Accounting Career Awareness Program Introduction to College Life

Prepare the Mind for College

- HS vs. college—what's different?
- Make appropriate college visits
- Avoid situations that tarnish your name
- Make good grades NOW
- Take the required standardized tests
- Do career assessments

Choose the Right Curriculum for Your Major

- Choose a major as early as possible
- Identify core courses & electives
- Prepare a Career Action Plan
- Utilize the Career Center/Advisors

Develop Key Strategies

- Taking tests
- Studying
- Writing
- Presenting
- Researching
- Thinking critically

Set Personal & Professional Goals

- Identify your values, interests, and skills
- Set short-term and long-term goals
- Gather career information
- Conduct informational interviews
- Research the experience requirements
- Assess your moral fiber, concern for others

Evaluate Social & Financial Factors

- Roommate
- Dorm or off-campus housing
- Campus activities
- Student organizations
- Networking
- Monitor social networking sites
- Budget
- Work study/work experiences
- Internships

Choose the Right School for You

- Location
- Type
- Size
- Reputation
- Academics
- Traditions
- Activities

Manage Your Time

- Personal hygiene
- Eating, sleeping
- Driving/commuting
- Community service
- Free time; quiet time; wasted time
- Classes
- Studying
- Managing social activities
- Exercising
- Working

Reminder: There is a difference between "going to college" and "succeeding in college". Plan for college, and continue to work your game plan until your goals are achieved.