

## Week-Long Program To Advance More African-Americans To CPA Set for June 22-27 in VA; All Firms Invited to Register Participants

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Howard University School of Business Center for Accounting Education Holds 4<sup>th</sup>  
Annual “We’re About Success!” Program  
to Help Young African-American Accountants Move Up  
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March 10, 2008 -- Washington, D.C. - Howard University School of Business’s Center for Accounting Education (CAE) will hold its fourth annual “We’re About Success!” week-long program to help young African-American accountants advance in their careers and prepare to earn their CPA June 22-27 in Chantilly, VA. Accounting firms from around the nation are invited to support their talented African-American young professionals, with one year or less experience, by registering them for this Program.

For a modest fee, participants will be immersed in a rich, six-day experience led and instructed by prominent educators and practitioners. The program will give them unparalleled exposure to invaluable expertise and education that can help them pass the CPA Exam.

The Program, part of CAE’s comprehensive effort to advance African-Americans in the accounting profession, targets young professionals early in their careers and helps them to increase their confidence and competence, and to pass the CPA Exam.

The week-long Program consists of sessions like “*Getting off to the Right Start*”, “*Career Ownership & Planning*” and “*Building Support & Alliances*,” which are all designed to help young accountants make their mark and succeed in the workplace. Other segments include hands-on CPA Exam training sessions which focus on passing the CPA Exam.

This year, there are two new sessions, “*How To Handle Difficult People & Situations*” and “*An Open Discussion with Frank Ross*,” who is the Director of the CAE and former Area Managing Partner for Audit & Assurance Services for the Mid-Atlantic Area and Managing Partner for the D.C. Office of KPMG. The sessions will be facilitated by representatives from The Big Four Firms in addition to the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) – Division of Firms members. The Program concludes on Friday morning with a motivational session hosted by Willie Jolley. CAE has invited this world renowned motivational speaker to empower Program participants as they leave and return to their respective firms.

For more information on the “*We’re About Success!*” Program or about CAE’s other programs for African-American accountants, please contact Pat Kellibrew, CAE Coordinator ([pkellibrew@howard.edu](mailto:pkellibrew@howard.edu)).

For more information on CAE, please visit:  
<http://www.bschool.howard.edu/Programs/specialprograms/centerforaccountinged/CAE.htm>.

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