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"On behalf of the AICPA, I applaud this year's recipients of the AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship for their commitment to academic achievement," said Joanne Fiore, AICPA vice president of professional media, pathways and inclusion. "These exceptional students are a testament to the strength of the pipeline of talent coming into the accounting profession."

The 2014-2015 AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship recipients are listed in alphabetic order below:

- Matthew Adams – University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
- Tanyeka Alexander – University of Baltimore
- Guadalupe Cotto – Roosevelt University
- Jenna Durnell – Southwest Baptist University

- Zachary Haveman – University of Denver

develop the soft skills needed to maintain a successful career through service. Scholarship recipients plan, promote and execute eight-hour community service projects per semester. The service activity must relate to accounting, serve the community and be meaningful to the student.

AICPA Legacy Scholars are Student Affiliate Members of the AICPA, which is a free membership option available to all students enrolled in school. Each AICPA Legacy Scholar is assigned a coach to provide guidance on the student's service project and to advise on questions related to the profession and the work environment.

The ten scholarship recipients were chosen from more than 1,190 applicants. Eligible applicants must have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 and completed at least 30 semester hours in college-level coursework, including six semester hours in accounting. A task force comprised of AICPA's Pre-certification Education Executive Committee and Accountemps representatives selected the recipients based on academic achievement; demonstration of leadership and volunteerism; and, overall commitment to becoming a licensed CPA professional.

"We are proud to partner with the AICPA to honor these outstanding students for their achievements as they prepare for their accounting careers," said Andrew Denka, executive vice president of Accountemps. "We look forward to their future contributions to the professional community."

The application deadline for the 2015-16 AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship program is April 1, 2015. For more information, about this and other scholarship programs offered to accounting students, visit www.aicpa.org/scholarships.

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