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GSCPA Real Estate Section Internship Program Summer 2007

The GSCPA Real Estate Section is pleased to announce the Summer 2007 Real Estate Internship Program. This summer's pilot program was open to rising college seniors or graduate accounting students with an interest in real estate. Students from all over the state were invited to participate in the program by submitting an application. Over two dozen very qualified applications were received, and three were selected to participate in the program. This year's interns include David Darby, Albany State University; Nataliya Eneva, Wesleyan College; and Justin Mimbs, University of Georgia.

The internship program is part of the GSCPA's ongoing efforts to promote the CPA profession and to encourage entry into the profession. The program is designed to provide students with training, hands on accounting and real estate experience, as well as an introduction to potential job opportunities upon completion of their education.

The program will last approximately nine weeks, from May 29 through July 27, and each student is expected to work forty-hour weeks at his or her sponsor firm, or in GSCPA training programs during this period. Interns will attend four half-day training sessions at the GSCPA office, which will add to their "on-the-job" experiences.

The GSCPA Real Estate Section's Internship Task Force reviewed all intern applications, conducted student interviews, selected intern participants, and matched interns with the sponsoring firms. The Task Force is also the group putting together the training sessions and producing all of the materials. At least ten internships in the metropolitan Atlanta area are planned for the second year of the program. For more information on how you can take part in the internship program next year, please contact one of the task force members.

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David Darby, Albany State University Braver, Schimler, Pierce, Jenkins, LLP "This program will provide practical, hands-on exposure to real estate accounting and reporting. I hope to leave the GSCPA summer program with a better comprehensive knowledge of what real estate means from an accounting perspective."



Branch Properties
"Practical training is undoubtedly an
invaluable asset an individual should
possess before entering the labor market.
Thus, I am highly convinced of the benefits
of my joining the GSCPA Real Estate
Program."

Nataliya Eneva, Wesleyan College



Windham Brannon, PC
"I hope to gain valuable work experience from participating in the program and learning from the professionals involved in the program. Also, I want to apply the knowledge of accounting I've learned at UGA to the real world."

Justin Mimbs, University of Georgia