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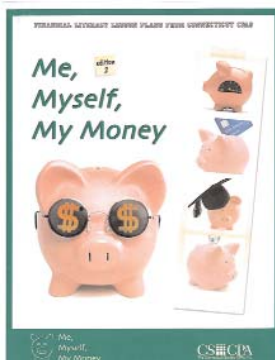
The CPA Zone is a bulletin produced by the CSCPA. It is a "quick-read" intended to keep high school educators in the loop with the profession of Certified Public Accounting. Feel free to reproduce The CPA Zone and share it with colleagues and students.

## CSCPA Financial Literacy Curriculum, Me, Myself, My Money, Edition 2 is Here!

The Connecticut Society of CPAs (CSCPA) proudly introduced its newly refurbished financial literacy curriculum "Me, Myself, My Money Edition 2" to business educators this fall. As with the original "Me, Myself, My Money" launched in 2005, the premise remains bringing financial literacy into the high school classroom with fun, relevant and student-centric topics. And, the CSCPA will continue to offer the curriculum (as well as the expertise of our CPA members) **FREE** to any Connecticut educator.

Edition 2 brings the lessons up-to-date with a new look and format, yet remains user-friendly and flexible enough to be used as a stand-alone unit or integrated into an existing curriculum. "Me, Myself, My Money Edition 2" also includes objectives, student activities, a teacher answer guide and meets Connecticut and National Learning Standards.

While the original "Me, Myself, My Money" consisted of a set of 11 lesson plans (complete with learning objectives, activities, and instructors' guides) including individual topics like "How to Live on Your Own ... and Not Move Back Home in a Week" and "How to Keep You –



and Your Wheels – Rolling", the new "Me, Myself, My Money Edition 2" is offered in the format of six expanded and enhanced modules that includes a total of 18 lesson plans and 47 activities. The six modules are:

- ◆Credit Cards and Your Credit Score
- ◆Financial Planning
- ◆Insurance
- ◆Investments
- ◆Managing Debt
- ◆Money and Banking

As with the original curriculum, CSCPA once again joined forces with University of Connecticut accounting instructor in-residence and former high school teacher, Joseph Bittner Jr., CPA, MBA, (who previously wrote the AICPA's Takin' Care of Business Education Handbook) to fashion and modify the lesson plans. In addition, CSCPA incorporated the technical and design expertise of its volunteer CPA members and staff to create the finished product.

"Me, Myself, My Money Edition 2" is available online and as printable PDFs on a CD. You can request your free (CD) copy and/or a financial literacy speaker at: [www.cscpa.org/memyselmyfymoney](http://www.cscpa.org/memyselmyfymoney) or simply email Student Relations Specialist Jill Brightman at [jillb@cscpa.org](mailto:jillb@cscpa.org) with your request.



### New CSCPA Address



Please remember to update your address books! The office of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) is now located at **716 Brook Street, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067**. Our phone, email, and website remain the same.

### Save the date!

The next **CHAT** (CT High School Accounting Educator) Session is scheduled for **Thursday, April 8, 2010** from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the new CSCPA office. More details soon!



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## CSCPA Headlines: Fall 2009 in Review

### CPA Careers Conferences entertain 500+ in October...

The CSCPA held two CPA Careers Conferences this fall. Both conferences featured campus tours, prizes, sessions with accounting professionals, and a performance by Connecticut's own CPA rock band, the Accounting Crows. Thanks to all of the schools (listed below) that participated, and to Quinnipiac University and University of Connecticut for hosting the conferences this year!

Academy of the Holy Family  
Academy of Information  
Technology & Engineering  
Bloomfield High School  
Brien McMahon High School  
Bristol Central High School  
Bristol Eastern High School  
Cooperative Arts & Humanities  
High School  
Crosby High School  
East Hartford High School  
East Haven High School  
Enrico Fermi High School  
E.O. Smith High School  
Farmington High School  
Glastonbury High School

Granby Memorial High School  
Haddam-Killingworth High School  
Hamden High School  
Killingly High School  
Ledyard High School  
Maloney High School  
Metropolitan Business Academy  
Metropolitan Learning Center  
Middletown High School  
Montville High School  
Nathan Hale-Ray High School  
Naugatuck High School  
New Britain High School  
New Milford High School  
Northwestern Regional  
High School #7

Norwalk High School  
Parish Hill High School  
Plainfield High School  
RHAM High School  
Shelton High School  
Somers High School  
Southington High School  
Terryville High School  
Valley Regional High School  
Wamogo Regional High School  
West Haven High School  
Wethersfield High School  
Wilbur Cross High School  
Windsor High School  
Wolcott High School

### PHOTO GALLERY



Reed Risteen, CPA and Alan Friedman, CPA of the Accounting Crows harmonize on some classic rock tunes.



Attendees arriving at the opening session in Quinnipiac's Alumni Hall.



A panel of young accounting professionals share their experiences with students.



Students attending the conference at UCONN asked many questions about the CPA profession.

More pictures can be found at:  
[www.cscpa.org/photos](http://www.cscpa.org/photos)

### Change in Experience Requirement for Aspiring CPAs

Working together, the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Connecticut State Board of Accountancy have eliminated the six-month attest component from the two-year experience requirement for initial licensing.

Thus, aspiring Connecticut CPAs may obtain their two years of required experience in various arenas of accounting including in the fields of public practice, govern-

ment, and industry; the key is that the work must be completed under the supervision of a CPA in good standing.

The other initial licensing requirements are the same. In order to become certified as a CPA, you must complete 150 hours of education, pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Exam, pass the AICPA Professional Ethics for CPAs self-study course, and acquire two years of work experience under the supervision of a CPA.

Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Jill Brightman, Student Relations Specialist at the CSCPA, at 1-860-258-4800, ext. 239 or email [jillb@cscpa.org](mailto:jillb@cscpa.org).