

Interactive Learning Tools and Aids

Thank you for sponsoring these interactive learning tools and aids to help engage students during the 3 hour accounting course. Thanks to your generous contributions the students were able to:

- Use the individual whiteboards to work out classroom problems. We were able to turn these assignments into games (“friendly competitions”) for extra credit.



- Students get a laugh out of using the oversized calculator to solve problems. This is also known as the “punishment calculator”; students who forget to bring a calculator on exam day have to share this calculator during the exam.



- Select groups randomly through these oversized playing cards. Students always ask, “why are these cards so big” and I respond “because accounting is a real big deal”.



These, and other activities, allow students to have a sense of excitement and uncertainty walking into the classroom. The students’ eyes would light up whenever they see the whiteboards or get to select a card once they walked into class. I plan to attend a conference towards the end of the Spring Semester on teaching accounting at two-year colleges that will give me even more ideas to make the class interactive, entertaining, and (above all) a conducive learning environment.

Sincerely,

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