



# SDSU Student Accounting Society

## [FBI - Forensic Accounting]

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**Presentation:**

- The Role of Forensic Accountants
- Mission: To Protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States
- Priorities
  - Protect US from terrorist attack -- abroad and homegrown
  - Protect US against foreign intelligence and espionage
  - Protect US against cybercrimes and cyber attacks
  - Combat public corruption at all levels
  - Protect Civil Rights
  - Combat criminal enterprises
  - Combat major white-collar crime
  - Combat significant violent crime
  - Priorities tie into forensic accounting
  - All priorities have money trail
  - Money changes hands = Money trail
  - Background of agents is vast
  - Likened it to a puzzle
- Support squads
  - Counterterrorism/Domestic Terrorism
  - Counterintelligence
  - Cyber Crime
  - Public Corruption
  - Organized Crime
  - Drugs/Gangs
  - Violent Crime
  - Neutralize Threat
- What is Forensic Accounting
  - The **SCIENCE** of investigating **PEOPLE** and **MONEY**
- Overview of duties
  - Identify financial accounts
  - Accompany SAs on interviews

- Provide financial details for affidavits and warrants
- Extra insight and filler of details
- Brief Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Special Agents, and others on findings
- Prepare analysis and exhibits for indictments and trials
- Testify in Grand Jury or trial
  - Not SA, but Forensic Accountant
- Look for
  - Evidence of allegation
  - Assets for forfeiture
  - Subjects living beyond their means
  - Indicators of money
  - Fraud scheme
    - What we look at:
      - Victim's money into subject's bank account
      - Expenditure of money from subject's accounts
      - Assets for forfeiture
    - What you look at
      - Social media
      - DMV, vehicle records, property records
    - How victim/company money was used
- Working together
  - Drug trafficking/money laundering
    - What we look at:
      - Flow of money in bank account
- Qualifications
  - Education
    - Bachelor's/Master's degree in accounting or Bachelor's degree with 24 Accounting Semester Hours
  - Specialized Work Experience (2+ years)
    - Forensic Accounting
    - Public Accounting
    - Litigation Support/Dispute Services
    - Government Accounting/Auditing
    - Financial Services Indu
  - Certifications **PREFERRED**
    - CPA
    - CFE
    - CFF
    - CIA
- Others
  - How to move forward into special agent position
    - Forensic Accounting lends well to special agent
    - Spend several years in private industry

- FBIjobs.gov
- Resume -- Federal Resume Format
  - 2-3 pages at the least if fresh out of college
  - 3-4 pages at the least if experienced
- No acceptance if not in Federal Resume Format
- Sell what you bring to the table
- Get and maintain a Top Secret Clearance

**Questions:**

- Do we push out older stuff from resume (Andrew Forsythe)
  - Put as much as you need on your resume
  - Can we put you in a gang squad/counterintelligence squad
  - Soft skills are needed
  - Gaps in resume = Concern
  - Trust is key
- Travel Frequency (Claire Wu)
  - Depends on squad
  - Depends on needs of bureau/squad
  - If you don't want to travel
  - Cyber guys travel a lot
  - Gang squad doesn't travel a lot
  - Needed training is paid for
  - Raise your hand for travel you are doing
- How many hours do you work (Nairf Aldhafairi)
  - With few exceptions, banker's hours
- How dangerous is this job as a forensic accountant (Andrew Forsythe)
  - Proactive organization
  - Long-term, behind-the-scenes
  - Not going to expose forensic accountant to safety risks
  - Danger level comparable to private accountant
- FBI is rule followers of agency
- Things are private = No access without legal grounds
- Google Search is extent of background checks in regards to social media
- No busy season
- Extra time goes into trial prep
- Banker's hours
- Plan for vacation
- Very little news release
- Behind-the-scenes
- Rewarding
- Work is slower than in private industry
- Can't really
- Flexible time off
- Government benefits (Andrew Forsythe)

- Earn time off
- Retirement benefits
- TSP -- Matched by FBI and government
- Federal holidays off
- Random days off
- High job security
- Stay with the Bureau
- Promote
- Language training is recommended
- Can do certain collateral duties
- Stephen - PTO Accumulated annually? Carry over? 2nd Language?
  - 4 weeks to start off
  - 6 weeks for 8-10 years
  - Rosetta Stone and Code can be given to you for any language you want
  - Academy Training only given to critical languages
- Physical Training -- Naief
  - Forensic accountants don't need special training
- Creative and Innovative
- Not working yourself to the ground
- Email: