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Elizabeth Pittelkow, CPA, CITP, CGMA, DTM – 2017 40 Under 40 Honoree

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Professional Associations/Memberships (please include any leadership roles):

AICPA: Council, Americas Regions Advisory Panel (formerly known as Business and Industry Executive Committee (BIEC)), Leadership Academy, Young Professionals Leadership Committee, EDGE Conference Planning Task Force, CPA Ambassador, Mentoring Program, Conference Speaker

Illinois CPA Society: Board Member, Strategy Committee, Ethics Committee Secretary, Ethics Columnist for INSIGHT Magazine, Women's Mentoring Circle, Conference Speaker

Toastmasters International: Distinguished Toastmaster, Club President and Treasurer, Officer Training Instructor

Swing for Kids: Board Member

At PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), I gained experience in IFRS, GAAP, and Non-Profit accounting. I managed due diligence for client acquisitions and helped a client spin-off part of its business. I also served as a Corporate Responsibility Champion and planned philanthropic events for our employees and clients.

At ArrowStream, I serve on the Executive Leadership Team, where I have gained experience in accounting, finance, contract negotiations, human resources, and IT. I completed the due diligence for selling the company to a private equity firm, Diversis, in January 2017. I care about the development of our people and have taught classes for our employees and led our Toastmasters organization to promote communication and leadership skills.

I love writing articles and am the Ethics Columnist for INSIGHT Magazine. I also enjoy teaching ethics lessons and communication skills at conferences because both are vital to the reputation and future of the profession.

I work with my church and company to serve others in the community. My passions are for children and the homeless. I volunteer for Cardz for Kidz, Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC), Chicago Food Depository, Street Reach, and By the Hand. I am also on the Board of Swing for Kids, which empowers kids through swing dance.

One of my favorite days of the year is Illinois CPA Day of Service. I enjoy helping others enhance their financial literacy, improve their résumé writing, and develop their professional skills.

Favorite influencer(s) (authors, bloggers, mentors, speakers, etc.)

Tom Hood is one of the most influential people in the accounting profession, and he cares about training accountants to think as futurists. He keeps the profession well-informed about trends that will affect the profession in the short-term and long-term. LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tomhood>

Kimberly Ellison-Taylor is the Chairman of the American Institute of CPAs and upcoming Chairman of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. She is an inspiring speaker and personal mentor!

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Sir Richard Branson provides excellent business and life advice, and his stories are adventurous and fun: <https://www.virgin.com/richard-branson>

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