

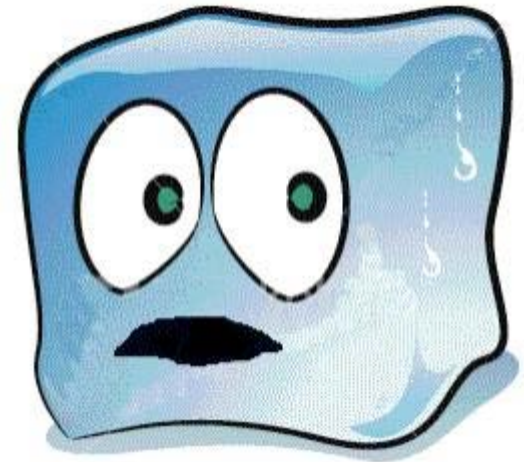
Careers in Accounting & Finance

Presentation to A.W. Brown Students

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Speaker Introduction

- Name: Odell L. Brown
- Current Role:
 - Owner of Mprints
 - Retired from Southwest Airlines
- Prior Work Experiences



Who Wants To...

- Make a lot of money
- Travel to a lot of places
- Meet a lot of interesting people
- Own your business
- Work with computers



Careers in Accounting & Finance

- Public Accounting (e.g., KPMG)
- Corporate Accounting (e.g. Southwest Airlines; MacDonalds)
- Tax Accounting (e.g., IRS; H & R Block)
- Entrepreneur (e.g., Businessmen like Magic Johnson)
- Professor/Academia (High School Teachers; College Professors)
- Non-Profit (e.g., Boys Scouts of America)
- Information Technology (e.g., IBM; Microsoft)



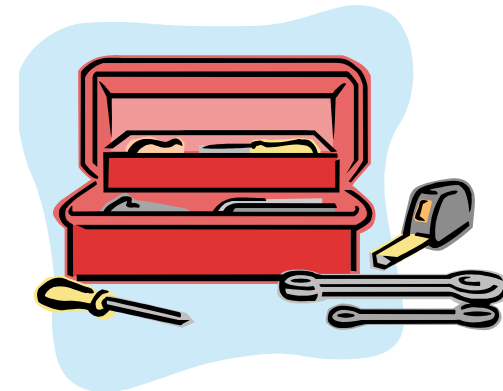
Some Job-Related Values for Success

- Strong desire to succeed (motivated from within)
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to handle confidential information
- Flexible
- Perseverance
- Ability to network
- In a nutshell:
 - Technically competent
 - Socially acceptable
 - Politically astute



Primary Job-Related Skills

- Good knowledge of accounting and finance
- Excellent computer skills
- 10-key by touch
- Attention to detail
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong analytical skills



Primary Job-Related Skills, Continued

- Excellent project management skills
- Ability to handle multiple things/projects at once
- Strong leadership skills
- Know how to coach and mentor others
- Ability to build great teams
- Ability to think strategically



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Some Rewards of Accounting-Related Careers

- Financial prosperity (you can make a lot of money)
- Access to confidential or proprietary information
- Exposure to:
 - Diversity (people and environments)
 - Senior leaders at major companies
 - Various technology/systems
- Travel
- Network with like-minded professionals
- Multiple job opportunities



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