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*A Newsletter for and about Carl Albert Public Internship Program  
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## The 'Man from Bugtussle' made national impact



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**T**he story of Carl Bert Albert is that of an Oklahoma boy who fulfilled his childhood dreams and much more. It is the story of a man who chose a career in politics and rose to hold the highest national political office of any Oklahoman in U.S. history.

Albert was born on May 10, 1908 in the small mining town north of McAlester. This was about a year after Oklahoma became a state. He was the oldest of five children born to Ernest and Leona Albert who were neither poor nor wealthy.

When young Albert was three

his parents moved to Bugtussle, a small town six miles northeast of McAlester. Three years earlier it had been renamed Flowery Mound but locals then and now still call it Bugtussle.

As a young boy, Albert marveled that there was meaning on a page of printed letters. He soon learned to read and entered the school at Bugtussle determined to learn.

In 1914, when Albert was about six and in first grade, Charles D. Carter, the local congressman visited the school. He told the students the U.S. was a great country and any one of the children could grow up and be a congressman from that district.

Young Albert was certain that Carter was speaking directly to him. Tradition suggests Albert made up his mind that day to be a congressman. Years later, he remembered that "from early on, everything I did was calculated to being elected to Congress."

After completing the eighth grade, Albert dropped out of

school to help his father on farm, but the boy continued to read and study. When his parents moved into McAlester a year later, he entered McAlester High School and excelled. There he received the nickname "The Little Giant" because he stood only five feet four inches.

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Albert was a member of the school's debate team that won a state championship. He became a fine public speaker, student boy president, and was class valedictorian when he graduated.

With ten dollars in his pocket, Albert entered the University of Oklahoma at Norman in the fall of 1927. To pay his way he immediately located three job-waiting tables, working as a soda jerk, and tutoring to pay his way.

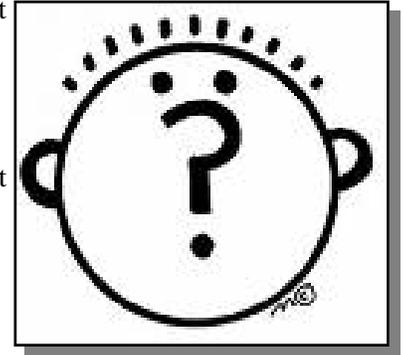
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## Test Your Business Etiquette

Social and business etiquette can be tricky, and making the right moves can make a big difference. Take this quiz and see how you fare in the following business situations. The answers are on [page 4](#).

1. Your boss, Ms. Alpha, enters the room when you're meeting with an important client, Mr. Beta. You rise and say "Ms. Alpha, I'd like you to meet Mr. Beta, our client from San Diego." Is this introduction correct?
2. At a social function, you meet the CEO of an important corporation. After a brief chat, you give him your business card. Is this correct?
3. You answer the phone for a peer who's available, and ask "Who's calling, please?" Are you correct?
4. You're entering a cab with an important client. You position yourself so the client is seated curbside. Is this correct?
5. You're hosting a dinner at a restaurant. You've pre-ordered for everyone and indicated where they should sit. Are you correct?
6. A toast has been proposed in your honor. You say "thank you" and take a sip of your drink. Are you correct?
7. You're in a restaurant and a thin soup is served in a cup with no handles. To eat it you should:
  - a. Pick it up and drink it
  - b. Use the spoon provided
  - c. Eat half of it with a spoon and drink the remainder
8. You're at a dinner and champagne is served with the dessert. You simply can't drink champagne yet know the host will be offering a toast. Do you:
  - a. Tell the waiter "no champagne"
  - b. Turn over your glass
  - c. Ask the waiter to pour water into your champagne glass
  - d. Say nothing and allow the champagne to be poured
9. You're at a table in a restaurant for a business dinner. Midway through the meal, you're called to the telephone. What do you do with your napkin?
  - a. Take it with you
  - b. Fold and place it to the left of your plate
  - c. Loosely fold it and place it on the right side
  - d. Leave it on your chair
10. You're hosting a dinner party at a restaurant. Included are two other couples, and your most valuable client and his wife. You instruct the waiter to:
  - a. Serve your spouse first
  - b. Serve your client's spouse first
  - c. Serve you and your spouse last
11. You're invited to a reception and the invitation states "7:00 to 9:00 PM." You should arrive:
  - a. At 7:00 pm
  - b. Anytime between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm
  - c. Between 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm
  - d. Go early and leave early
12. You're greeting or saying good-bye to someone. When's the proper time to shake their hand?
  - a. When you're introduced
  - b. At their home
  - c. At their office
  - d. On the street
  - e. When you say good-bye



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## Test Your Business Etiquette (Continued)

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13. You're talking with a group of four people. Do you make eye contact with:
  - a. Just the person to whom you're speaking at the moment?
  - b. Each of the four, moving your eye contact from one to another?
  - c. No one particular (not looking directly into anyone's eyes)?
14. The waiter's coming toward you to serve wine. You don't want any. You turn your glass upside down. Are you correct?
15. When you greet a visitor in your office, do you:
  - a. Say nothing and let her sit where she wishes?
  - b. Tell her where to sit?
  - c. Say "Just sit anywhere"
16. You're invited to dinner in a private home. When do you take your napkin from the table and place it on your lap?
  - a. Open it immediately
  - b. Wait for the host to take his napkin before taking yours?
  - c. Wait for the oldest person at the table to take his?
  - d. Wait for the acknowledged head of the table to take hers before taking yours?
17. You're scheduled to meet a business associate for working lunch and you arrive a few minutes early to find a suitable table. 30 minutes later your associate still hasn't arrived. Do you:
  - a. Order your lunch and eat?
  - b. Continue waiting and fuming that your associate isn't there?
  - c. Tell the head waiter you're not staying and give him your card with instructions to present it to your associate to prove you were there?
  - d. After 15 minutes call your associate?
18. You've forgotten a lunch with a business associate. You feel terrible and know he's furious. Do you:
  - a. Write a letter of apology?
  - b. Send flowers?
  - c. Keep quiet and hope he forgets about it?
  - d. Call and set up another appointment

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## Now and Then

**My** name is Heejin (Kim) Davie and I was an Executive Fellow under the Carl Albert Public Internship Program (CAPIP) from 2001 to 2002.

In 2000, after working many years as a Worker's Compensation Adjuster, I decided to go back to school

for my Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. Anyone will tell you that trying to go to school full time and working full time is not easy. Returning to school after all those years and trying to keep up with



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## Test your Etiquette (Continued)

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### Answers



Let's see how you did...

1. No. Introduce the more important person first. You should address your client and say "Mr. Beta, I'd like you to meet our Vice President of Development, Ms. Alpha." (Alternative answer—introduce the client as the more important person!)
2. No.
3. No.
4. Yes. When your client steps out of the car, (s)he will be on the curbside and therefore won't have to deal with getting out in traffic or sliding across the seat.
5. Yes.
6. No. If you do, then you're toasting yourself.
7. B. It's not a cup of coffee, for heaven's sake. And don't slurp, either.
8. D. It's more polite not to call attention to the fact that you can't drink champagne.
9. D. Leave it on your chair. Definitely don't put it on the table--what if you have crumbs on it?
10. B and C. Sort of a trick question, but this is important.
11. A, B, or C. It's terribly impolite to arrive early.
12. A, B, C, D, and E. In other words, it's rarely improper to shake someone's hand. Make sure you have a firm (but not painful) handshake for both men and women.
13. B. Make eye contact with all of the individuals you're talking with.
14. No. Again, don't call attention to your dislike of your host's chosen beverage.
15. B. Indicating where your guest should sit will make her feel more comfortable.
16. B, C, or D. Just don't grab it first unless you're playing one of these roles.
17. A. You've waited 30 minutes. Expect an apology later, though.
18. D. Call and set up another appointment. And don't forget to apologize for your error. Imagine how you'd feel if it was you!

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school assignments while keeping up with the daily demands of employment were very challenging. I resigned from my job after the first year in my master's program in order to concentrate on my education.

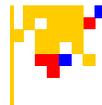
How many undergraduate degree holders do you know that are employed in the field of their education? Well, I wasn't one of them. I had a bachelor's degree in sociology and was working as an insurance adjuster. When I returned to school, I wasn't sure if I would be able to handle graduate level course work and meet the required standards. After all, I had been out of school for almost 2 decades. I remember when I first heard about the CAPIP. At the beginning of my graduate program, I thought, how wonderful it would be to be working in the field of your passion, interest, and training.

In 2001 through CAPIP, I started my internship with the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) in Tulsa as a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist. I worked with people with disabilities who had barriers to employment. I offered information and guidance in order for them to be successful in the world of work.

Eventually I was offered a permanent position with DRS during my Executive Fellowship and continue to work for DRS as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor/Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist.

CAPIP opens doors of opportunity for those who are interested in public service

and higher learning. I am a grateful beneficiary of the Carl Albert Public Internship Program and highly recommend it!



## The ‘Man from Bugtussle’ made national impact (Continued)

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As a freshman at OU, Albert won the National Oratorical Contest talking about the U.S. Constitution. He won \$1,500 in cash a trip to Hawaii.

At OU, Albert majored in government and impressed his teachers and fellow students. Graduating in 1931 with a key in Phi Beta Kappa and numerous other awards, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford in England where he studied for three years earning two degrees.

When he returned to Oklahoma, he worked as a legal clerk and was admitted to the bar. In 1937, he began practicing oil law in Oklahoma, Illinois, and Ohio.

In June 1941, as war clouds hung over Europe, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private. In 1942, soon after World War II began, he received a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and was assigned to the Judge Advocate’s office in Washington, D.C.

During the war, he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan with the 3rd Armored Division. He was awarded a bronze star and when the war ended, Albert’s rank was a Lt. Colonel.

Albert returned to McAlester to practice law, but when he

learned the local congressman would not run for re-election, he became a candidate, won on the Democratic ticket and headed to Washington, D.C. to represent Oklahoma's Third District.

For 30 years, from 1947 until 1877, Carl Albert represented Oklahoma’s This Congressional District in Washington, D.C. Between 1955 and 1961, he served as majority whip in the House of Representatives.

In 1961 he became majority leader and in 1971 became speaker of the House, the third-highest-elective office under the Constitution. Twice he was second in line of succession to the presidency.

At one point, he summed up his personal political views. Albert said he “very much disliked doctrinaire liberals-they want to own your minds. And I don’t like reactionary conservatives. I like to face issues in terms of conditions and not in terms of someone’s inborn political philosophy.”

In 1976, when he was sixty-eight years old Albert retired. An editorial in the New York Times described him as “a conciliator and seeker of consensus, a patient persuader...trusted for his fairness and integrity.”

Albert returned to Bugtussle and during the next 24 years, he

maintained an office in nearby McAlester, lectured at the University of Oklahoma, and made speeches across the nation and overseas. His legacy in Oklahoma includes Carl Albert State College in Poteau, the Carl

Albert Indian Health Tactility at Ada, and the Carl Albert Center established at OU to study his life and the Congress, and Carl Albert Park located south of Durant.

On February 4, 2000, at the age of 92, Carl P. Albert died in McAlester only a few miles from where he had been born and where as a boy a congressman had challenged him to be great.

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# CAPIP Changes Since April 2007

## Executive Fellows- Agreement Ended

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Tunde Sosanya

*University of Oklahoma Health Science Center*

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,

Food, & Forestry

Justin Roach

*Oklahoma State University*

## Executive Fellows-Hired

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

LeDene Alford

*Langston University*

Oklahoma Public Employees

Retirement System

Chello Rogers

*University of Oklahoma*

Department of Human Services

Sarah Barber

*University of Oklahoma*

Department of  
Rehabilitation Services

Ali Bolz

*Northwestern Oklahoma State University*

Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs

Ryan Jones

*Oklahoma State University*

Attorney General

Nate Raddatz

*Oklahoma City University*

## CAPIP Stats

29 Executive Fellows and 8 Undergraduate Interns are currently working in 15 different state agencies.

Current Executive Fellows and Undergraduate Interns attend 8 colleges and universities.

The CAPIP applicant pool consists of 34 graduate students and 53 undergraduates.

## Executive Fellows-Hired/

Converted

Department of  
Rehabilitation Services

Danny Robison

*University of Arkansas*

Jerry Edwards

*East Central University*

## Undergraduate-Hired/Converted

Lieutenant Governor

Jenna Morey

*University of Oklahoma*

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