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The Illinois CPA Society recently awarded several individuals with its Excel Awards, which honor outstanding achievement on the 2013 CPA Exam. The Excel Award, established in 1984 by the Society's Board of Directors, is presented to new CPAs for outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Examination.

All award winners achieved a combined average score of 90 percent or above on all sections of the examination within two consecutive testing windows, and were in the top five percent of Illinois scores. Additionally, Excel Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are presented to Illinois candidates who achieve the top three examination scores in the state.

The recipient of the Excel Gold Medal for achieving the highest score in Illinois is **Ryan C. Kania** who attended American University and is employed by Plante Moran PLLC. The recipient of the Excel Silver Medal for achieving the second highest score in Illinois is **Daniel A. Ettleson** who attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The Excel Bronze Medal recipient for achieving the third highest score in Illinois is **Robert J. Pekovitch** who attended Loyola University Chicago and is employed at Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Other Excel Award recipients include:

- **Abigail Barra** who attended Illinois State University and is employed by Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.;

- **Eric Chapman** who attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is

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- **Robert T. Rickert** who attended Indiana University and is employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;
- **Everett Sommer** who attended University of Illinois at Chicago, Liautaud Graduate School of Business and is employed by Corbett, Duncan & Hubly, P.C.;
- **Michael Tuttle** who attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;
- **Kuan-Jou Wu** who attended University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

“The Illinois CPA Society congratulates each of the Excel Award recipients on this incredible achievement,” stated Todd Shapiro, President and CEO of the Illinois CPA Society. “These individuals have shown great dedication and immense talent. We proudly welcome them into the CPA profession.”

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