



The CPA Zone is a bulletin produced by the CSCPA. It is a "quick-read" intended to keep high school educators in the loop with the profession of Certified Public Accounting. Feel free to reproduce The CPA Zone and share it with colleagues and students.

Dear Colleague,

Hello...and welcome back! Believe or not, another new school year has already arrived (where did the summer go?) and as always the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) goes back to class with you as both partner and resource.

As educators, you know that one of the few constants in life is change. The same is true for the business world. And, just as CPAs must remain on top of all the latest laws, regulations, and trends in the business world, business educators must too remain aware of outside educational resources and opportunities, and stay connected with their colleagues to learn, share, and ultimately strengthen their own knowledge and enthusiasm in the classroom.

With this mind, CSCPA continues its CHAT Session Series for High School Accounting Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. If you teach accounting and have not had the chance to attend a CHAT yet, you are missing out! CHATs are a can't miss opportunity for accounting educators to share ideas, curriculum and resources with colleagues, earn CEUs, and it's FREE to attend. (More information and a registration form is enclosed with this newsletter.)

For students, the CSCPA again offers its annual CPA Careers Conference at two terrific campuses as well as offering CPA career speakers right to your classroom door (request form also enclosed.) And of course, keep an eye on the CSCPA website for continuous resources and updates especially for you and your students.

Looking forward to working with you all again~

Sincerely,
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CPA CAREERS CONFERENCES

This event is designed to provide high school students with an opportunity to learn about the CPA profession and to find out what a Certified Public Accountant actually does in his or her career. The conference includes great speakers, lunch, prizes, and an optional campus tour.

The program is FREE but advanced registration is required. (Registration forms were previously mailed.) Seats fill up fast for this popular event, so send in your forms today!

The scheduled dates and locations for this year's conferences are:

-Friday, October 22, 2010
University of New Haven, West Haven

-Friday, October 29, 2010
University of Connecticut, Storrs

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CHAT SESSIONS



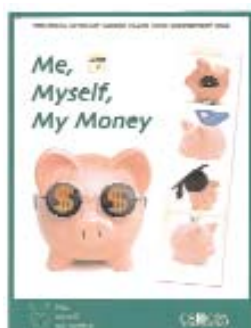
Last year CSCPA successfully introduced CHAT (Connecticut High School Accounting Teacher) Sessions as a forum for secondary accounting educators to network, share information, exchange ideas, and help each other promote and teach accounting at the high school level via roundtable discussion.



These FREE afternoon meetings provided its attendees the opportunity to discuss topics such as best practices in grading, using technology in the classroom, recruitment strategies, and teaching ethics, as well as to periodically hear guest speakers. CHATs also include a “show and tell” to share curriculum and lesson plan ideas. Resources as a result of idea exchanges are available for all accounting teachers to use are now posted on the CSCPA website at: www.cscpa.org/chatsessions.

The next CHAT Session, with brand new discussion topics, is scheduled for **Thursday, November 18, 2010** from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the CSCPA office in Rocky Hill. Attendees are eligible to receive **.2 CEUs**. Register today!

FINANCIAL LITERACY



CSCPA developed *Me, Myself, My Money* to improve the financial literacy of high school students by introducing fundamental concepts for responsible personal financial management. Following the overwhelming success of the first edition, the CSCPA last year presented a new and expanded edition.

Each of the six new modules contains learning objectives, two to four lessons, each with multiple student activities, and instructor’s solutions. This curriculum provides teachers with a combined 18 lesson plans and 47 activities that are aligned with the Connecticut Department of Education’s and National Business Education Association’s learning standards for secondary education.

For your FREE complimentary copy, contact Jill Brightman at jillb@cscpa.org with your request.

CAREER SPEAKERS

Members of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants are eager and ready to speak in your classrooms. A volunteer speaker can come into your class and discuss the profession, his/her personal experiences as a CPA (or CPA-to-be), and offer brochures – this is an interactive and close-up look at the career that you won’t want to miss! To set up a speaker visit, please send in the enclosed form or email Jill at jillb@cscpa.org.

CBEA CONFERENCE

Attending the Connecticut Business Educators Association (CBEA) Annual Meeting on October 20th? Then we’ll see you there! CSCPA will be there presenting a session on the current outlook for the accounting profession - hiring trends, hot fields, employers perspectives, and much more - plus, a detailed look at what CSCPA can offer you and your students.

WEBSITES

Don’t forget to check out our website, www.cscpa.org/students! The site is continually updated and has specific information for high school and college students, recent graduates, and secondary and post-secondary accounting educators.

And, while your surfing the web, take a look at the AICPA’s (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) site for students and teachers, www.startheregoplaces.com. The interactive site includes student and teacher resources on accounting careers, including information on finding accounting jobs, learning accounting skills, games, and the “FutureMe” feature which allows students to create a future vision of themselves by choosing a specific career in accounting and a road map to get there.



Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Jill Brightman, Student Relations Specialist
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