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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ACCOUNTING?

I really enjoyed my first university-level accounting class, and it just clicked more than other subjects.

HOW DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO WORK IN TAX?

I like to have my own space and a typical routine. I knew that with audit there would be a lot of travel, and I wanted to avoid that.

HOW DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO WORK IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTING VS. WORKING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR?

In college, they push for students to at least start out in public accounting. Public accounting often offers more varied experience and a faster growth plan than you would see in industry. It's also a lot more challenging and teaches you how important it is to manage time and expectations.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I enjoy the flexible work program we have at our firm. Life happens, and the ability to make up time or work from home removes the guilt factor from taking care of your personal life when needed.

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Laws change, and every client has their own story. There is always room for growth. Different years and clients pose distinct challenges and learning opportunities. Trying to keep the frustration at bay can be difficult when a solution isn't always obvious.

IN FIVE YEARS, WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF PROFESSIONALLY?

I hope to be an experienced CPA and continue my growth in this profession while also helping others make their way to the top.

ANY ADVICE FOR THOSE WISHING TO PURSUE A ROLE LIKE YOURS?

Make sure you build a strong foundational understanding of accounting. It can be tempting to simply memorize the accounting functions, but it makes a big difference to truly understand them thoroughly.