

Name: Odell L. Brown, CIA, CPA, PHR



Biography:

Odell L. Brown, a member of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter, is a Lifetime Member of NABA. Odell's passion is the mentoring and development of others as can be seen by the service he has given on a continuous basis during his 40 years as a member of NABA. Odell works with youth, high school students, college students, and professionals through NABA, his church, community, other professional organizations, and his fraternity, in various mentoring and career development activities. Odell's volunteer service has significantly increased since his retirement in December 2013 from a 41-year successful Accounting and Human Resources career, which included work experiences in public accounting, internal audit, financial and SEC reporting, higher education, college recruiting, curriculum development, leadership training, career transition services, and ERP implementations. Odell's employers were KPMG LLP, Associates First Capital Corporation, North Lake College, and Southwest Airlines. Odell has served as Executive Director of Dallas ACAP (Accounting Career Awareness Program) since its inception in 2001. Since inception, 608 students have graduated from the program as of June 2014. For more on Odell, see www.mprints.us.

What I Want NABA to Know About Me

Today, I paused to reflect back over my 40-year friendship with NABA—a friendship beyond wealth, and wealth beyond words. For over the years, we expressed our goals and talked about our dreams. We were sometimes serious, but oftentimes, we just had fun. You gave me options when I felt trapped, understanding when I was confused, support when I tried, acceptance when I failed, and encouragement to go on. You allowed me to walk in the footsteps of others, yet encouraged me to leave my own imprints. My prayer is that NABA continues to encourage others to step beyond their limitations and reach beyond their grasp—that NABA forever ***"Lift As We Climb"***.