

VITA/Tax Aide Income Tax Preparation

BTA Workshop

Buffalo, NY

October 3, 2013

North Rockland High School

Timothy Ahle

- Grade 9-12
- Student Population – 2,500
- 40% free and reduced lunch
- Business Education Department – 6 Teachers
- Diverse High School
- Accounting Class/Business Honor Society
- 10 Years



Ossining High School

Debra Jacoby

- Grades 9-12
- Student Population – 1,300
- 40% free and reduced lunch
- Business Education Department – 1 Teacher
- Diverse High School
- Accounting Class/Business Club
- First Year



What is VITA and AARP/ Tax Aide?



AARP Tax-Aide

- Income tax preparation for low and middle-income taxpayers
- No income limitations
- Free of charge
- Every year, from February 1st through April 15th
- Each preparer is trained and certified
- Site Coordinator

VITA/TCE

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly
 - Program provides free tax help to people age 60 and older.
- Preparation of individual tax returns with income less than \$51,000.
- Free of charge
- Each preparer is trained and certified
- Site Coordinator

Why Do It?

Students

- Help build students' resumes
 - And your own
- A different kind of community service project
- Lifelong skills - great way to teach income taxes

Business Program

- Rigor & Relevance
- [Great PR](#)
- Get your community (senior citizens) into your schools so they can see the great things that are going on!

Its FREE!



How do I get Started?

- Contact the IRS
 - Fall 2013
 - Form 14310
 - Email – Tax Volunteer@IRS.gov
 - Get Certified -training is offered during December
- Pass the certification test (see hand out)



What's Next

- Meet with the regional coordinator
- Instructional materials are delivered directly to your school
- Practice preparing taxes using on-line software (TaxWise)



Instructing Students

- What is income?
- What is a deduction?
- 1040
 - Schedule A
 - Schedule B
- Various Forms
 - W-2s, 1099s, mortgage statements, tax bills

Form **1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service **U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2007** IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space. OMB No. 1545-0074

For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2007, or other tax year beginning _____, 2007, ending _____, 2007.

Label (See instructions on page 12.) Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.

Your first name and initial _____ Last name _____ Your social security number _____

If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial _____ Last name _____ Spouse's social security number _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 12. Apt. no. _____

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see page 12. _____

Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 12) You Spouse

Filing Status Check only one box.

1 Single 4 Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 13.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶

2 Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)

3 Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶

5 Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 14)

Exemptions

6a Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6a

b Spouse

c Dependents:

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Dependent's social security number	(3) Dependent's relationship to you	(4) If qualifying child for child tax credit (see page 13)
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

If more than four dependents, see page 15.

d Total number of exemptions claimed _____ Add numbers on lines above ▶

Income

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 _____ 7

8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule B if required _____ 8a

b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a _____ 8b

9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule B if required _____ 9a

b Qualified dividends (see page 19) _____ 9b

10 Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes (see page 20) _____ 10

11 Alimony received _____ 11

12 Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ _____ 12

13 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here ▶ 13

14 Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797 _____ 14

If you did not get a W-2, see page 19.

15a IRA distributions _____ 15a b Taxable amount (see page 21) _____ 15b

16a Pensions and annuities _____ 16a b Taxable amount (see page 22) _____ 16b

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment. Also, please use Form 1040-V.

17 Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E _____ 17

18 Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F _____ 18

19 Unemployment compensation _____ 19

20a Social security benefits _____ 20a b Taxable amount (see page 24) _____ 20b

21 Other income. List type and amount (see page 24) _____ 21

22 Add the amounts in the far right column for lines 7 through 21. This is your total income ▶ _____ 22

Adjusted Gross Income

23 Educator expenses (see page 26) _____ 23

24 Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106 or 2106-EZ _____ 24

25 Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889 _____ 25

26 Moving expenses. Attach Form 3903 _____ 26

27 One-half of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE _____ 27

28 Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans _____ 28

29 Self-employed health insurance deduction (see page 26) _____ 29

30 Penalty on early withdrawal of savings _____ 30

31a Alimony paid b Recipient's SSN ▶ _____ 31a

32 IRA deduction (see page 27) _____ 32

33 Student loan interest deduction (see page 30) _____ 33

34 Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8817 _____ 34

35 Domestic production activities deduction. Attach Form 8903 _____ 35

36 Add lines 23 through 31a and 32 through 35 _____ 36

37 Subtract line 36 from line 22. This is your adjusted gross income ▶ _____ 37

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 43. Cat. No. 11320B Form 1040 (2007)

Instructing Students Continued

- Volunteer Student Guide
- Comprehensive Problems and Exercises
- IRS Publication 17
- Volunteer Resource Guide
- [PowerPoint's provided by AARP and VITA](#)
- Test (Collaborative Assignment)

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Help Center

Search Knowledge Base:

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Prepare an accurate return by using the Intake & Interview Sheet

General Help & Assistance

- [Program Help](#)
- [State Help](#)
- [2012 User Guide](#)

Quick Reference

- [Training Sessions](#)
- [1040X Mailing Addresses](#)
- [IRS Forms and Publications](#)
- [IRS Publication 3189](#)
- [IRS Reject Codes](#)
- [Publication 4012](#)

State Tax Sites

Alabama Department of Revenue

Create New Return -- Webpage Dialog

https://twnline.taxwise.com/CreateNewReturn.a: Identified by VeriSign

Create New Return

Select the type of return you wish to create

Start a New Return

Social Security Number:

Confirm Social Security Number:

Apply for ITIN

Program looks just like the tax forms

JENNIFER TAYLOR
Current AGI: \$3,480
Current Refund: \$245
Check Return Status

Check to take calculations off of lines 3, 4, 5, and 6.
 Check to take calculations off of line 16, state wages.
 The taxpayer / spouse ID number listed on the Main Information Sheet is an ITIN. Enter the ID number (SSN or ITIN) as it is shown on the actual W-2

a Control number: _____ Corrected W2 (W-2C):

b Employer ID: <u>13-1799075</u> Name code: <u>HOUS</u>	1 Wages, tips, etc. 3480	2 Federal tax withheld 245
	3 Social security wages 3480	4 Social security tax withheld 146
c Employer's name <u>HOUSE OF PLATZL</u> Employer's U.S. address <u>127 CALL HOLLOW ROAD</u> Employer's Zip code, city, and state <u>10970- POMONA NY</u>	5 Medicare wages 3480	6 Medicare tax withheld 50
	7 Social security tips 0	8 Allocated tips 0

Employer's foreign address
 Employer's foreign city

Tax Preparation

- Student introduces him/herself to the client
- Reviews the intake sheet
- Prepares the return
- After completion each return is “quality reviewed” by one of the site coordinators
- Student then prints the return and goes over the return with the client.
- At the end of the evening all returns are e-filed
- Next day the site coordinator checks for acknowledgement

Open for Business

- Wednesday Nights from 4pm to 8pm
 - Last “Client” must enter by 7pm
- Client signs in and meets the Greeter
 - Greeter goes over what we can and can not do
 - Tells the client the order of tax documentation
- Client waits for next preparer



Questions

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