

# Granting Success

By Mary Murray

## Teachers receive grants to promote accounting careers

Twenty-four Wisconsin high school teachers have been awarded Accounting Career Awareness Grants by the Wisconsin Institute of CPA's Educational Foundation, Inc. The Foundation awarded \$38,695 for local projects that promote accounting as a career and involve interaction with Wisconsin CPAs.

**Donna Aspenson**, Seneca High School, for a field trip to the La Crosse Center, Kwik Trip Corporate Offices and to accounting firm Morrison & Associates where she and her students will hear about the accounting career from CPAs at each location.

**Bob Coenen**, Pulaski High School, for Advanced Placement Accounting textbooks, a field trip to PMI Entertainment, a CPA panel presentation at Lambeau Field as well as for supplies for a financial literacy event called Reality Day.

**Amanda Dowds**, Mineral Point High School, for a field trip to Milwaukee to visit CPAs with Harley Davidson, Palermo's Pizza and Miller Park. All visits will include tours and conversations with CPAs about the accounting career.

**Kimberly Dwyer**, Mellen School, for creating and publishing a series of video podcasts on accounting topics to be used to supplement her curriculum. She will also use funds for a course at the National Institute of Financial and Economic Literacy.

**Arlene Feucht**, Slinger High School, for a project with West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, where she and her students will meet with accountants five to eight times during the semester, and work on projects dealing with depreciation, internal controls and budgeting.

**Miriam Fey**, Sun Prairie High School, for a field trip to Milwaukee. They will participate in The Bucks Experience, an activity sponsored by the Milwaukee Bucks, where they will tour and learn about the framework of the organization, including the business aspect. They will also meet with a member of the accounting department.

**Stacey Gardiner**, Shullsburg High School, for an overnight field trip including tours and meetings with CPAs at the Kohl Center in Madison, Tundra Lodge and Lambeau Field in Green Bay and The Bucks Experience in Milwaukee.

**Dana Hurda**, Evansville High School, for a forensic accounting activity called Project Adrian Jr., taking place at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

**Carrie Knutson**, De Pere High School, for a business luncheon and panel presentation by CPAs and college professors. CPAs and professors will discuss accounting career opportunities with the students.

**Roberta Ligocki**, Shiocton High School, for an accounting project and business luncheon where students will participate in a hands-on accounting activity led by CPAs.

**Darlene Londo**, Appleton East High School, for a business luncheon and accounting panel presentation by former Appleton East students, who are in the process of becoming CPAs or are new to the CPA profession.

**Odelia McLaughlin**, Eau Claire North High School, for a field trip to Minneapolis where they will visit with CPAs at public accounting firm Larson Allen, University of Minnesota, Martin Williams Advertising Company and the Xcel Center.

**Ann Meronek**, D.C. Everest Senior High School, for a field trip to Milwaukee. They will participate in The Bucks Experience, an activity sponsored by the Milwaukee Bucks, where they will tour and learn about the framework of the organization, including the business aspect. They will also meet with a member of the accounting department.

**Joan Miller**, Black Hawk High School, for a field trip to Chicago where they will visit the Federal Reserve, Chicago Board of Trade and the Art Institute of Chicago,

meeting with accountants at each location.

**Debra O'Leary** and **Chad Roehl**, Janesville Parker and Janesville Craig High Schools, for a Reality Day where students will participate in a one-day, real world financial simulation.

**Barb Schuetz**, McFarland High School for a field trip to Milwaukee. They will participate in The Bucks Experience, an activity sponsored by the Milwaukee Bucks, where they will tour and learn about the framework of the organization, including the business aspect. They will also meet with a member of the accounting department.

**Karen Sjoberg**, Wauzeka-Steuben Schools, for a financial literacy event called Reality Check for students in Crawford County. Students will participate in a one-day, real world financial simulation.

**Kari Strang**, Benton High School, for a field trip to Milwaukee, where they will participate in The Bucks Experience, learning about the business aspect and visiting with accountants at The Milwaukee Bucks. They will also meet the accounting staff at Miller Park and at the Country Springs Hotel.

**Diane Voit**, Waukesha North High School, for a field trip to Deloitte, where they will meet and have lunch with CPAs and IRS representatives. They will also tour the business offices at Miller Park and meet with accounting staff.

### Madison Metropolitan School District:

**Darrin Graham**, Madison La Follette High School; **Mary Lehrer**, Madison West High School; **Dave Thomas**, Madison Memorial High School; and **David Krutchen**, Madison East High School for a district-wide accounting seminar for high school students which includes partnerships with Madison Area Technical College, professors from several Wisconsin colleges and universities and CPAs. Funds will also be used for a financial literacy event called Mad City Money.

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Teachers who attended the WICPA's annual High School Educators Symposium received the opportunity to write proposals about why they should receive funding from the Foundation.

Many of the projects involve multiple teachers, administrators, college or technical school faculty and CPAs.

