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Help Wanted

The Academic & Career Development Team is requesting your help. We would like to receive your state's list of high school educators that have received the CPA iPACK the past two academic years---2001-2002 and 2000-2001.

The reason for our request is that we hope to distribute the education programs and products that are part of the "StartHereGoPlaces" Student Recruiting campaign---such as "Planet Report" and "Be a Music Mogul"---to those teachers that have received the CPA iPACK.

In order to assist with your distribution of materials, we will be posting to K-Net-- by the end of September--- the teacher

lists that we have compiled since the inception of our education program.

Please forward your teachers list-- ideally in Excel---to Tracey Milhouse at Tmilhouse@aicpa.org. Tracey can be reached at 212 596 6224.

(Tracey joined the ACD Team on August 1. She is the Education Assistant to Joe Bittner and Jodi Ryan.)

Hungry?

Many thanks to Tina Lambert (Virginia), Jennifer Nimmo (Oklahoma), Dori Estrella (Minnesota) and Lisa Kennelly (Illinois) for organizing and hosting the first Accounting Careers FOOD Group Idea Exchange. The Group met in Chicago March 4 and 5.

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Jennifer Goggin (Tennessee), Jennifer Nimmo (Oklahoma), Brenda Hubbard (Florida), and Richard Rabicoff (Maryland) have volunteered to organize the second Accounting Careers FOOD Group Idea Exchange. If you would like assist as well, please contact Joe Bittner: JBittner@aicpa.org, 212 596 6282.

Scholarship Winners

Accountemps, the world's first and largest temporary staffing service for accounting, finance and bookkeeping professionals, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) selected the 2002-2003 Accountemps/AICPA Student Scholarship winners.

The two recipients – Stephanie Brown of Auburn University, and Elizabeth Ullman of Arizona State University – will each

receive \$2,500 toward their education.

"We're proud to have joined with the AICPA to present these scholarships, and we offer our congratulations to two outstanding future accounting professionals who have demonstrated academic and personal excellence," said Andrew Denka, executive director of Accountemps.

"All of the scholarship applicants were exceptional, which made the selection committee's job very difficult," added Jodi Ryan, AICPA Manager of Recruiting Programs. "These talented and ambitious students are sure to become role models for the next generation of CPAs."

The winners were chosen based on scholastic achievement, leadership, future career interests, letters of recommendation and an essay. A scholarship selection committee of Accountemps and AICPA representatives identified the finalists.

Only AICPA student affiliate members majoring in accounting, finance or information systems possessing at least a 3.0 grade point average were eligible. Each applicant must also have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student and have completed the equivalent of at least 30 semester hours.

Visit the AICPA (www.aicpa.org) and Accountemps (www.accountemps.com) websites this Fall for information on the 2003-2004 Scholarship program.

Gearing Up

The ACD Team held a second "Presenter Training" session for State Societies and other interested parties interested in learning how to facilitate a High School Educator Symposium (HSES).

The session took place at the AICPA in New York City on August 22 and 23.

The HSES has become a successful experiment.

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Teachers have been quoted as saying, "this is the best conference I have ever attended" and "this should be held every year." Congratulations to those who held a HSES...a job well done!

During the 2000-2001 academic year, six HSES were held. Last academic year, 2001-2002, over 25 HSES were held!

Can we do 50 in 2002-2003?

The HSES Resource Guide will be available soon at www.aicpa.org. You can also contact Tracey Milhouse (Tmilhouse@aicpa.org, 212 596 6224) to request a hard copy of the Guide.

Get Connected

By popular demand, the following items will soon be posted on www.aicpa.org:

- ACD e-NewsLetters
- The PowerPoint presentation of the Takin' Care of Business Education Handbook that is used at High

School Educator
Symposiums

- The following Resource Guides: High School Educators Symposium, Teacher Internship Program (TIP), Student Recruiting with BAP.

A key contact in your state in terms of business education teachers and business education events and conferences is the State Business Education Specialist. We will be posting---again, by the end of September---to K-Net the list of state specialists and their contact information.

Did you Know?

The ACD Team is the editor of the Education Supplement to The CPA Letter. The Education Supplement appears in the September, November, February, April, and May issues of The Letter.

The primary readers of the Education Supplement are college educators. As such, The Supplement contains information relevant to accounting education as it

pertains to the accounting and CPA professions.

For example, the most recent issues discussed:

- international education standards for professional accountants,
- the CPA exam---Did you know there is a new web site? (cpa-exam.org)
- the Core Competency Framework---Did you know there will be a web site launched in October that, in addition to Core Competency Framework, the Learning Techniques database, and other databases, resources, and guidance related to assessment and learning activities, will contain the newly developed "Education Competency Assessment (ECA)" software that provides educators with the resources to assess course and program content.

If you would like to receive the Education Supplement to The CPA Letter, please contact Joe Bittner

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