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The Illinois CPA Society's inaugural Jumpstart to Accounting program welcomed more than 100 college students and professors from more than 30 colleges and universities across the state of Illinois on April 24.

The new conference, targeting college students interested in an accounting career

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The Young Professional Panel interacted with participants, answering questions about the accounting major and what to expect as a young accountant, while presentations from the Illinois Board of Directors and the Illinois CPA Society focused on the value of the CPA credential and Society membership.

“[The students] befitted from the overview of the need for the CPA credential and information on taking it,” said Dr. Vicky Eidson, Associate Professor of Accounting at Quincy University. “They need to hear this message a lot throughout their years of school.”

Jumpstart to Accounting also presented the real world experience of public accounting. Students and educators toured the offices and interacted with staff at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Crowe Horwath, Grant Thornton, Miller Cooper, and Plante Moran.

“Visiting the firms was amazing. I realized the personality of the accounting firm you plan to work for is more important than the size or prestige,” said Thomas Vitale, Senior at Quincy University.

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