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Leadership Academy class. The group of 38 rising stars in the accounting profession will participate in the 6th annual Leadership Academy in Durham, N.C. this fall.

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The [American Institute of CPAs](#) (AICPA) has selected participants in its 2014 Leadership Academy class. The group of 38 prominent professionals in the accounting profession will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Leadership Academy in Durham, N.C. this fall.

During the intensive five day program, participants will learn strategic planning techniques and develop personal success skills for handling complex management challenges. Leadership Academy participants, all under age 36, will discuss pressing issues facing CPAs and the accounting profession with some of the profession's most influential leaders, including AICPA Chairman [Bill Balhoff](#), CPA, CGMA, and [Barry Melancon](#), CPA, CGMA, the Institute's president and CEO.

"The AICPA's Leadership Academy annually selects promising young CPAs and gives them the tools they need to continue to make an impact in the accounting profession," said Balhoff. "As these CPAs continue to develop their careers, both the connections they make and the training they receive at the Leadership Academy will help guide them along the way."

The AICPA selected the 38 attendees of the Leadership Academy from more than 100 candidates recommended by their employers, state CPA societies, or both. Candidates submitted resumes which included work history, licensure information, professional volunteer activities, community service, and awards and honors.

The selection process for the 2014 class involved the AICPA reviewing each submission in detail. The submission included a statement provided by the candidate

explaining why their participation in the Leadership Academy would be personally

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