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# Accounting Society Newsletter



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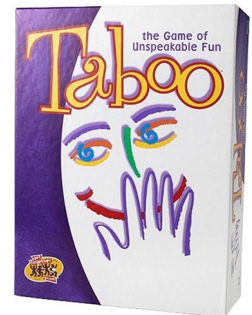
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Most Active Member  
Scholarship

Don't forget about the \$250 scholarship for the Most Active Member. The recipient will be selected based on which member has the most points at the end of every semester. Members receive points for attending professional meetings, Buddy Night activities, participating in the Blood Drive, and attending Accounting Society and College of Business activities, and other various activities.

## New Member Night

After a well deserved winter break, Southern Illinois University Carbondale students came back ready to get involved right away. On Tuesday, February 1st, we had our spring semester new member night which was a huge success. Along with students who were new to the organization, past members also attended. In order to make new members feel comfortable, we played a fast paced game called "Taboo". The game is played so that one individual from each team is responsible for reading the clues, while the other group members are responsible for guessing the word. While some words were difficult, others were extremely easy, making for an exciting night. At the end of the game, the winning team was awarded extra membership points, which helps them in their chase for the Most Active Member Scholarship. After the game, everyone had a large appetite, as Jimmy John's subs was served and enjoyed. The night was bigger than just games and food though. Multiple individuals signed a membership form to become a part of the Accounting Society and IMA. These new members were also able to talk with current members to find out what to expect at Accounting Society events. Also, they were able to find out about the other membership benefits of being a part of the organization; networking, professional meetings, leadership and community service opportunities. Overall, the New Member Night was a great success with the combination of both business and fun! We even had the number of participants double from the New Member Night that was held in the Fall Semester! We thank Amy Lamb, our new director of programming, for putting together the night's agenda and for all those who signed up for a new membership. We look forward to the new semester, knowing that it will be full of wonderful events and memories.



### New Officers For 2011!

Amy Lamb  
Vice President of Programming

Kelsey Bierman  
Vice President of Membership



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**Tip: USE the resources that the College of Business offers in the Business Placement Center! Some of their services include resume review, mock interviews, career counseling, and job and internship information.**

## Accounting Challenge Brings Over 350 Students to SIUC

### Benefits of Staying Active as a Member

1. A Chance at winning a \$250 scholarship!
2. Learn about career possibilities!
3. It looks great on a Resume!!
4. Network with recruiters and other AS members, all while making friendships that will last a lifetime!
5. Dr. Odom says to "Get Involved!!!"

On Friday February 4th, Accounting Society members helped in making the 13th annual Accounting Challenge at the SIUC Student Recreation Center a huge success. The event welcomed over 350 high school students, who were interested in the field of Accounting. These students tested their wits with a written test followed by a team work activity, consisting of an egg drop challenge. This activity was thoroughly enjoyed, as students made a contraption that could protect an egg from breaking, as it was dropped at a height of over 40 feet! Led by Vance Sawyer, an Accounting Society officer, Accounting Society members along with other individuals setup materials, welcomed high school students, and helped them find their way through the day's events. They were also responsible for answering any questions that the students may have about Southern Illinois University Carbondale or more specifically the Accounting program. At the end of the event, many high school students expressed interest in applying to the SIUC Accounting program, which was an encouraging sign for the faculty that attended. Once again, we thank our very own Vance Sawyer for putting together the entire event, along with the numerous other Accounting Society members that graciously volunteered their Friday to help high school students have a better idea what they want to do after they graduate high school. We also thank the SIUC Student Recreation Center for holding this annual event. With a great turnout every year, we look forward to another successful event next year!



## What to Do With Your Tuesday Night?!

With a new semester, there comes a full line of new speakers and businesses arriving to SIUC on Tuesday nights. On these Tuesday nights in Lawson 141 from 5:00 P.M to 7:00 P.M., firms come speak about their company, also discussing a range of other things including changes in the Accounting field or etiquette and interview help. If you are new to Accounting Society, these events are wonderful ways to network and figure out what type of business suits you the best. Do you want to do Public or Private Accounting? Work in a Large or Small Company? Is there a specific place that you would like to work? These are all great questions that will surely be answered after you have been to a few meetings. As an added bonus, food is served afterwards, so come with a large appetite for both food and learning! Additionally, Accounting Society members receive points, which go towards the Most Active Member award for each meeting they attend. We thank our first speaker of the spring semester, Old National Bank!



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Got a comment or a suggestion?

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