

VSCPA CPA READY WORKSHOP

Agenda:

9:30 – 10 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

10 – 10:20 AM

WELCOME & ICEBREAKER

10:20 – 11 AM

CONQUERING THE CPA EXAM

The CPA Exam is one of the toughest and most thorough licensing exams available. We will look at the format as well as some ideas on how to prepare and conquer this must have certification.

Ray Ruiz, Surgent

11 AM – 12 PM

CPA: ONE CREDENTIAL, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

A speed networking session with VSCPA members to explore all of the different career paths you can take as a CPA.

Adam Chaikin, CPA, CITP, PMP, CGMA, Thought2Execution LLC

Russ Ekanger, CPA, CGMA, Ekanger & Associates, PC

Laura Ferrari, CPA, CGMA, SoCal Detox, LLC

Denise Harding, CPA, CFE, CFF, Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Noah Kaufman, CPA, CGMA, US Department of State

Iliana Montoya, CPA, Ernst & Young

Jason Navon, CPA, Rossen Landscape

Kim Ruiz, CPA, SanoSancks

Brian Short, CPA/Controller, National Science Teachers Association

Kennard Smith, CPA, CGMA, CDM Federal Programs Corporation

Toni Williams, Roger CPA Review

Shane Carney, Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

12 – 12:45 PM

LUNCH

12:45 – 1:30 PM

CAREER CONNECTIONS & DESSERT STATIONS

Enjoy some treats during our mini career fair!

1:30 – 2:20 PM

HOW TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS: SELLING YOURSELF AS YOU ENTER THE JOB/INTERNSHIP MARKET

In this session you'll learn how to make a great elevator pitch, make a good first impression, what questions to ask in an interview and more!

Chrissie Hendrickson, Ajilon/Parker + Lynch

2:20 – 2:35 PM

BRAIN BREAK

Toni Williams, Roger CPA Review

2:35 – 2:45 PM

BREAK & CAREER CONNECTIONS WRAP UP

Grab some snacks and finish up any previous conversations with sponsors.

2:45 – 3:45 PM

MY CAREER ROADMAP

Careers should be personalized instead of prescribed. Reaching your goals is easier when you have a plan so let's start thinking about how you create your career roadmap. We'll discuss what's possible – and if the endless possibilities of a CPA excite you, you will know you are on the right path.

Jaime Westerfeld, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Danielle Fine, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

3:45 – 4 PM

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