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The 2019 "40 Under 40 Honorees" and "20 Under 40 Top Influencers" Announced

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CPA Practice Advisor has announced the 2019 members of its "40 Under 40" and "20 Under 40 Top Influencers" programs.

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This year’s **40 Under 40 Honorees** and **20 Under 40 Influencers** are among the best and brightest talent in the accounting profession. They are all active in the professional community, as well as in their local communities, where many are small business owners and employers. Many are also frequently seen at industry trade shows, such as AICPA PS/Tech and state CPA society events, giving seminars or participating in round table discussions on evolving practices and technologies.

The **40 Under 40 Awards** spotlight the top practicing public accountants, educators and thought leaders who are leading their profession by visibly and incrementally changing the accounting profession through their exemplary leadership, their innovative thinking, their collaborative efforts to provide unity to the profession across the generations, and their community outreach which extends the visibility of the profession outside the workplace.

The **20 Under 40 Top Influencers** program similarly honors those who are leading the way in developing the constantly evolving technology and firm processes that allow practitioners to be more productive, efficient and profitable, as they build practices that will endure and thrive.

“We are fortunate to be surrounded by so many young professionals who are sharing their ideas, skills, and enthusiasm with the goal of making the accounting profession a better place. Change is occurring rapidly in our profession and this year’s award winners are embracing and welcoming the changes,” said Editor-in-Chief Gail Perry, CPA. “They are strong, dedicated, spirited leaders and we are proud to recognize these professionals as the 2019 ‘40 Under 40 in the Accounting Profession’ and the ‘20 Under 40 Top Influencers.’ “

This year’s 40 Under 40 Honorees will meet in Indianapolis October 16-18, 2019, for round table discussions exploring emerging trends and issues that will affect the profession in the coming years.

Click on the below honorees to learn more about them, their careers, their passions, and the traits that have led us to call them the future of the profession.

These are the voices of today that are shaping the profession of tomorrow.

Nominations for the 2020 awards will open in March, 2020.

2019 40 Under 40 Honorees

Aaron Berson, CPA, MSA

Joshua Lance, CPA, CGMA

Bob Wang, CPA, CA

Kathryn Horton, CPA, CMA, CIDA

Brian Bender, CPA, MBA

Kelly Ward, CPA, CGMA, MBA

Caleb Bullock, CPA, CGMA

Lindsay Stevenson, CPA, CGMA

Caleb Jenkins, EA, CQP

Lindsey Curley, CPA, CGMA

Cathy Iconis, CPA

Marjorie Adams

Chris Hervochon, CPA, CVA, MBA

Melisa Galasso, CPA

Daniel Figueredo, CPA, CGMA

Patrick Lee, CPA, MSA

Danielle Supkis Cheek, CPA, CFE, CVA

Rebekah Brown, CPA

David Almonte, CPA, CGMA

Richard L. Ward, CPA/PFS, CFP®

Deborah Meyer, CPA/PFS, CFP®

Robert Allen, CPA, CFE, CTL, MBA

Elizabeth Pittelkow Kittner, CPA.CITP, CGMA,
DTM

Robert Westley, CPA, PFS, CFP®

Eric Green, CPA, MBA, CMA, CIA, CFE

Ryan E. Scharar, JD, CPA, MBA

Garrett Wagner, CPA.CITP

Sarah Bradley, CPA

Ingrid Edstrom, FICB

Scott Hoppe, CPA, DBA, MST

Jackie Meyer, CPA, CTP, CTC, MSA

Sean Saari, CPA/ABV, CVA, MBA

Jason Deshayes, CPA,

Dr. Sean Stein Smith, CPA, CMA,
CGMA

Jerry McPherson, CPA, CFE

Shehan Chandrasekera, CPA

Jessica Sayles, CPA, MSA

Stephen Baum, CPA

2019 20 Under 40 Influencers:

Alina Nikishina, CPA

Kurt Avarell

Annabelle Gibson, J.D.

Lincoln Fleming, CPA, CFP®

Arianna Campbell, LSS BB

Martin Zych

Ben Richmond, CA

Megan Lewczyk, CPA, MAcc

Calvin Leong

Robert Ladue

Damien Greathead, MBA

Sarah Johnson Dobek

David Cardoza

Sean Ryan

Hector Garcia, CPA.CITP, CGMA Steven and Kevin Bong

Joanie Wang

Swati Garodia, MBA

Kara E. Peterson, CPA

Will Buckley

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