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Each year, the most respected and influential leaders in the accounting profession

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The three-day meeting not only serves as a meeting of the minds, but is also an opportunity for our publication to recognize those leaders and professionals that are truly making a difference in the profession. This recognition is accentuated by the Tax & Accounting Hall of Fame dinner and awards ceremony. The ceremony is held on the first night of the symposium and is the highlight of the symposium.

Prior Accounting Hall of Fame inductees include Gregory L. LaFollette, CPA.CITP, Randy Johnston and Rick Richardson, CPA.CITP.

Leading up to and following the Awards Ceremony, the thought leaders will have the opportunity to sit in on presentations from the profession's top vendors and provide valuable feedback. Leaders will get a firsthand look into the companies' strategies and plans for the upcoming year, while sharing the issues that matter most to tax and accounting professionals.

Last year, I had the opportunity to attend the 2nd Annual Thought Leader Symposium, shortly after joining the staff here at *CPA Practice Advisor*. This event served as my "introduction" into the world of accounting. It put me face-to-face with the people whose names (and faces) I would encounter so many times after that event. It didn't take long for me to realize and appreciate why these 25 professionals were selected as Thought Leaders.

Every person on this list has made significant contributions to the profession, and they have numerous honors and accolades to show for it. Their insight and knowledge is truly invaluable, as they continue to serve the profession and implement best practices. It was truly an honor to be in their presence the first time and I look forward to seeing them again at this year's event.

Congratulations to this year's 25 Thought Leaders and 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee(s). The Top 25 Thought Leaders for 2013 are:

M. Darren Root, CPA.CITP

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