**Assignment Zero – Introduce Yourself**

Hello. My name is Peter Kolos. I went to University of Illinois at Chicago and earned my Bachelor’s degree in Marketing. I ran a small real estate business for about eight years until the real estate market deteriorated. As a result, I wanted to find a stable job that I would enjoy. I then went back to DePaul University to earn my Masters of Science in Accountancy (MSA) degree. During my last year in the program, I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to be a Graduate Assistant and to facilitate the ACC 101 labs there. ACC 101 is the first Principles of Financial Accounting course. I really enjoyed it and knew that I wanted to become a teacher at that point!

After graduating I worked for a year at a public accounting firm called Baker Tilly doing primarily tax work. I got a break when a teaching position opened at Triton College. I applied and earned it! I have been an Adjunct Instructor for the past six years prior to accepting a full-time offer at Loyola in fall 2019! At Loyola, I am teaching Tax I & II, Audit I & II, Financial Statement Analysis, and Financial Accounting for Business Decisions (ACCT 400).

I passed the CPA exam on the first try using Becker CPA Review and now also teach for Becker! I really enjoy when my students pass portions or the entire exam! I absolutely love working with students and seeing them succeed! Teaching is a very rewarding profession! One of the highlights of my teaching career happened in August of 2016, when I was named the recipient of the Ray Hartstein Excellence in Teaching Award at Oakton! What made this special was that my students nominated me for this award. Just recently, spring quarter 2021, I was won the Graduate Teaching Excellence Award at Loyola!

To help me get a chance to know you better, please answer the following questions (I will be the only one reading your response):

1. What are your educational and/or career goals?
2. Do you currently have a job? If so, what do you do? How many hours per week do you work? Do you like it?
3. What do you plan on taking out of this course?
4. If you are comfortable, tell me a little more about yourself (personal background, family life, past jobs, extra-curricular activities and/or anything others would not know about you unless you shared).

Please post this Assignment 0 in the “Assignment 0” tab in Sakai. I will not share it with your peers. Also, feel free to set up an appointment with me on Zoom or Skype to discuss your goals or to ask me any questions that you may have. I look forward to having you in my class this quarter!