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During the program, the following organizations presented sessions and many interviewed students for a variety of paid accounting internships: [Abbott](#), [Crowe Horwath LLP](#), [Deloitte LLP](#), [Ernst & Young LLP](#), [Grant Thornton LLP](#), [KPMG](#)

LLP, PwC LLP, and Sikich LLP. Additionally, all participants received a \$500

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Mary T. Washington Wylie, the first African-American female CPA in the country, was a trailblazer for minorities in the accounting profession. This program bearing her name advances diversity within the profession by building skills and presenting new opportunities for minority accounting students to be successful.

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