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accounting profession. They are all active in the professional community, as well as in their local communities, where many are small business owners and employers.

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CPA Practice Advisor has announced the recipients of its annual **40 Under 40 Awards**, a program designed to recognize and honor young leaders who are helping to positively shape the accounting and tax profession. CPA Practice Advisor also

recognizes **20 Under 40 Superstars**, who are young leaders helping advance the

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“These young professionals are blazing a trail for their peers to follow, and are dedicated to enhancing firm management and client service through innovative technologies and workflow practices,” said Editor-in-Chief Gail Perry, CPA. “They are leading the way in firms of all sizes as the profession evolves to meet changing demands. We are proud to honor these professionals as 2016 '40 Under 40' Honorees.”

## 2016 40 Under 40: Leading the Profession From Within

Adam B. Freedenberg, CPA, CVA, CFE	Manager	Santos, Postal & Company, P.C.
Alexander E. Binelo, CPA	Principal	MBAF CPAs
Alina Nikishina, CPA	Vice President	Insperience Business Services
Amanda J. Kastler, CPA, CFE	Partner	Elliott, Robinson & Company, LLP
Amy K. Cooper, CPA, CFE, CGMA	Term Instructor	Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks
Blake Oliver	Cloud Accountant	Self-Employed
Brett Mills, CPA, MSA	Partner	McCarthy, Rose & Mills, LLP
Caleb L. Jenkins, CQP	Leader of Bookkeeping Svcs & QuickBooks Ecosystem	RLJ Financial Services, Inc.
Caridad Vasallo	Partner	VMBG Accounting
Cathy Iconis, CPA	CEO + Client Finance Director	Iconis Group, LLC
Chris DeBlanc, CPA, CFP	Senior Tax Associate	RSM US LLP
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Jacob (Jake) Neil	Principal	Neil and Company CPAs, PC
James D. Matthis III, CPA	Managing Partner	Waters & Matthis CPAs, PLLC
Jared Rhine	Senior Tax Accountant	Paul L Rhine CPA LLC
Jason Deshayes, CPA, CGMA	Partner/VP	Butler and Company CPAs PC
Jordan Miller, CPA	Manager	CliftonLarsonAllen
Kelley J. Grace, CPA	Tax Partner	Eide Bailly LLP
Kelly Fisher	Partner	Wipfli LLP
Kelly Ward, CPA, CGMA, EA	Certified Public Accountant	Robinson & Ward PC
Kristin Ingram, CPA	Clinical Instructor and Director, MSAT Program	University of Hartford, Barney School of Business
Lindsey Curley, CPA, CGMA	Senior Technical Manager – Firm Services	AICPA
Matt Hetrick, CPA	President	Culinary Accountants, Inc.
Meredith Root, CPA	Senior CPA	Root & Advisors
Michael Elliot, CPA	Principal	DittrickCPA
Michael Kalifeh, CPA, CFST	Shareholder, Tax Services	Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs
Nathaniel Goldman, CPA, CFE	Senior Tax Associate	Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
Patrick Benjamin Lee, CPA, MSA	Assistant Professor of Accounting	Southwestern College
Robert W. Carter, CPA, CVA, CFE	Senior Manager	Hertzbach & Company, P.A.

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## 2016 20 Under 40 Professional Superstars: Helping Shape The Profession From the Outside

Brian Friedman, CPA, CITP

Division Sales  
Manager

Wolters Kluwer Tax and  
Accounting (CCH)

Chris Hooper, MBA

CEO

Accodex

Christian James

COO

Xcentric

Leader of the Global  
QuickBooks

Christopher  
Hamilton

ProAdvisor Program  
and  
Group Product  
Manager

Intuit

Christopher Ragain,  
CPA

President and Owner

Ragain Financial Inc.

Dustin Hostetler

Chief Innovation  
Officer

Boomer Consulting, Inc.

Ian Vacin, MBA

Co-founder, VP of  
Product Marketing

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