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### Professional Associations/Memberships (please include any leadership roles).

- AICPA: Council, Leadership Academy, *Journal of Accountancy* Editorial Advisor, Young Professionals Leadership Committee, Ethics Division NOCLAR Task Force, CPA Ambassador, Mentoring Program, Conference Speaker
- Illinois CPA Society: Board Member, Audit Committee, Ethics Committee Secretary, Ethics Columnist for *INSIGHT* Magazine, Women's Mentoring Circle, Conference Speaker
- Toastmasters International: Distinguished Toastmaster, Club Officer
- Swing for Kids: Board Member
- Harvest Bible Chapel: Ministry Leader

### Career Highlights

- Passing the CPA Exam
- Working in both public and private accounting
- Attending AICPA's Leadership Academy
- Receiving my CITP and CGMA designations
- Achieving DTM status in Toastmasters
- Serving as a volunteer leader for the AICPA and Illinois CPA Society
- Speaking at AICPA's ENGAGE and EDGE Conferences
- Speaking at Illinois CPA Society's Conferences
- Writing for Illinois CPA Society's *INSIGHT* Magazine
- Editing for *The Journal of Accountancy*
- Participating in Leadership Academy 2.0
- Participating in the Young Leaders Accounting Think Tank
- Contributing to philanthropic and non-profit organizations
- Mentoring others

**What are you doing to make a difference in the profession, your community, the**

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**Favorite books/websites/speakers:**

Books: My dad gave me *The Top 500 Poems* edited by William Harmon when I graduated high school, and I have been referencing it for inspiration since. *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect: What the Most Effective People Do Differently* by John C. Maxwell is a book that provides useful tips on how to meaningfully connect with individuals and both small and large groups. Websites: ted.com, soulpancake.com / <https://www.youtube.com/soulpancake> Speakers: Simon Sinek (Leadership), Sheryl Sandberg (Career Inspiration, Overcoming Grief), Adam Grant (Organizational Psychology), James MacDonald (Uncommon Community), John O'Leary (Live Inspired)

**What do you see yourself doing professionally in 10 years?** I see myself in the accounting profession helping people more – mentoring, educating, and supporting. I love writing and speaking and will continue to use these skills to teach topics that are valuable to our profession.

**What accounting conferences do you normally attend?** I rotate which conferences I attend and recommend the following: AICPA ENGAGE, AICPA Women's Global Leadership Summit, Illinois CPA Society's Summit, Sage Summit, QuickBooks Connect

**What websites/magazines do you use to keep up on news of the accounting profession?** *The Journal of Accountancy*, Illinois CPA Society's *INSIGHT* Magazine, *CPA Practice Advisor*, *Accounting Today*, CPA Trendlines, AccountingWEB, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*

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