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- Attending AICPA's Leadership Academy
- Earning 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 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 nonprofit organizations
- Mentoring others
- AICPA Outstanding Young CPA Award honoring Maximo Mukelabai
- *CPA Practice Advisor's* Most Powerful Women in Accounting
- *CPA Practice Advisor's* 40 Under 40

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

I teach, write, and advise about areas important to the accounting profession like promoting ethical behavior and developing strategic skills like effective communication. I serve on committees where I can help shape the strategy of the accounting profession to maintain its success. I look for opportunities to make a difference in the lives of individuals, which can be something as simple as listening or can be as formal as mentoring or coaching. I support nonprofit organizations that can amplify my efforts to help others.

**Favorite books/websites/speakers that you find influential**

- Books: “Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way

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I see myself in the accounting profession in a role that has developed my technical and strategic skills and gives me the opportunities to help others succeed. I will continue to be an influencer. My passions include promoting the behaviors we need to grow ourselves individually and advance our profession to serve more people.

### **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*, cpa.com, 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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