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ACCOUNTING INTERVIEW DAY ASCPA EVENT BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In the fall of 2007 I was in my second to last semester at the University of North Alabama working on my undergraduate degree and thinking constantly about what I was going to do after graduation the following May. I was only faintly aware of the Alabama Society's Accounting Interview Day before one of my professors announced the opportunity and what it could mean for us. He explained that the interview day was a great resource for smaller universities like ours, to network and interview with multiple employers from all over the state at one location since we do not receive as much on campus recruiting as other, larger universities.

I was in a field of very talented and very competitive accounting majors and being one of the four students selected to represent our university was a prestigious honor that the accounting faculty and students took seriously. I was not familiar with many of the firms I was going to be interviewing with, and my last interview of the day was scheduled with a firm whose location was listed as "South Alabama/North Florida". Having lived in north Alabama my entire life, I was not at all interested in relocating to the other end of the state!

As it turns out, that last interview was the start of a great future with Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore PC in Fairhope, Alabama and three years later, I could not imagine being anywhere else. Without the Accounting Interview Day I would have limited my employment search to a couple of very defined locations and would have missed out on meeting firms and employers from all over our great state. I consider it a huge honor that I have been able to go back to the event for the last three years as a recruiter to meet the next classes of talented students to enter the work force.



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