

# TSCPA Hosts Largest-Ever Accounting Academy



*The 2008 Accounting Academy participants at Belmont University.*

Many teenagers spend the majority of the summer hanging by the pool in bathing suits and flip flops while maybe holding down a summer job on the side. However, this summer, 70 high school students from across the state focused on their futures in less comfortable shoes at TSCPA's seventh annual Accounting Academy.

Belmont University in Nashville played host to this year's camp on July 20-23. The program gives students who may be thinking about a career in accounting a behind-the-scenes look at different areas of the profession, and, thanks to on-site visits, students are able to spend time with CPAs who specialize in a variety of professional services. This year's visits included tours

of Curb and RCA Records, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Gaylord Entertainment Company, HCA, Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC and the Tennessee Titans practice facility.

The camp covered topics ranging from auditing and taxation to careers in sports, music and law enforcement. The ideas that accountants only work with numbers, doing the same task, was shattered by the variety of speakers and the enthusiasm with which they spoke of their jobs.

TSCPA would like to thank Belmont University for the use of campus facilities and a special thanks to our camp director **Dr. Del DeVries** for making sure everything went smoothly. ■



*During a tour of Gaylord, the students got to see what goes on behind the scenes at the Grand Ole Opry.*



*The students learned that Kyle Vanden Bosch could bench press the most of all the players at the Tennessee Titans practice facility.*

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