

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23 El Cholo Fundraiser dinner	24 BAY Meeting: HCVT HCVT	25	26	27
28	1	2	3 No meeting	4	5	6
ACCOUNTING FINALS WEEK—STUDY HARD!!!						
7 Community Service: Keen LA	8	9	10 BAY Meeting: FTI Consulting	11	12	13

Reminders & Upcoming Events :

- February 24th: BAY Meeting: HCVT (ZHS 252 from 6:30-8:30 pm)
- March 3rd: No BAY meeting due to accounting finals week!
- March 7th: Community Service Event
Keen LA (10:30am-12:30pm) limited to 20 members
- March 9th: Mentoring Event #2 (details TBA)
- March 10th: BAY Meeting: FTI Consulting (ZHS 252 from 6:30-8:30pm)
- March 13th: Educational Gardening (details TBA)

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NEWSLETTER

Meeting #6: February 24th, 2010

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As the largest CPA firm headquartered in Southern California, HCVT has been consistently recognized three years in a row as one of the Top 100 CPA firms in the nation by Public Accounting Report, named one of the Top 25 Best-Managed CPA firms in the country, and is viewed as one of the fastest growing CPA firms in the region. HCVT proudly serves Southern California with offices in Encino, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Orange County, Pasadena, Santa Monica and Westlake Village.

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- Privately Owned Businesses
- High-Net-Worth and Highly Compensated Individuals
- Real Estate and Hospitality
- Entertainment
- High Tech
- Litigation Support

BAY SUDOKU BREAK Level: Medium

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Sample Interview Questions

- What do you see yourself doing in five years? How do you plan to achieve that?
- Why have you chosen this career? Why accounting?
- Why do you want this position with our company?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- How do you function under pressure? Give me an example.
- Describe a major problem in your life and how you dealt with it.
- What did you learn from your mistakes?
- What motivates you to put forth the greatest effort?
- How do you determine and evaluate success?
- Why audit and not tax? Why tax and not audit?
- What work environment are you most comfortable in?
- What things are most important to you in your job?
- How would you describe yourself?
- Why should I hire you? How can you make a contribution to our company?
- What is your greatest accomplishment?
- Which two or three accomplishments gave you the most satisfaction and why?
- If you were hiring a candidate for this job, what qualities would you look for?
- Are your grades a good indication of your academic achievements?
- What have you learned from your extracurricular activities?
- What do you know about our company?

Good luck with interviews!!

MEET THE BAY SPRING 2010 TREASURER



Name: Ashley Cho

Year: Junior

Weirdest thing you've eaten: Korean silkworm larva with wasabi. It was part of a game, and I will never eat them ever again!

Pursued career besides accounting: If I weren't doing accounting, I would want to be a patissier (pastry chef) because I love to bake, especially cheesecakes. :)

Favorite class at USC: I don't really have a favorite class but I liked The Science of Happiness because it helped me learn more about happiness from a different point of view. Sad to say, but I also enjoyed 250a because I didn't have to go to class but still got me interested in accounting.

Hi BAY Members! My name is Ashley Cho, and I am your treasurer for the Spring 2010 semester. I am currently a junior majoring in Accounting. I am looking forward to meeting you guys and hopefully feeding you good food! If you have any questions, feel free to ask!

...AND DIRECTOR OF HOSPITALITY!

Name: Vince Wu

Year: Junior

Weirdest thing you've eaten: a turtle

Pursued career besides accounting: If I weren't doing accounting, I'd be majoring in Business – Management.

Favorite class at USC: My favorite class at USC would be ARLT 100 – Los Angeles Stories with Professor Freeman. I enjoyed the class because we got to study the past of Los Angeles, the present of Los Angeles, and the ever-changing demographics of this city. The projects and homework assignments were really hands on because we had the opportunity to explore LA. Also, the coursework wasn't too hard.

Hey everyone! My name is Vince Wu and I am a third year accounting major from San Marino, California. This is my second semester in Beta Alpha Psi and I am the Director of Hospitality for the Spring 2010. I am currently in the second semester of the 370 series and I am glad the first semester is over. Aside from academics, I love basketball and football. Not sure if hiring Lane Kiffin is a good idea, but we'll see how he performs next fall. If anyone of you have questions on academics, BAY, or anything at all... feel free to contact me and ask any question. Have a great semester everyone!



Celebrity Accountants!!

While accountants usually stick to the finance field, a number of famous people have been through accounting training and have become certified public accountants.

- Nike CEO Phil Knight and Home Depot co-founder Arthur Blank are CPAs.
- Author John Grisham received his undergraduate degree in accounting.
- Former Texas Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy, a CPA, did his players' tax returns to make extra money when he managed in the minor leagues.
- Track sensation and current Villanova University track and field coach Marcus O'Sullivan passed the CPA exam.
- Nearly 1,400 of the FBI's special agents are accountants. In fact, the No. 3 man at the FBI, Assistant FBI Director Thomas Pickard, is a CPA.
- Ray Wersching, the ex-San Francisco 49er place kicker who holds the record for most career field goals in the Super Bowl, was a CPA during the off-season.