



ASCPA STUDENT NEWS

ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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ASCPA HOSTS SECOND STUDENT INTERVIEW DAY

The Arkansas Society of CPAs held its second ever Student Interview Day on Monday, October 16, 2006, at the ASCPA Conference Center in Little Rock.

The event afforded graduating college and university accounting students with at least a 3.0 grade point average (both overall and in accounting coursework) completing their degrees by May, 2007, the opportunity to meet at scheduled times with recruiters from several firms and businesses located in Arkansas. The recruiters came prepared to interview students and many brought souvenirs and goodies with them indicative of their companies.

The event allowed the recruiters to promote their represented firms and businesses and extend encouragement to the students they interviewed. Also, it provided the twenty-three students in attendance the chance to gain valuable interviewing experience. The formal interviews were held in 30 minute increments, with a lunch break and two short refreshment breaks.

Students were very appreciative of the chance to meet with prospective employers. This year, a heightened interest among interviewers was noticed, as the demand for accountants remains strong. Interviewers were extremely pleased with the quality of students in attendance. Several interviewers stated that they intended to contact some of the students afterwards for additional consideration.

Next year's Student Interview Day is scheduled for October 29, 2007. Students who wish to participate next year should contact their college or university accounting department head for more information and eligibility requirements.

Thank you to those schools whose students participated in making this event a tremendous success!

A list of participating schools, firms, and businesses, as well as photos of this event, are located on Page 3.

2006 GUIDE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS IN ARKANSAS

The Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants recently produced a *2006 Guide to Public Accounting Firms in Arkansas*.

The guide is designed to provide relevant, up-to-date information to accounting and business majors preparing to begin careers in accounting. The guide includes a directory of public accounting firms throughout Arkansas from which students can select firms to research, apply for internships and possible career placement.

Copies of the guide were mailed to colleges and university accounting educators. Educators may request additional copies of the guide by contacting Robin Harris at the ASCPA Office at (501) 664-8739, or (800) 482-8739 toll-free in Arkansas, or via e-mail to: rharris@arcpa.org.

The guide is available to all students for viewing and/or download as a PDF document on the Student Lounge section of the ASCPA website.

To access the online Guide, go to: www.arcpa.org then click on the Student Lounge box, scroll down and click on *Guide to Public Accounting Firms in Arkansas*.

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BECKER CPA REVIEW

The ASCPA is pleased to offer a new member service agreement with Becker CPA Review for a discount to Arkansas Society of CPA associate and student members on the Becker Professional CPA Review for the full 4-part review course.

As an Arkansas Society of CPAs student or associate member, you will save \$250 off of the full 4-part review of either Live, Online, or CD-Rom self study review course format. Becker CPA Review classes correspond with the exam testing windows that you select.

For more information on this new member service, ASCPA members should click on the Becker icon in the Student Lounge section of the ASCPA website: www.arcpa.org or call Becker at (800) 868-3900.

THE TURNAROUND GAME!

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) recently announced the launch of its latest online game, *The Turnaround Game*. The accounting game is part of the AICPA's *Start Here Go Places* CPA student recruitment campaign. The game is interactive, exciting, and educational.

The Turnaround Game offers students the opportunity to save a failing record company using their street smarts and business skills to come up with a winning proposal. Students will also learn about business, accounting, and have fun.

To check out The Turnaround Game, log onto it at: www.theturnaroundgame.com.

MICROMASH CPA REVIEW

The ASCPA is pleased to offer a new member service agreement with PassMatrix Learning Systems, for a discount to Arkansas Society of CPA associate and student members on the MicroMash® CPA Review for both 4-part review course purchases, as well as individual exam sections.

The retail price of the CPA Review program is \$995 for the full review and \$295 per section. PassMatrix offers ASCPA associate and student members the discounted rate of \$845 for all 4 review exam sections, or \$270 per individual review exam section.

For more information on this new member service, ASCPA members should click on the PassMatrix icon in the Student Lounge section of the ASCPA website: www.arcpa.org.

2007 ROBERT HALF SALARY GUIDE

The new 2007 Salary Guide from Robert Half Finance & Accounting and Accountemps are now in!

The Salary Guide provides projected average starting salary ranges for more than 100 accounting, finance and banking positions throughout the United States. The Salary Guide also includes information on issues currently impacting the industry.

To request your free copy of the 2007 Salary Guide, go to www.RobertHalf.com click on the Salary Guide on the left side of the page and follow the instructions. Be sure to include your name and your postal mailing address where you would like the printed salary guide mailed.



ASCPA STUDENT INTERVIEW DAY (CONT'D)

Special Thanks

to the following schools
whose students participated:

Arkansas Tech University
Hendrix College
Southern Arkansas University
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of the Ozarks

Participating Firms and Businesses:

Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit
Beall, Barclay & Company, CPAs, PLC
Deininger & Wingfield, PA
Dillard's, Inc.
Engstrom, Grayson, Green & Patterson, PLLC
Erwin and Company, PA
Grier, Reeves & Lawley, PC
Hudson, Cisne & Company, LLP
Mann, Hasson & Company, PA
Wal-Mart Internal Audit
Wal-Mart Real Estate Finance
Wal-Mart Recruiting



Melissa Lavina (left) and Tamika Trotter, (right). Both are students of Hendrix College



Christie Reed (left) of Deininger & Wingfield, PA, and Carla Lewis, a student at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock

Heather Tackett (left) of the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit with Jeretta Ferguson, a student at Southern Arkansas University



Brent Sharpmack (left) and Corey Moline (center) of Hudson, Cisne & Company, LLP, with Brandy Thomas, a student at the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff



Jennifer Deane of Wal-Mart Internal Audit with Ericka Patton, a student at the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff



ASCPA VISITS WITH SAU STUDENTS AT SOUTH CHAPTER MEETING



ASCPA Executive Director Barbara Angel (far left) and ASCPA President David Moore (far right) visited with students from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, at a recent Arkansas Society of CPAs South Chapter meeting on October 10, 2006.

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP



ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Job Title _____

You will be assigned to the Chapter in which your preferred mailing address is located. However, if you wish to participate in a different Chapter, please indicate your preference below:

- Central Delta Northwest Ozark Southeast Valley
 DeGray Northeast Ouachita South Texarkana Western

Please indicate the legislative districts (district number only) in which you reside for the following:

House _____ Senate _____ Congressional _____

Race / Ethnic Identification: (Optional Information) African American Caucasian
 Native American Asian Pacific Hispanic Other _____

I am fluent in the following foreign language(s) (Optional Information): _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM.

The ASCPA will bill for the \$25.00 Annual Dues when your membership becomes effective.

By signing this application, I hereby represent to the Arkansas Society of CPAs that I will be bound by the Society's Bylaws and Code of Professional Conduct. I further agree to comply with the rules of ethical conduct contained in the current version of the AICPA publication entitled, "Professional Standards, Ethics, Bylaws, Quality Control," the acceptance of which should not be construed as a denial of the existence of other standards of conduct not specifically mentioned.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR ASCPA USE ONLY:

President _____ Date _____

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