

Meet the Firms at AR Society of CPAs Student Career Fair



Bring plenty of copies of your resume to hand out to each of the firms in attendance and an additional copy for ARCPA staff upon check in.

Public accounting firms of all sizes, corporations, and state and federal governmental agencies who are seeking staff now or in the future for their various accounting departments are invited to attend.

Dress for this event is business attire. This means that suits are encouraged, but ties are not required. Attire that would be inappropriate in an office setting such as t-shirts, jeans, shorts, etc. will not be permitted. Beverages and light snacks will be available throughout the event.

Register by September 12:
<https://fs17.formsite.com/arcpa/form239641600/index.html>

and receive a printed name tag, and you will be entered in drawings for CPA Exam study prizes!

A full scholarship for Wiley CPA Review (valued at \$1,850) will be awarded in a drawing at this event. Recipient must be present to win.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with firms and companies to network and learn about possible career opportunities and internships!

For more information about this event, contact Robin Harris, rharris@arcpa.org

Meet professionals from firms and companies hiring for internships and full-time positions at this free event! Join us at the Arkansas Society of CPAs Student Career Fair.

All post baccalaureate students and junior and senior level accounting majors at four-year public and private colleges and universities are eligible to attend. (There will be no limit to the number of students per school who may attend.)

CPA Day of Service is September 27-Volunteers Needed



September 27, 2019

Volunteer on Friday, September 27, to make a difference! You can choose ANY volunteer activity you want! Some ideas include helping out at an animal shelter, assembling care packages for deployed troops, or cleaning up a neighborhood park. The volunteer options are endless.

How It Works

Choose an organization to volunteer for and contact them directly to make arrangements for you or your group to volunteer on Friday, September 27. Register your volunteer activity plans with us.

Receive a FREE CPA Day of Service t-shirt upon registering! T-shirts are free to ARCPA members while supplies last, and can be purchased by non-members at a nominal fee.

On September 27th, wear your T shirt and be sure and take photos of your activity and send them to us; or share them on social media using #ARCPAvolunteer so we can showcase your volunteerism on our website and Facebook page.

Members will receive a FREE T-shirt when signing up by September 1st or while supplies last. Non-members may purchase a shirt for \$8 each, if ordered by September 1, or while supplies last, by calling Robin Harris at (501) 664-8739 to order.

Sign Up Now!

Individual Sign Up:
<https://fs17.formsite.com/arcpa/form15/index.html>

Group Sign Up:
<https://fs17.formsite.com/arcpa/form20/index.html>



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Exam Advice From a New CPA

Hi, I am Shelby Gordon and an alumnus of UCA. I completed both my Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy at the University.

I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship from the Arkansas Society of CPAs in both my junior and senior years. While finishing up my undergraduate degree, I was unsure if I should double major or pursue my master's degree. If I had double-majored, I would have continued to keep my academic scholarship through the university and could have been debt-free. Instead, I chose to get my master's and take out a student loan. The Arkansas Society of CPAs scholarship lessened this financial burden for me significantly and allowed me to make the decision that I felt was best for my career.

After completing my master's degree in December of 2017, I began my career with Arkansas Legislative Audit. Part of the terms of employment included passing one CPA exam within eighteen months of my career and all four parts within three years. I originally planned on using Becker to study for the exam. It was a review program widely used by many of my peers, so I felt like it must be the best choice. However, I was also given a scholarship for a free study course through Wiley, so in January of 2018, I began my journey to become a CPA with Wiley.

I chose to take FAR first, thinking it would be best to knock out the hardest section at the start. I did not take FAR until the summer of 2018. It was hard learning to juggle a career, family, friends, and study time. When my results came back, showing I passed, I had a new source of motivation. I then took AUD two months later. This exam seemed much easier with the experience I had gained from my career.

A month and a half later, I sat for the BEC section of the exam. By the time I took BEC, I had less than a month left to complete the whole exam within a year. I was not sure if I could study enough to pass my final section REG within the time I had left. I talked to a couple of friends who worked for Legislative Audit, and they successfully passed all of

their exams when they took them every two weeks. Their success gave me a new sense of hope, and I decided to go for it.

Legislative Audit allowed me to take two days off to study for each part of the exam, so I scheduled my last exam for the Monday after Thanksgiving. I took a vacation day, two study days, and had two days for the holidays. I also studied on the weekends before and after Thanksgiving. So, for nine days straight, I studied about twelve plus hours per day. Needless to say, I had a miserable Thanksgiving. However, when the exam results were released for my BEC and REG tests just days before Christmas, it was completely worth it. I had passed the CPA exam! Suddenly, I had all kinds of free time, and I felt as if a huge weight had been lifted off my chest.

My best advice for anyone taking the exam now would be to believe in yourself, set a goal, and go for it! You must put in the work but know that you can do it. It helped me to listen to other people's success stories and learn how they achieved it and hear what was hard for them. I think what helped me the most was taking the exam sections as soon as I got finished with school. There was much material that I remembered from classes, and I was able to get through much faster than if I had waited a few years.

If I could go back and do it all over again, I would have begun taking the exams while pursuing my master's degree; I went to school full-time and chose not to work while taking classes. I thought I was busy then but learned not near as much as when I started my career. Also, I think choosing to get my master's degree instead of double majoring contributed to my success.

I've heard many CPAs say one of the hardest things for them on the CPA exam was getting Task-Based Simulations (TBSS) where they had to identify the section of the codification or tax code needed to answer the situation given to them. These were actually my favorite questions thanks to UCA's master's program! We spent tons of time in the program doing research and had scenarios where we had to look up

areas of the codification or tax code and then analyze and explain how we should handle the situation.

When given these types of TBSS on the exam, I was able to save tons of time for other TBSSs because I was so familiar with searching through the codification and tax code. The master's program was a more in-depth discussion of all the accounting topics I had in undergrad as well. Therefore, it was like I learned the accounting topics over and over again: once in undergrad, later in grad school, and for a third time through Wiley. Repetition was always my key to studying for tests in college. I would read every lesson three times before testing over it, and I did the same thing for my CPA exam.

I am very thankful for receiving the scholarships from the Arkansas Society of CPAs. Without financial support that the Society provided me, I may have chosen to double major. Then, I would not have covered the material an additional time before studying for the exam, and I would have added an extra year between studying accounting topics and taking the CPA exam.

My success story might have been completely different if it was not for the Arkansas Society of CPAs. To future CPAs, I encourage you to apply for their scholarship, pursue your master's degree, and begin studying for the exam while you are still in school. Good luck!



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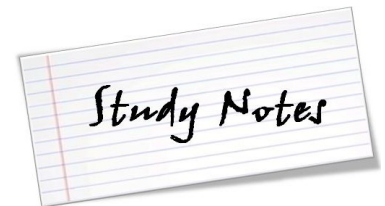
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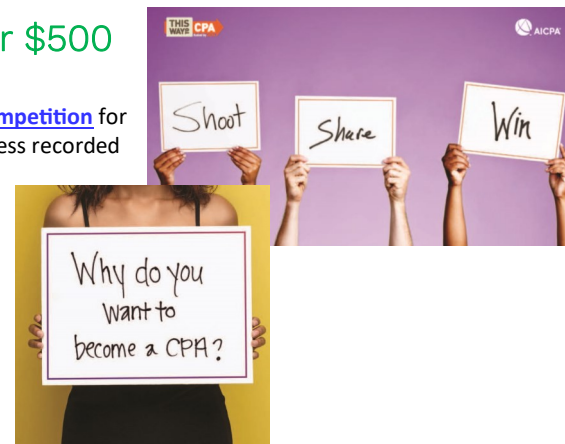
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ThisWayToCPA Video Competition— for \$500

The AICPA recently launched its first ever [ThisWayToCPA Video Competition](#) for college students. To enter, the student must submit a 2 minute or less recorded video response to the question "Why do you want to become a CPA?" Entries will be accepted until September 30th at 1:59 p.m. Central. Entries will go through three rounds of judging including a public vote on the website. After the judges have determined the top five video submissions, each winner will receive \$500!



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