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Professionals on the Move is a round-up of recent promotions, staffing changes, and achievements in the profession.

Nathan Wechsler & Company Announces New Board Member

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KPMG U.S. Appoints New ESG Leader to Help Businesses Achieve the ESG Imperative

KPMG U.S. is focused on helping companies across industries navigate the environmental, social and governance (ESG) imperative that can create opportunity for their organizations today and tomorrow.

As part of the global ESG dialogue for many years, KPMG U.S. is keenly attuned to the marketplace's demand for an ESG lens on strategy, operations, transactions and reporting. KPMG delivers a cutting-edge suite of data-driven solutions — KPMG IMPACT — to help clients enhance their ESG performance while also fulfilling the firm's own ESG commitments.

An important step in making KPMG IMPACT's suite of ESG solutions more accessible to the market is appointing Rob Fisher as leader of KPMG IMPACT. The IMPACT team includes Katherine Blue (Advisory), Maura Hodge (Audit) and Brett Weaver (Tax). In this new role, Fisher will work closely with this cross-functional KPMG IMPACT team, industry sector leaders and KPMG's global network to spearhead solution development, orchestrate its go-to-market effort and onboard strategic hires who have the critical skill sets to innovate its ESG service portfolio.

As the leader of the KPMG U.S. Risk Assurance practice and as a longtime client service partner for several of the world's leading organizations, Fisher brings deep understanding on how to help companies execute their value creation strategies, while mitigating risk and complying with regulatory mandates that can affect long-term performance.

Katelyn Woods Named Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants Rising Star

Whitley Penn Audit Manager, [Katelyn Woods](#), has been named as the 2020-2021 Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TXCPA) Rising Star.

The TXCPA Rising Star Award annually recognizes a TXCPA member at the age of 40

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Locally, Woods serves as a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TXCPA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the University of North Texas Accounting Junior Advisory Board. Woods also serves on the board of directors for the TXCPA Fort Worth Chapter.

Woods received her B.S. and M.S. in Accounting from the University of North Texas.

AICPA Recognizes Five Individuals with 2021 Outstanding Young CPA Award

The [American Institute of CPAs](#) (AICPA) has recognized five practicing CPAs with the 2021 [AICPA Outstanding Young CPA Award](#) in Honor of Maximo Mukelabai. The announcement was made on the [Young CPA Network Facebook](#) page.

The annual award, now in its tenth year, recognizes CPAs under age 41 who personify a commitment to the profession, as demonstrated through successful practices and involvement in and contributions to the interest of the accounting profession. This is the first year in which more than one person was selected for the honor.

Recipients of the 2021 Outstanding Young CPA Awards are:

Jaclyn T. Badeau, CPA, CGMA, MBA, president of Badeau Consulting in Richmond, KY

A 2013 graduate of the AICPA's Leadership Academy, Jaclyn has been incredibly active with the Kentucky Society of CPAs, serving in several volunteer and board positions.

Aaron Clayton, CPA, CGMA, partner with Eide Bailly LLP in Sioux Falls, SD

Aaron is a committed member of the South Dakota CPA Society, where he has served several volunteer and board positions, and he continually finds ways to help his community and the profession.

Jessica E. McClain, CPA, controller with Brand USA in Washington DC

Jessica is an active volunteer with AICPA, serving on several committees and

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Osei is an active member of the North Carolina Association of CPAs, where he has helped welcome new CPAs to the profession as well as contributed to efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion within the profession.

Nathan Wechsler & Company Announces New Tax Manager

The regional accounting firm of Nathan Wechsler & Company, PA recently announced the addition of Michael J. Stevens, CPA as tax manager. Stevens specializes in partnerships and S corporations, multistate taxation, mergers and acquisitions, tax compliance and consulting, and high-net-worth individual taxation.

A graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Stevens holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Taxation. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. When not working, Stevens enjoys cooking, spending time with his family, and taking his Golden Retrievers on long walks.

Rea & Associates Names New CEO

After conducting a lengthy selection process to determine who would lead Rea & Associates, a Top 100 CPA and business consulting firm, over the coming years, Mark McKinley, CPA, was chosen as the firm's sixth CEO. The Rea & Associates' board of directors appointed McKinley to serve in this capacity after concluding a comprehensive selection phase. He will formally step into the CEO role on Nov. 1, 2022.

McKinley joined Rea & Associates as a staff accountant in 1994 and quickly grew through the ranks to become a principal, and later the Rea & Associates' West Central Ohio regional president in 2017. As regional president he oversees the firm's Dublin

and Lima locations as well as the federal tax, state and local tax, business valuation,

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recruiting, and business development efforts in Fort Wayne.

As a member of the firm's [Audit & Assurance Services Group](#), Richmond will help clients navigate the ever-changing environment of financial reporting and accounting standards, working to ensure they are up to date on best practices and operational controls in order to make profitable business decisions. She will oversee audits and other engagements for clients in a wide variety of industries, including manufacturing, services, construction, and real estate.

A certified public accountant, Richmond graduated summa cum laude from Manchester University with a Bachelor of Science degree in financial accounting.

Prior to joining KSM, Richmond spent nine years with one of the largest Indiana-based certified public accounting and business consulting firms, where she most recently worked as a senior audit manager.

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