



ACCOUNTING & FINANCE DAY

Panelists Advise Students About Accounting & Finance Careers

On October 17th, 2023, North Central State College at the Kehoe Center hosted an Accounting and Finance Day. The event was open to all students and four panelists were invited to talk to the students about their own careers in finance and accounting and answer any questions they had about the field.

The four panelists were Glenn McClelland, Sr. Vice President at Westfield Bank, Scott Arnold, CPA and Owner of an accounting firm called RLB CPAs, Jen Adkins, Controller for R.S. Handline and former instructor at North Central State College, and Alex Willacker, Cost Accountant at R.S. Hanline.



BUZZ Topics of the Day:

- **Internships** are great for students to gain experience
- Accounting is an **exciting career**
- Get your face out there and **network**
- **Furthering your education** is helpful
- Be a **lifelong learner**
- Control your own destiny by being **skillful**
- **Experience** looks great on a resume

SUCCESS of the Day:

As a result of Accounting & Finance Day, **1 student has already secured an accounting internship!**



The Discussion

Assistant Professor Donna Kittle was the moderator of the event asking questions to the panel about their experiences and insights in the accounting and financial fields, while Associate Professor Carmen Morrison and Assistant Professor Brandel Boyd further contributed to the discussion. Students attending the event were also given a chance to ask questions of the panel, taking advantage of their extensive and diverse career knowledge. The panel discussed topics such as career advice they would offer the students, how the accounting field differs in the real world versus the classroom, interviewing importance, resume qualifications, and networking tips they had for the students. In addition the panel made recommendations for degrees or certifications to get, what you can do with and without a CPA, the differences between an accounting and finance degree, and the uprising of AI and how it may affect the accounting field. The panelists were knowledgeable and offered valuable information to the students who attended.



“Accounting is critical out in the business world, so being able to take what you’re learning in the classroom and apply it is important even if you’re not an accounting student.”

- JEN ADKINS

