TIE)
WALSH COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	NOT RANKED	6 (TIE)	8 (TIE)
TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL	5 (TIE)	10	10 (TIE)

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2017-2018 MACC TAX RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 161 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the MAcc Tax programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 MACC TAX PROGRAMS

11 schools were named among the Top 10 MAcc Tax Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	15-16 RANK	16-17 RANK	17-18 RANK
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	1	3	1
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	2	1	2
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, FISHER SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING	NOT RANKED	6	3 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	3	5	3 (TIE)
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY	7	2	4 (TIE)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	10	4	4 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	8	8	4 (TIE)
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, HANKAMER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	9 (TIE)	7	5
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, THE PETER J. TOBIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	9 (TIE)	9 (TIE)	6
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, BUSINESS SCHOOL	4	9 (TIE)	7
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, MCINTIRE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE	6	9 (TIE)	9

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UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTERS PROGRAM COMPARISON

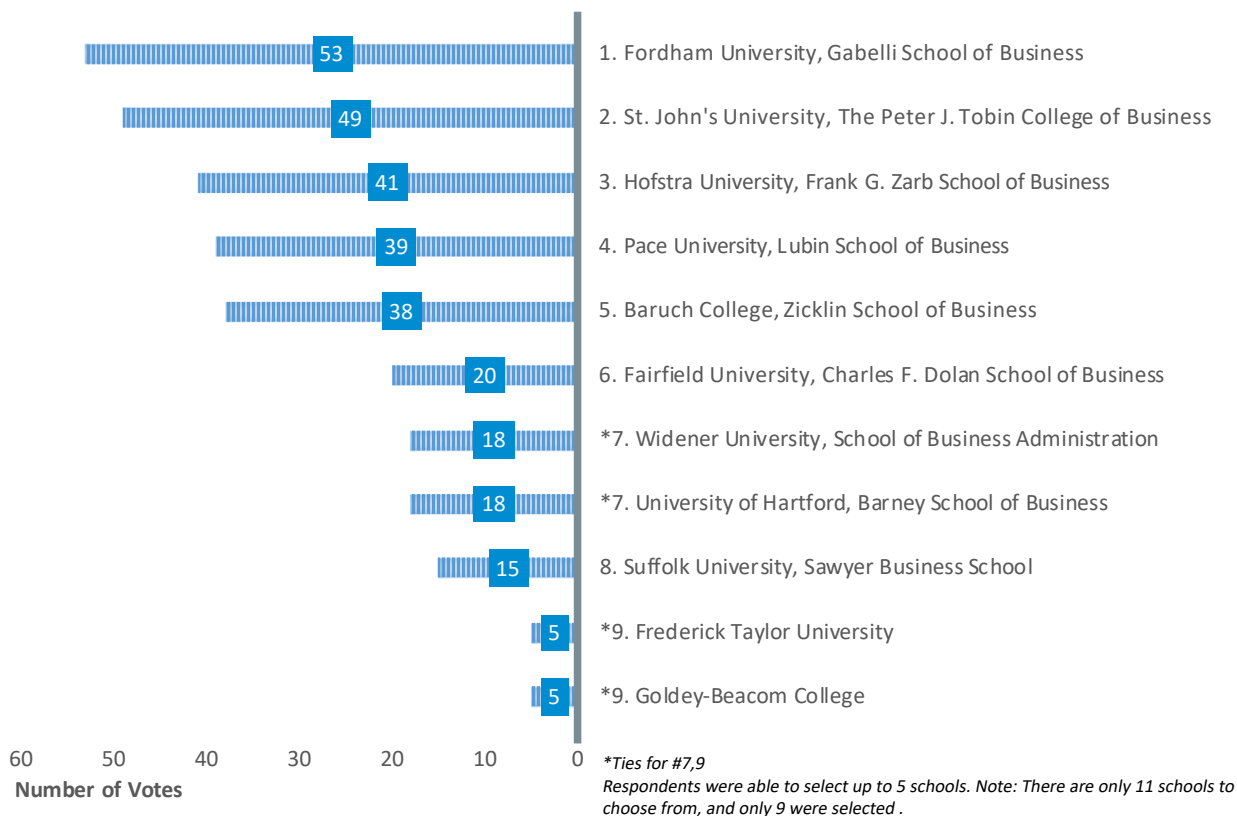
Below is a comparison between the top 10 undergraduate accounting programs and their graduate program rankings as a result of the 2018 survey.

Note: Not all undergraduate programs have MAcc, MAcc Tax and/or MS Tax programs at its school.

SCHOOL	UNDERGRAD RANK	MS TAX RANK	MACC RANK	MACC TAX RANK
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	1	N/A	1	1
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA - CHAMPAIGN	2	2	3	N/A
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	3	N/A	2 (TIE)	2
UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	4	N/A	12 (TIE)	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	5	N/A	2 (TIE)	N/A
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, MCDONOUGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY	7	6	7 (TIE)	N/A
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, FISHER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	8	N/A	6 (TIE)	N/A
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	9 (TIE)	N/A	6 (TIE)	4 (TIE)
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON, KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	9 (TIE)	12	8 (TIE)	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, WARRINGTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	10 (TIE)	N/A	7 (TIE)	3 (TIE)
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	10 (TIE)	1	4	N/A

2017-2018 MBA TAX RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 102 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the MBA Tax programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 MBA TAX PROGRAMS

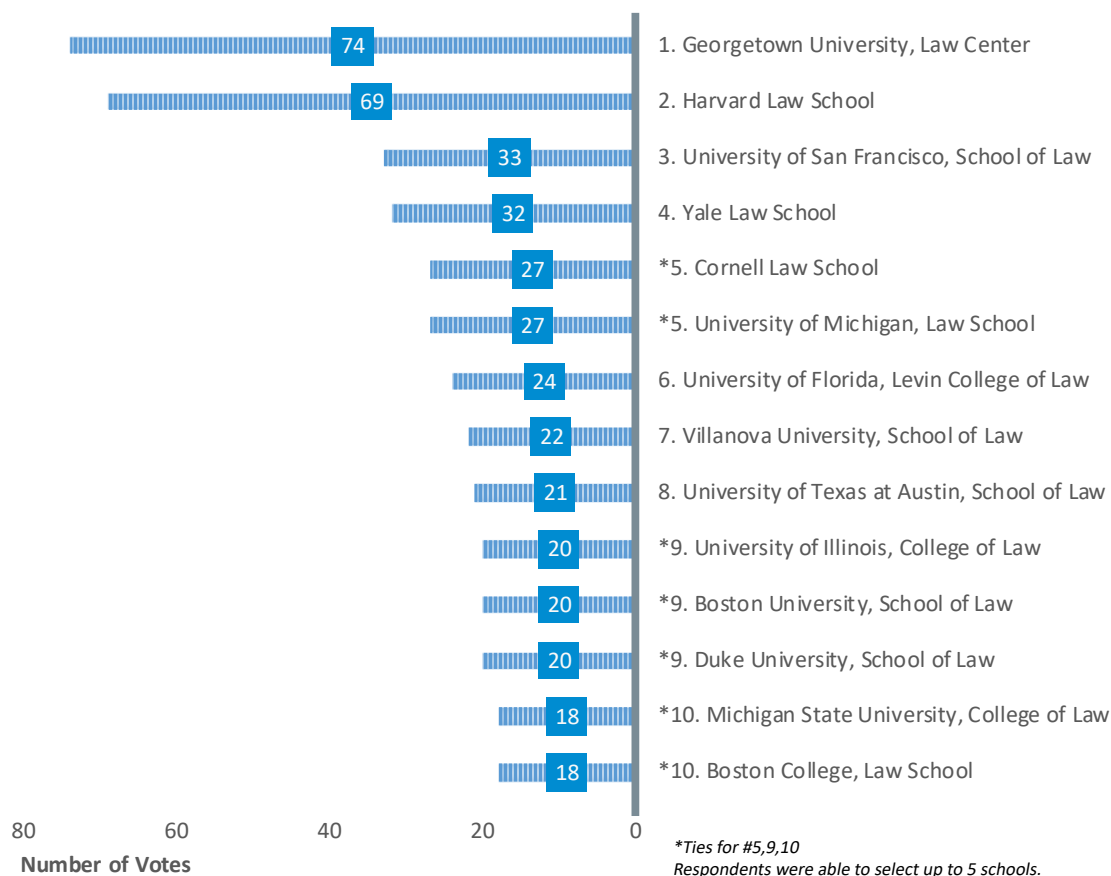
11 schools were named among the Top 10 MBA Tax Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	15-16 RANK	16-17 RANK	17-18 RANK
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	1	1	1
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, THE PETER J. TOBIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	2	2	2
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY, FRANK G. ZARB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	5	4 (TIE)	3
PACE UNIVERSITY, LUBIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	3	3	4
BARUCH COLLEGE, ZICKLIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	4	5	5
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY, CHARLES F. DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	6	6	6
WIDENER UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	7	8	7 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD, BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	NOT RANKED	4 (TIE)	7 (TIE)
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY, SAWYER BUSINESS SCHOOL	8	7	8
FREDERICK TAYLOR UNIVERSITY	9	9	9 (TIE)
GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE	10	10	9 (TIE)

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2017-2018 JD TAX RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 273 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the JD Tax programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 JD TAX PROGRAMS

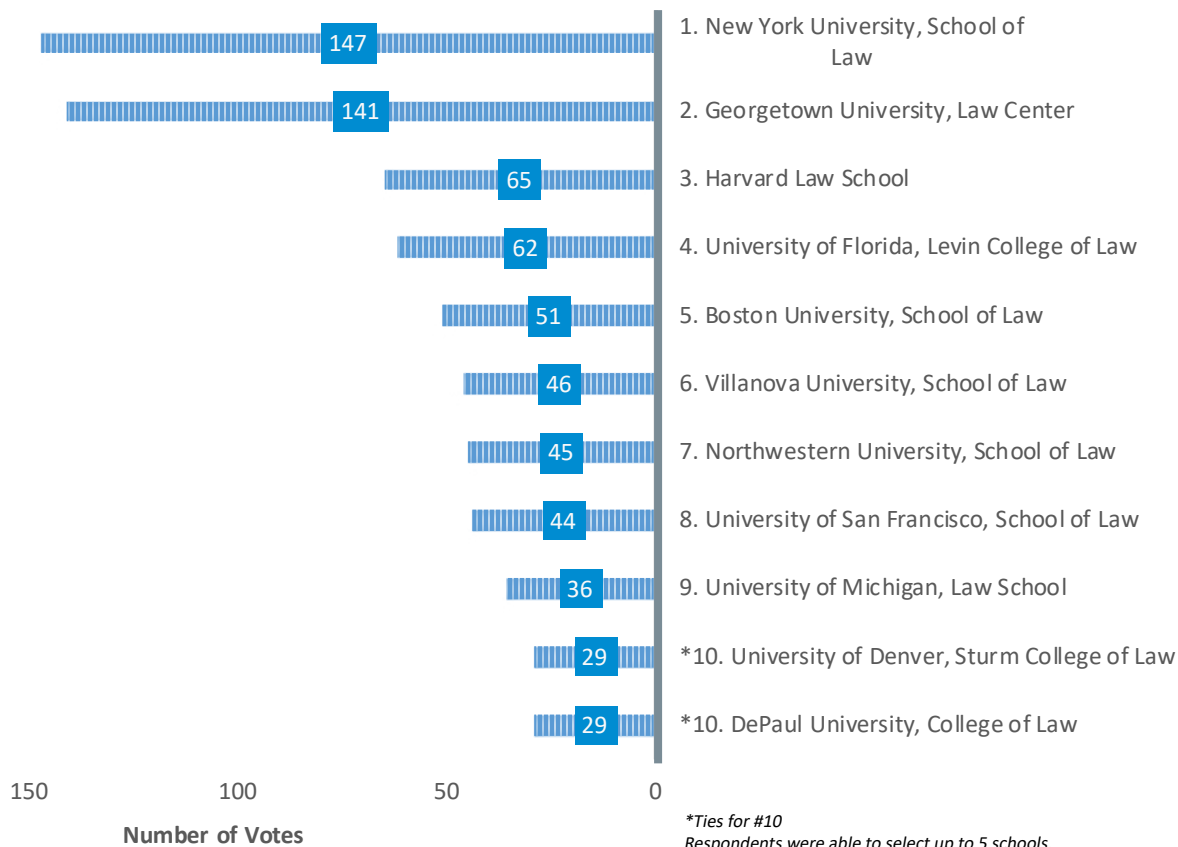
9 schools were named among the Top 10 JD Tax Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	'15-'16 RANK	'16-'17 RANK	'17-'18 RANK
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, LAW CENTER	2	1	1
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL	1	2	2
YALE LAW SCHOOL	3	3	4
CORNELL LAW SCHOOL	8 (TIE)	10 (TIE)	5 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, LAW SCHOOL	5	4	5 (TIE)
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, SCHOOL OF LAW	NOT RANKED	6	8
BOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	NOT RANKED	9 (TIE)	9 (TIE)
DUKE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	4	9 (TIE)	9 (TIE)
BOSTON COLLEGE, LAW SCHOOL	8 (TIE)	10 (TIE)	10 (TIE)

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2017-2018 LL.M. TAX RESULTS

Respondent Profile: 302 tax hiring authorities selected up to five schools for ranking the LL.M. Tax programs.



REPEAT TOP 10 LL.M. TAX PROGRAMS

8 schools were named among the Top 10 LL.M. Tax Programs for the second or third consecutive year.

SCHOOL	'15-'16 RANK	'16-'17 RANK	'17-'18 RANK
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	1	1	1
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, LAW CENTER	2	2	2
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL	4	3	3
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW	7	4	4
BOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	5	7	5
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	6	9	6
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW	3	5	7
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, LAW SCHOOL	8	6	9

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Conclusion

The Top in Tax Educational Survey is completely employer-focused, unlike most school ranking surveys. The results of the survey provide the schools and students feedback on what tax employers, the ultimate client, view as the top tax and accounting programs in the nation.

The schools consistently voted in the Top 10 will continue to attract top students from across the world. From the tax employer's perspective, these programs consistently do an exceptional job preparing tax and accounting students for their future tax careers.



Advice for Students:

When deciding on a tax or accounting program, prospective students should consider a variety of factors before making their final decision. When deciding on an undergraduate, graduate, or law program, students should utilize these survey results in conjunction with other critical factors, such as job placement statistics.

We also recommend students take advantage of the variety of student-focused career tools offered by TaxTalent. The [Tax Career Road Map](#) shows you which degree best fits your needs, which employers are hiring based on degree, and realistic compensation expectations. Our expert Career Coaches are available to answer any career-related questions on the [Career Forum](#). TaxTalent also offers an on-demand [mentor program](#), where you can receive one-on-one career advice from a seasoned tax professional. All of these services (and more!) can be accessed with your [free TaxTalent membership](#).



Advice for School Administrators:

For school administrators at lower ranked schools, we recommend you look to the higher ranked schools as a model and recognize they are branding themselves well in the eyes of the tax employer. To become a Top Ten Program, lower ranked schools should re-evaluate their tax programs to connect better with tax employers. Research how the top ranked schools structure their tax and accounting programs and what type of assistance offered outside the classroom to prepare students for the tax profession.

Higher ranked schools should continue to promote excellence and build on their strong reputation. We suggest using your TaxTalent Top in Tax badge in promotional materials to solidify the program as one of the top in the nation and continue to attract the most qualified students. If you did not receive a badge, please [contact us](#).



Advice for Tax Professionals:

Tax Professionals who received degrees from the top tax programs can be proud to be an alumnus of a distinguished school, and should promote their university as home to one of the top tax programs in the nation. To request a Top in Tax Alumni badge, please [click here](#) and we will email you a badge to include on your email signature or your online profile.

If you did not attend one of the top schools, realize that eventually, work experience and accomplishments after college is what truly matters when competing for jobs. After 10 years in the workforce, the importance of what college you attended begins to deteriorate and your work experience comes to the forefront of what matters to hiring authorities.



Advice for Employers:

Tax employers should be aware of the schools and tax and accounting programs that are consistently producing the top tax talent. Employers should take the survey results into careful consideration when evaluating potential new hires. Tax hiring authorities can also encourage current employees who are thinking of returning to school for an advanced degree to seek out these top institutions. Employers will reap numerous benefits from employing professionals who possess advanced degrees from the top tax programs in the nation.

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