What is ACAP?

ACAP stands for Accounting Career Awareness Program and is a program of The National Association of Black Accountants, Center for Advancement of Minority Accountants. The primary objective of the ACAP is to increase the number of high school students from underrepresented ethnic groups that attend college and major in accounting. Through ACAP’s efforts, students receive educational enrichment experiences and the practical help needed for college preparation and a career in accounting.

ACAP began in 1980 when the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) recognized the need for a program that would direct African-Americans and other underrepresented ethnic groups towards the accounting profession. Realizing that preparation for a professional career begins as a junior and senior in high school, the Seattle Chapter of NABA designed a pilot program that could mark a turning point in the academic lives of secondary students, motivating them to pursue a higher education.

ACAP revolves around a one-week summer residency program for high school students. The program introduces students to career opportunities in accounting through a carefully tailored curriculum involving local university faculty and guest lecturers from business and government. Students selected for ACAP receive a full scholarship for the week on campus that covers the cost of tuition, room, meals, books, supplies and transportation. Students also compete for college scholarships in a Group Case Study Competition.

ACAP’s Goals

- To increase the number of high school students from underrepresented ethnic groups who attend college and major in accounting.
- To increase college enrollment of these particular ethnic groups overall.
- To provide a pipeline program for directing these students to the accounting profession.

ACAP serves as the students’ pipeline to:

COLLEGE – Helps institutions with recruitment, student diversity, and community involvement.
ACCOUNTING PROFESSION – Informs students about the vast opportunities available in the accounting profession and encourages students to enter the field.
BUSINESS COMMUNITY – Provides a talented and diverse pool of candidates for the workforce.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Sophomore, junior, or senior in Fall 2015
- Under-represented minority/ethnicity
- 3.0/4.0 minimum GPA
- NO COST TO THE STUDENT

TO APPLY:

Please complete the online application. In addition, email a transcript and Letter of Reference on school letterhead to acap@cbu.edu or fax to The School of Business Dean's Office c/o Christina Brown at (901) 321-3566.

WHAT IS CBU?

Christian Brothers University is a four-year, private university affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. The University was founded in 1871 by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, a Catholic teaching order. CBU is located on a 75-acre wooded campus in midtown Memphis, Tennessee. The University is ranked among the 25 best Southern universities in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” and ranked among the top 20% of the nation’s colleges by Forbes magazine. Visit cbu.edu for more information.

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