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David Almonte, CPA, CGMA – 2021 40 Under 40 Honoree

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Nationally, David is a member of the AICPA's National Financial Literacy Commission, a past graduate of the AICPA Leadership Academy and proud Eagle Scout.

In early 2017, David co-founded a not-for-profit, FountainHead RI (www.fountainheadri.org), whose mission is to bring together and connect diverse, like-minded individuals from around the world who share a similar passion, vision and ambition for moving local and global communities forward. The Organization has grown to a community of over 1,100 business and community leaders from across the United States.

David has been published in numerous media outlets, including: The New York Times, CNBC, AICPA Journal of Accountancy, Kiplinger, Chase.com, US World and News Report, Yahoo Finance and *Financial Management Magazine*.

David has also received the following professional awards: GoLocal Prov "18 Who Made a Difference in 2018," CCRI 2018 Outstanding Alumni – Squire Award, 2020 and 2019 CPA Practice Advisor 40 under 40 and 2020 Rhode Island Inno "Inno On Fire" Award.

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

Several years ago I committed to a personal mission and called it "saying yes to anything that scares me." Ever since that day, I have accomplished so much, both personally and professionally, and it has set me out on a path I otherwise would not have known. As a co-founder of a local not-for-profit, FountainHead RI, we have taken something that previously didn't exist and created an ecosystem of over 1,100 business and community leaders, from across the country, to create a more inclusive, dynamic and better prepared professional community for years to come.

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- **Speakers**
 - Simon Sinek
 - Gary Vaynerchuck
 - Brene Brown
 - Sir Richard Branson
 - Warren Buffet

What do you like best about the accounting profession?

I love how diverse the work can be. What an incredible profession where “being a CPA” can mean so many different things. With all that is going on in the world around us, there is no better time to be a CPA. CPAs will remain at the forefront when it comes to business decisions for years to come as business and community leaders look to us to help navigate the uncertain world ahead. Gone are the days of a CPA simply doing tax returns or conducting an audit; CPAs are so much more than that now and I look forward to helping lead the charge into the future.

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