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The Ohio Society of CPAs has been presented with the Corporate Diversity Award from The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business.

The award recognizes the efforts that OSCPA and The Ohio CPA Foundation have made over the past 20 years to diversify the accounting profession through

innovative programs including the Accounting Careers Awareness Program (ACAP-

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Grant wasn't planning on majoring in accounting when he entered ACAP-Ohio in the summer of 2015 as a high school student. In fact, his opinion of accounting was lukewarm at best. After completing the week-long residency program presented by The Ohio Society of CPAs and The Ohio CPA Foundation in partnership with the Ohio chapters of the National Association of Black Accountants, Grant entered The Ohio State University as a declared accounting major.

"Going into ACAP, I knew I wanted to be in business and do consulting work, but I didn't know how to get there," Grant said. "Talking it over with some of the coordinators and recruiters, they told me if you really want to get there, major in accounting, get your CPA and add a finance degree if you can."

David Harrison, director, Fisher College of Business Office of Diversity and Inclusion Student Services used the word 'longevity' to describe OSCPA's ongoing dedication to diversity and inclusion initiatives.

"At The Ohio Society of CPAs, our commitment to diversity and inclusion is a steadfast part of who we are and what we stand for, said Scott D. Wiley, CAE, president and CEO, accepting the award.

"I think about all of the organizations who are being recognized and the honor is truly ours. We are an organization who won't just *accept* that diversity and inclusion is important, we *expect* diversity and inclusion to be a part of a thriving business community."

It was the second time OSCPA received recognition for efforts to diversify the CPA talent pool. In 2014, ASAE, the organization supporting associations across the U.S., awarded the Society's ACAP-Ohio program a "Power of A" Silver Award for advancing diversity in accounting.

Reaching younger and non-traditional students are critical component of OSCPAs

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