

Fitchburg student attends accounting conference

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BOSTON -- The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA), the professional association of CPAs in the state, previewed what an accounting career future would look like for students at its "Is Accounting for Me?" conference recently at Suffolk University.

Nathan Walker, a senior at Fitchburg High School, was among the participants.

The conference included interactive accounting exercises and workshops, discussions about accounting careers and CPA services, information about college programs and student life, and a networking lunch with college students, faculty and CPA practitioners.

Students got the chance to hear from professional CPAs about their jobs and to talk to college accounting students about their coursework and campus experience. They also took part in a case competition prepared by Suffolk faculty that focused on the importance of internal controls. Each team was tasked with figuring out what measures could have prevented the New England Patriots' "Deflategate" controversy.

Teachers selected the students in attendance based on their aptitude for accounting.

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