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community and/or the NJCPA for significant contributions in advancing the accounting profession. The selected winners presented leading-edge ideas on their jobs, with the use ...

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The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJCPA) has announced the 41 individuals who are recipients of its 2021 Ovation Awards. One NJCPA member was honored with the Lifetime Leader Award and other recipients were recognized for outstanding achievements in the following six categories: Diversity, Equity &

Inclusion; Exceptional Educators; Emerging Leaders; Impact; Innovation; and

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for a lifetime of dedication.

“In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's a great time to acknowledge those individuals who went above and beyond during this past year. The accounting profession is on the cusp of so many changes that it's important to thank those who are leading the charge,” said Ralph Albert Thomas, CPA (DC), CEO and executive director at the NJCPA.

The winners in each category are:

Lifetime Leader

- **John (Jack) F. Dailey, Jr., CPA, RMA, PSA** — Retired Partner, Bowman & Company, LLP, Voorhees Township

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- **Juan Arana, CPA** — Accountant, WilkinGuttenplan, East Brunswick
- **Laura M. Crowley, CPA, MBA** — Director, Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP, Livingston
- **Dawn Perri** — Chief Human Resources Officer, PKF O'Connor Davies, Cranford
- **Elena Richards** — Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, KPMG LLP, Montvale
- **Tannisha Troutman, CPA** — Audit & Assurance Senior Manager, Deloitte, New York

Emerging Leaders

- **Carly R. Brancato, CPA** — Senior Auditor, WilkinGuttenplan, East Brunswick

- **Sophia Cordero, CPA** — Manager, Transportation and Logistics, Mazars USA LLP,

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Christopher White, CPA, MBA — Manager of Taxpayer Services & Financial Reports,
Oradell

Exceptional Educators

- **Dr. George C. Romeo** — Professor, Rowan University, Glassboro
- **Marshall E. Saunders, CPA, MBA** — Accounting Instructor, Rutgers Business School, New Brunswick
- **Douglas P. Stives, CPA, MBA** — Specialist Professor, Monmouth University, West Long Branch
- **Ron West, CPA/PFS, CFP, J.D., LLM** — Chair, Department of Accounting, Taxation & Law, Silberman College of Business, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison

Impact

- **Meggan L. Ciaccia, CPA, MBA** — President, Ciaccia CPA, Sewell
- **Reynold Cicalese III, CPA, MST** — Associate Partner, Alloy, Silverstein, Shapiro, Adams, Mulford, Cicalese, Wilson & Co., Cherry Hill
- **Vincent Galluccio, CPA** — Managing Director, Deloitte, Parsippany
- **Kenneth Pogrob, CPA** — Partner, Mazars USA LLP, Edison
- **Chris J. Schiffer, CPA, CFP, MBA, AIF** — Senior Vice President, Wealth Enhancement Group, Warren
- **Marita R. Sciarrotta** — Deputy Director, State of New Jersey – Department of Taxation, Trenton
- **Robert J. Valas, CPA/ABV, CFE, CGMA** — Partner, Cullari Carrico LLC, Fairfield
- **Joseph H. Wisniewski Jr., CPA** — Partner, Premier Accounting Services, PC, Pitman

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Women to Watch

- **Ashley Ackerman, CPA** — Senior Manager, Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., Lakewood
- **Avani Bharucha, CPA, MBA** — Associate Partner, Baratz & Associates, P.A., Marlton
- **Kathleen P. Bloch, CPA, MBA** — CFO, CytoSorbents, Inc., Princeton
- **Tanya E. Dunbar, CPA** — Director, EisnerAmper LLP, Iselin
- **Melissa O'Shea, CPA** — Partner, Sax LLP, Parsippany
- **Stacy Palmer, CPA, MBA, MST** — Senior Tax Manager, Untracht Early LLC, Florham Park
- **Melissa A. Scairrillo, CPA** — Audit Manager, Ernst & Young LLP, Iselin
- **Hayley L. Shulman, CPA** — Senior Manager, WithumSmith+Brown, Whippany
- **Catherine Syslo, CPA** — Director, Quality Control, CohnReznick LLP, Parsippany

The winners were announced during the NJCPA Annual Business Meeting on June 17 and will also be featured in the fall issue of *New Jersey CPA* magazine. To learn more about the award recipients, visit njcpa.org/ovation.

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