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ACCOUNTING: IT FIGURES IN YOUR FUTURE

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The best program for you to follow at the high school level is a standard college preparatory program. This program should include courses in English, mathematics, history, and science. Other high school programs are acceptable; however, it is preferable to develop your math and English skills.

At the college level, you may follow one of several avenues in preparing for your accounting career:

- Enroll in a four-year college program and major in accounting.
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Just as a prism separates a beam of light into its color components, accounting separates business and financial data into components that are more readily subject to analysis and understanding. Accounting enables management and other interested parties to focus on relevant and significant information when making decisions pertaining to the allocation of financial and other resources.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT?

A career in professional accounting provides a challenging and interesting opportunity to be of service to individuals, business and governmental units, and the community. Employment as a CPA enables a person to grow professionally, advance to responsible positions, and enjoy considerable independence of thought and judgment.

Accounting is the fastest growing profession in the United States. In response to the increasing demand for CPAs, the number of professionals in the field has tripled in the last twenty-five years.

The potential earnings are excellent. Starting salaries for CPAs are among the highest of all university graduates. Successful accountants in the United States rank with other professional people attaining the highest of earnings.

WHAT WOULD I DO AS A CPA?

Accounting is the language of business. Information about business transactions is expressed in accounting terms, is gathered, and is finally reported in financial statements. As key members of the management team, accountants help to determine the course of operations by interpret-

ing and analyzing the information on the financial statements to aid in decision-making that will have immediate or long-term consequences.

CPAs also serve the interests of investors, consumers, creditors, and others by acting as independent auditors who express their professional opinions on whether their clients' financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

WHAT QUALITIES DO I NEED TO BECOME A CPA?

Success in professional accounting is based on high aptitudes and achievement. Good skills in both mathematics and communications are needed. You must be self-disciplined and motivated.

You will be working with people and with numbers almost equally; thus, you must be comfortable with both, since skill in one area alone is not enough. Put the two together, add an inquisitive mind, and you are at the starting point for a career as a CPA.

You must not only have the ability to solve problems, but must be able to identify problems. The doors to professional accounting are open to anyone who has the necessary aptitudes and abilities.

