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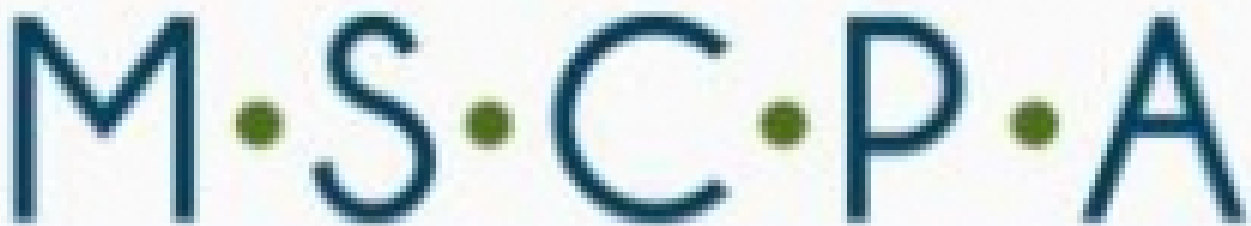
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Massachusetts Society of CPAs Commits \$25,000 to Expand Early College High School Academy

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The logo for the Massachusetts Society of CPAs, featuring the letters M, S, C, P, and A in a large, blue, sans-serif font, separated by small green dots.

Massachusetts Society of CPAs®

The [Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants \(MSCPA\)](#), has committed \$25,000 to Middlesex Community College to support the expansion of its Early College High School Academy over the next five years. This commitment will allow the Society to integrate businesses and accounting courses into public high schools across Massachusetts and educate students on various career paths in the profession.

“Accounting is a thriving industry that offers a lot of room for career growth and advancement, and it’s our job to help students explore all of the opportunities available to them,” said MSCPA President and CEO Amy Pitter. “Scaling our Early College High School Academy allows for more students to learn about accounting as a possible career path, many of whom may not be aware that it exists.”

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This expansion builds on the success of the MSCPA’s program at Haverhill High School, which offers students up to 12 free college credits through the University of Massachusetts –Lowell. Another program at Chicopee High School is set to launch in fall of 2021.

“One of the indicators that students will pursue accounting as a career is if it’s on their radar from early on,” Putter said. “Providing free college credits to students in these programs opens doors to them and help us build a strong pipeline of young and diverse entrants who are interested in accounting.”

The Early College High School Academy is fully funded by the MSCPA’s Educational Foundation, whose mission is to inspire and support the next generation of CPAs. The Educational Foundation also runs summer programs for diverse young people interested in careers in business and accounting and supports future CPAs through a scholarship program. For more information about the Early College High School Academy and MSCPA’s Educational Foundation, visit mscpaonline.org/edfoundation.

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