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The 2016 "40 Under 40": Leading the Accounting Profession Into The Future

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CPA Practice Advisor has announced the recipients of its annual **40 Under 40 Awards**, a program designed to recognize and honor young leaders who are helping to positively shape the accounting and tax profession. CPA Practice Advisor also recognizes **20 Under 40 Superstars**, who are young leaders helping advance the profession through their roles in technology, education, consulting and firm development.

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“These young professionals are blazing a trail for their peers to follow, and are dedicated to enhancing firm management and client service through innovative technologies and workflow practices,” said Editor-in-Chief Gail Perry, CPA. “They

are leading the way in firms of all sizes as the profession evolves to meet changing demands. We are proud to honor these professionals as 2016 '40 Under 40' Honorees.”

2016 40 Under 40: Leading the Profession From Within

Adam B. Freedenberg, CPA, CVA, CFE	Manager	Santos, Postal & Company, P.C.
Alexander E. Binelo, CPA	Principal	MBAF CPAs
Alina Nikishina, CPA	Vice President	Inspirence Business Services
Amanda J. Kastler, CPA, CFE	Partner	Elliott, Robinson & Company, LLP
Amy K. Cooper, CPA, CFE, CGMA	Term Instructor	Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks
Blake Oliver	Cloud Accountant	Self-Employed
Brett Mills, CPA, MSA	Partner	McCarthy, Rose & Mills, LLP
Caleb L. Jenkins, CQP	Leader of Bookkeeping Svcs & QuickBooks Ecosystem	RLJ Financial Services, Inc.
Caridad Vasallo	Partner	VMBG Accounting
Cathy Iconis, CPA	CEO + Client Finance Director	Iconis Group, LLC
Chris DeBlanc, CPA, CFP	Senior Tax Associate	RSM US LLP
Cory Bennett, CPA	Partner	Bennett Thrasher LLP
Danielle Supkis Cheek, CPA, CFE, CVA	President	D. Supkis Cheek, PLLC
Douglas (Doug) Neil	Principal	Neil and Company CPAs PC
Elizabeth Pittelkow, CPA, CITP, CGMA	Director of Accounting & Compliance	ArrowStream, Inc.
Harvey L Johnson, CPA, CGMA	Partner	PBMares, LLP
Hector Garcia, CPA, CITP	Owner	Quick Bookkeeping
Ingrid Edstrom	President & CEO	Polymath, LLC
Jacob (Jake) Neil	Principal	Neil and Company CPAs, PC
James D. Matthis III, CPA	Managing Partner	Waters & Matthis CPAs,

Jared Rhine	Senior Tax Accountant	PLLC
Jason Deshayes, CPA, CGMA	Partner/VP	Paul L Rhine CPA LLC
Jordan Miller, CPA	Manager	Butler and Company CPAs PC
Kelley J. Grace, CPA	Tax Partner	CliftonLarsonAllen
Kelly Fisher	Partner	Eide Bailly LLP
Kelly Ward, CPA, CGMA, EA	Certified Public Accountant	Wipfli LLP
Kristin Ingram, CPA	Clinical Instructor and Director, MSAT Program	Robinson & Ward PC
Lindsey Curley, CPA, CGMA	Senior Technical Manager – Firm Services	University of Hartford, Barney School of Business
Matt Hetrick, CPA	President	AICPA
Meredith Root, CPA	Senior CPA	Culinary Accountants, Inc.
Michael Elliot, CPA	Principal	Root & Advisors
Michael Kalifeh, CPA, CFST	Shareholder, Tax Services	DittrickCPA
Nathaniel Goldman, CPA, CFE	Senior Tax Associate	Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs
Patrick Benjamin Lee, CPA, MSA	Assistant Professor of Accounting	Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
Robert W. Carter, CPA, CVA, CFE	Senior Manager	Southwestern College
Rosalind Sutch, CPA, MT	Shareholder and Group Practice Lead – LGBT Tax Consulting & Financial Planning	Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
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Tim Cowley, CPA	Manager	Marks Paneth LLP
W. Ashley Thiem, CPA, PFS	Co-President	Puckett, Clement, and Schellenberg, P.C.
		Thiem & McCutcheon, CPAs PA

2016 20 Under 40 Professional Superstars: Helping Shape The Profession From the Outside

Brian Friedman, CPA, CITP	Division Sales Manager	Wolters Kluwer Tax and Accounting (CCH)
Chris Hooper, MBA	CEO	Accodex
Christian James	COO Leader of the Global QuickBooks	Xcentric
Christopher Hamilton	ProAdvisor Program and Group Product Manager	Intuit
Christopher Ragain, CPA	President and Owner	Ragain Financial Inc.
Dustin Hostetler	Chief Innovation Officer	Boomer Consulting, Inc.
Ian Vacin, MBA	Co-founder, VP of Product Marketing	Karbon
Kacee Johnson, MBA	Founder	Blue Ocean Principles
Lauren B. Kovar, CPA, CITP, CGMA	Director – Client Advisory & Strategy	Thomson Reuters
Michael Felland	Product Manager	Sageworks
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Rachel Gregg, CPA	Co-Founder	Regroup
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