

## AC Graduates Chart Different Paths in Accounting

Accounting is an extremely flexible major. In addition to learning accounting principles, our students also acquire all sorts of soft skills that will help them to stay competitive in today's market. This broad training allows them to easily branch into accounting positions in different industries. It also gives them better prospects than others. Let's have a look at

some of the ways in which our students jumpstart their careers in accounting.

### The Big Four Route

A majority of our 2010 accounting graduates were recruited to entry-level positions in public accounting. The public accounting field exposes graduates to the financial operations of various industries. Dennis Pang and Anfred Vuong followed

this path, and will both start their careers with Big Four companies.

Anfred's first taste of accounting dates back to his initial year at CityU. "In the summer of Year One, I worked at a local CPA firm as a trainee auditor, which gave me the opportunity to carry out substantial parts of the audit process. This taught me what auditing services are, and how exciting but also exhausting the job can be." He believes that it was the internship opportunity offered by the Department that really sparked his interest in being an auditor.

Dennis similarly believes that the Department's initiatives allowed him to get to know the industry better. "We had many opportunities to join mentorship programmes and meet different professionals. This gave us exposure to the development of the accounting industry.



Dennis (far right) will also join a Big Four firm this year. (Photo taken during an exchange trip to Harbin).

**MOTTO**  
 "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."  
 Marianne Williamson

**RECOMMENDED BOOK**  
 The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People  
 By Stephen R. Covey, 1989  
 Pang Wai Ching, Dennis (Year 3 BBAAC student)

Although many graduates choose to join accounting firms, Vannes Wong chose to pursue her studies at the University of Birmingham after a year of working at an accounting firm.

"The book Who Moved My Cheese? states that if people are satisfied at their current stage and lack a sense of potential danger, then the cheese that they are enjoying will suddenly disappear

one day . . . I want to equip myself during times of economic downturn, so I decided to further my studies," said Vannes, the top achiever in the ACCA Advanced Taxation (Hong Kong Paper) examination in June 2008.

Regardless of which career path our graduates embark upon, it is very important that they have the patience and personal commitment to keep progressing. Remember, learning is a life-long journey.

**MOTTO**  
 "Create opportunity rather than wait for it."

**HOBBIES/FAVORITE SPORTS**  
 Cooking, badminton, volleyball  
 Wong Po Yee, Vannes (2006 BBAAC graduate)



Vannes (middle) on a different path, pursuing her studies in England.

**MOTTO**  
 "The first precept was never to accept a thing as true until I knew it as such without a single doubt."  
 Rene Descartes, French mathematician and philosopher (1596-1650)

**RECOMMENDED BOOK**  
 The Five People You Meet in Heaven  
 By Mitch Albom, 2004  
 Vuong Yin Hon, Anfred (Year 3 BBAAC student)



Anfred will be joining a Big Four firm this October.