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## **ATC DIVISION CHIEF ENCOURAGES ACCOUNTING STUDENTS TO SEEK A REWARDING CAREER IN GOVERNMENT**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason recognized his Tax Collector Division Chief, Diana Atkeson, for her outreach efforts as 2018/19 program year president of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) – Inland Empire Chapter. Ms. Atkeson has spearheaded multiple events throughout the year aimed toward continuing education for government financial management professionals.

On Monday, May 20, 2019, the AGA, in collaboration with California State University, San Bernardino and the Financial Management Association, hosted the second annual Meet the Government Career Expo and Alumni Mixer. The event was a success with around 120 students and alumni in attendance. Representatives from local accounting firms and 20 governmental agencies, including various city, county, and state departments, participated in the event.

“Governmental agencies often face challenges in recruiting recent finance and accounting graduates,” Mason said. “The Meet the Government Career Expo was a great way to expose the new workforce to local government.”

During the event, governmental agencies had the opportunity to provide employment information to interested students and share their individual career paths. Students were eager to learn about government roles and hear about internship opportunities and exciting career paths available. They also had an opportunity to participate in mock interviews and résumé workshops during the event.

Consider becoming a member of the Association of Government Accountants and joining the Chapter Leadership. Visit AGA at [www.agacgfm.org/home.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/home.aspx) for more information.



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