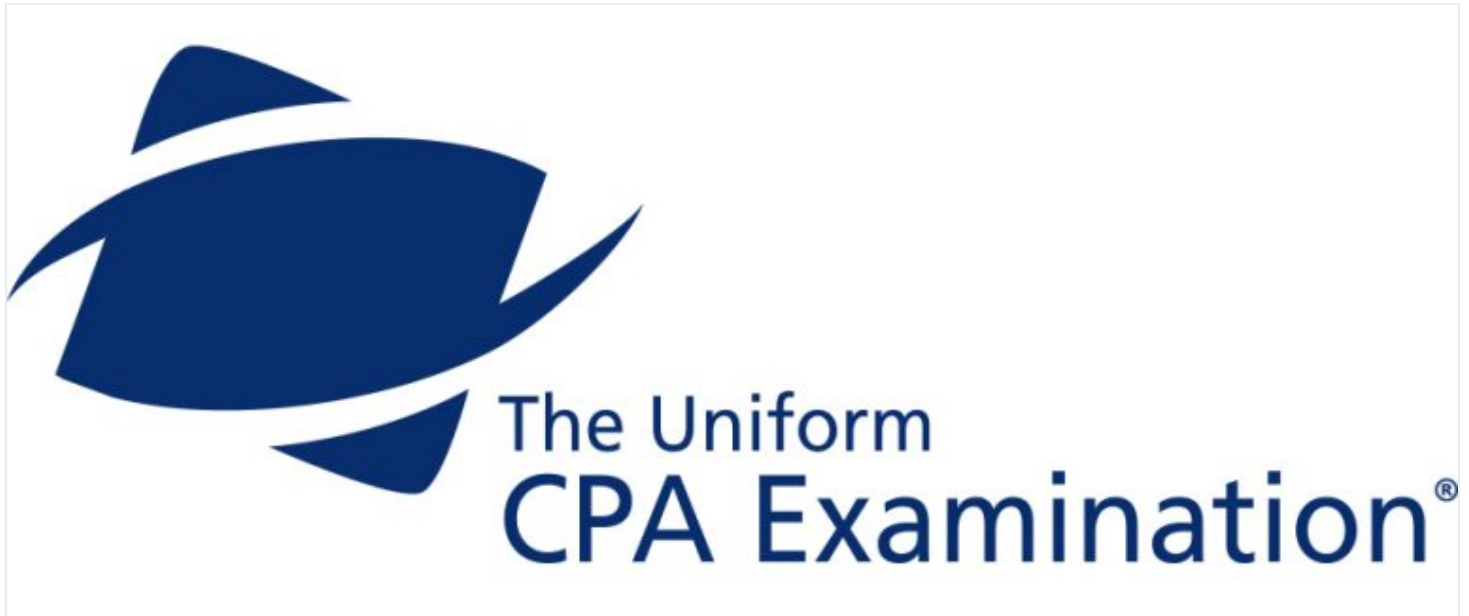


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The [American Institute of CPAs](#) (AICPA) has awarded the top scorers on the 2016 Uniform CPA Exam with its Elijah Watt Sells Award. The award was bestowed upon CPA candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the [CPA Examination](#), passed all four sections of the Examination on their first attempt and completed testing in 2016.

A total of 102,323 individuals sat for the Examination in 2016, with 58 candidates meeting the criteria to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award.

“The CPA Examination, along with the education and experience required sets a high bar for entry into the profession. This serves to protect the public interest by ensuring that only qualified individuals earn a CPA license,” said [Michael Decker](#), AICPA Vice President of Examinations. “On behalf of the AICPA, I’d like to congratulate this year’s winners of the Elijah Watt Sells award on their outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in their careers.”

The Elijah Watt Sells Award program was established by the AICPA in 1923 to

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thinking skills necessary for CPA licensure.

The individuals listed below are the 2016 Sells Award winners in alphabetical order, followed by their state board of accountancy affiliation, education and present employer:

- **Daniel Russell Bierley** (Michigan), a graduate of Michigan State University with a BA in Accounting and an MS in Accounting, is employed with EY in Detroit, MI.
- **Kevin Branley** (Louisiana), a graduate of Louisiana State University with a BS in Accounting and a Master of Accountancy, is employed with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in New Orleans, LA.
- **Paige E. Burkard** (New York), a graduate of Canisius College with a BS in Accounting and Accounting Information Systems and an MBA in Accounting, is employed with EY, LLP in Buffalo, NY.
- **Mingyue “Estella” Chu** (California), a graduate of the University of Southern California with a Master of Accounting, is employed with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Los Angeles, CA.
- **Shannon E. Costello** (Texas), a graduate of the University of Florida with a BS in Accounting and a Master of Accounting, is employed with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Dallas, Texas.
- **Kelly Coyne** (New Jersey), a graduate of Rutgers University with a BS in Accounting and the University of Michigan with a Master of Accounting, is employed with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in Norwalk, CT.

- **Andrew J. Debbink** (Wisconsin), a graduate of the University of Wisconsin –

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- **James Scott Debbink** (Massachusetts), a graduate of Boston University with a BA in History and Boston University with an MS in Accounting, is employed with PwC, LLP in Boston, MA.
- **Sydney Engelke** (Texas), a graduate of Texas A&M University with a BBA in Accounting and an MS in Accounting, is employed with KPMG, LLP in Houston, TX.
- **Kayla Elizabeth Gawlik** (Michigan), a graduate of the University of Michigan with a BA in Economics and Wake Forest University with a MS in Accountancy, is employed with KPMG, LLP in New York, NY.
- **Madeline Hartman** (Massachusetts), a graduate of the University of Washington with a BS in Economics and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master of Accounting, is employed with Grant Thornton, LLP in Boston, MA.
- **Ryan Russell Herrscher** (Texas), a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a BBA in Accounting and an MS in Accounting, is employed with PwC, LLP in Dallas, TX.
- **Matthew R. Holt** (South Carolina), a graduate of Furman University with a BS in Psychology and Clemson University with a Master of Professional Accountancy, is employed with EY, LLP in Greenville, SC.
- **Amanda D. Jacinto** (New York), a graduate of Lehigh University with a BS in Accounting and an MS in Accounting and Information Analysis, is employed with PwC in New York, NY.

- **Bradley Jergensen** (Florida), a graduate of Brigham Young University with a

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- **Sahand Kargosha** (Virginia), a graduate of George Mason School of Business with a BS in Accounting and an MS in Accounting, is employed with EY, LLP in Tysons, VA.
- **Alexander D. Khan** (New York), a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross with a BA in Economics and Accounting, is employed with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in New York, NY.
- **Patrick M. Kmiecik** (Florida), a graduate of the University of North Florida with a Bachelor in Accounting and a Master in Accounting, is employed with PwC, LLP in Jacksonville, FL.
- **Kathleen Koehl** (Illinois), a graduate of The University of Michigan with a BA in Economics and Political Science and The Ohio State University with a Master of Accounting, is employed with RSM US, LLP in Chicago, IL.
- **Dena Konneker** (North Carolina), a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in Spanish and a Master of Accounting, as well as, SIT Graduate Institute with an MA in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language, is employed with RSM US, LLP in Raleigh, NC.
- **Harvey Arvin R. Li** (Washington), a graduate of the University of Iowa with a BBA in Accounting and the University of Washington with a Master of Professional Accounting, is employed with Deloitte Tax, LLP in Seattle, WA.
- **Joseph Kane Mader** (Texas), a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a BA in Government and Sociology and Austin Community College with an

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- **Chu Bing Sabrina McMullin** (Kansas), a graduate of Nanyang Technological University with a BS in Accounting and the University of South Dakota with a Master of Accounting, is employed with YRC Worldwide, Inc. in Overland Park, KS.
- **Kevin J. Montminy** (Pennsylvania), a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Accounting and Finance and an MS in Accounting, is employed with KPMG, LLP in Philadelphia, PA.
- **Taylor K. Moore** (Oregon), a graduate of Brigham Young University with a BS in Management and the University of Portland with an MBA, is employed with Intel Corporation in Aloha, OR.
- **Mitchell Charles Morse** (Missouri), a graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia with a Bachelor of Accounting and a Master of Accounting, is employed with KPMG, LLP in Kansas City, MO.
- **Christopher G. Parsons** (Pennsylvania), a graduate of Lehigh University with a BS in Accounting and Finance and an MS in Accounting and Information Analysis, is employed with PwC, LLP in New York, NY.
- **Ryan H. Perez** (Pennsylvania), a graduate of Elizabethtown College with a BS in Accounting, is employed with Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz in Camp Hill, PA.
- **Georgina Pratavia** (Argentina), a graduate of the Universidad Católica de Córdoba with a Bachelor of Accounting, is employed with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Cordoba, Argentina.

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- **Devenie K. Ross** (Kansas), a graduate of the University of Kansas with a BS in Business and Accounting and a Master of Accounting, is employed with RubinBrown, LLP in Kansas City, MO.
- **Corey J. Shubiak** (New Jersey), a graduate of The College of New Jersey with a BS in Accountancy and a minor in Finance, is employed with PwC, LLP in Florham Park, NJ.
- **Samuel R. Siegel** (Pennsylvania), a graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelors in Economics, is employed with Stanilla, Siegel, and Maser, LLC in Lebanon, PA.
- **Charles Sims** (Texas), a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Professional Accounting, is employed with EY in Houston, TX.
- **Abigail L. Singley** (New York), a graduate of Hofstra University with a BBA in Accounting and an MS in Taxation, is employed with PwC, LLP in New York, NY.
- **Andrew J. Smith** (Texas), a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master in Professional Accounting, is employed with KPMG, LLP in Dallas, TX.
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