



SDSU Student Accounting Society

Meeting Minutes: BDO “Things Every Accounting Student Should Know”

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Presenters

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Presentation

Corporate or Public?

	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Public</u>
Work Hours	- 40/hr a week	- 40-45/hr a week
Work Hours: Required	- month-end and year-end close	- 55+ busy season
Career Opportunities	- Accounting Staff level and potentially to CFO	- Intern level w/ Job level as a director/partner
Typical Work	- day-to-day activities	- different clients, activities, and locations.

Types of Accounting Firm

<u>Type</u>	<u>Preference</u>	<u>Client Profile</u>
BIG4	- National and International	- Public companies
Mid – Tier	- National and International	
Regional / Local	- Offices located limited to particular region/city	

Audit or Tax?

	<u>Audit</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Busy Season	- Jan-April	- Feb-April
Work location	- Field	- Office
Work load (depending on level)	- 2-4 weeks on the same job	- Several different returns daily

How Do I Know Which Employer to Choose?

Culture is Key!

- Start-up vs. established company; size
- The people! You can love the work but dislike the environment.
- Type of work; work and culture are tied together.

Additional Considerations:

- Co-worker personalities, and managerial styles
- Overall interview experience
- Personal preference
- Corporation values, vision and mission
- Office site and feel
- Corporate responsibility/volunteerism
- Salary and benefits
- Future growth opportunities

The Recruiting Process: (Steps)

1. Recruiter Events
2. Meet the Firms
3. Candidate Selection Process
4. On-campus Interviews
5. In-Office Interviews
6. Offer Process

Summer Leadership Program: Pathway to Success

- National, Regional and local programs in various sites nationwide
- Sophomores/Juniors, 2 yrs. away from graduation
- 2-3 days program
- Networking with peers and professionals

Interview Tips*Do's*

- Research the firm's core purpose and core values
- Strong communication skills
- Demonstrate ability and willingness to learn
- Spell check your resume and cover letter
- Follow up with professionals after meeting them

Before the Interview

- Practice makes perfect – attend mock interviews!
- Think from the interviewer's perspective
- Prepare – dress professionally, think of questions, and bring a pen and something to write on

During the Interview

- Be yourself
- Relax
- Let your personality show

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