

Eye on the Future

TSCPA Hosts Largest-Ever Accounting Academy

Summertime. For most teenagers, it means sleeping in late, maybe working a summer job and soaking up the sun. However, in July, 59 high school students from across the state with an eye on their futures took a break from the norm and spent four days at TSCPA's Accounting Academy.

The summer camp, which was held at Lipscomb University in Nashville on July 9-12, is designed to give students with an interest in accounting a glimpse of what the profession is all about. With visits to Ernst & Young, HCA, Gaylord Entertainment Center and the Tennessee Titans practice facility, the students learned about the role accountants play in a variety of businesses.

"I didn't realize there were so many opportunities with an accounting degree," said one participant. From careers in tax to auditing to working as a controller for a professional sports team, the options presented to the students did indeed appear endless. With additional presentations

from accountants in law enforcement, personal financial planning and even special agents with the IRS and FBI, any preconceived notions that an accountant sits in a back room all day with a calculator went right out the window.

"I learned the stereotypes weren't true," said one student. By eliminating stereotypes and portraying accounting as an exciting, worthwhile career, TSCPA is reaching out to the next generation of CPAs. Enthusiastic, ambitious and intelligent, these Accounting Academy participants are looking forward to entering the workforce in a few years.

"I liked accounting before, and now I can't wait to be an auditor," said one student at the conclusion of the camp's activities. With enthusiasm like that, the future of the profession looks bright indeed.



Kristi Nix (right) talks with students about the career opportunities in internal auditing available at HCA.



Bob Hyde, vice president of community relations for the Tennessee Titans, talks to the students from inside the Titans practice "bubble." The students also toured the locker room and weight room.

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The Accounting Academy would not have been successful without the support of our sponsors. We are so appreciative of your contribution to this program. A special thank you goes to camp director **Perry Moore** for the countless hours he spent making sure this year's camp went smoothly. On behalf of the 59 students who attended this year, thank you to everyone who was involved!

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(left) The 59 Accounting Academy attendees visited TSCPA's headquarters on Monday, July 10. They had two morning sessions, followed by a lunch with accounting educators from across the state.

(below left) Beth Snider (left), vice president of finance for the GEC and Nashville Predators, led the students on a "behind the scenes" tour of the arena and talked about her responsibilities.

(below right) Participants visited Ernst & Young for a tour of the office and lunch. Several of the firm's employees spoke with the students about working in an international firm, as well as preparing for the CPA exam.

