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CPAs Grow HERE

DIVERSIFYING THE ACCOUNTING PIPELINE WHILE PROVIDING YOUTH WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO BE EFFECTIVE IN BUSINESS

Accounting is an exciting and lucrative career that offers a vast amount of opportunities for new Certified Public Accountants (CPAs). Every day numerous positions remain unfilled because of a lack of candidates.

Although students are attending accounting programs and being awarded degrees, many still are not pursuing the CPA profession. One of the reasons is simply misinformation. In order to change misconceptions about the profession, such as, "accounting is boring," or that accounting is "only required during tax season," and is "only for people who are good at math," we have developed a cohesive plan that:

- ✓ Increases communication
- ✓ Encourages and promotes diversity
- ✓ Educates
- ✓ Brings awareness



New: We are looking for local college and university finance or accounting clubs, instructors and professionals as volunteers to teach after school programs/financial literacy workshops.

Fun, educational information for students' needs, including:

- Professional presentations by ILBOE staff, Board members, and collaboration with the ICPAS membership team
- Quick Polls at presentations that measure, "Why Become a CPA?"
- Openness to collaborate with elementary, middle and high schools for career days
- Volunteering with local Chicago-area organizations to promote the accounting field

Please contact us for presentation information.

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