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Illinois CPA Society Announces 2022 Outstanding Leadership Award Recipients

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“It’s my privilege to honor these diverse and deserving individuals for their remarkable achievements and generous contributions to both our organization and the accounting profession,” says Todd Shapiro, ICPAS president and CEO. “We’re truly fortunate to have such inspiring members supporting our mission of enhancing the value of the CPA profession and paving the way for future CPAs to achieve success and bring positive change to the profession and their communities.”

ICPAS presented awards to the following honorees, who will be formally recognized at the Leadership Recognition & Awards Dinner in Chicago this June:

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed on a member who has demonstrated distinguished service to ICPAS and the accounting profession.

- William Flowers, CPA | Chief Financial Officer – Cedille Chicago
- Theodore Mandigo, CPA, MBA, ISHC | Director – T.R. Mandigo & Co.

Women to Watch Awards

In partnership with the ICPAS Women’s Committee and Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, Women to Watch Awards are presented in two categories—Experienced Leader and Emerging Leader—to recognize women who have made significant contributions to the accounting profession, their organizations, and to the development of women as leaders.

Experienced Leader

- Nicole Szczepanek, CPA | Tax Partner – Baker Tilly LLP
- Kelly VanCura, CPA | Trust Solutions Partner – PwC LLP

Emerging Leader

- Emily Bartlett, CPA | Senior Manager, Assurance – CDH PC
- Stephanie Keller, CPA | Manager – CLA LLP

Lester H. McKeever Jr. Advancing Diversity Awards

Presented in two categories—Outstanding Leader and Emerging Leader—the Lester H. McKeever Jr. Advancing Diversity Award recognizes individuals who are committed to advancing diversity in the accounting profession.

Outstanding Leader

- Nerissa Brown, Ph.D., CFE | Associate Professor of Accountancy, PwC Faculty Fellow, Academic Director of BSA/MAS Programs, and Associate Director of Residential Graduate Programs – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Emerging Leader

- Sergio Rodriguez, CPA | Global Employer Services – Deloitte LLP

Outstanding Educator Awards

Awarded to educators at Illinois colleges and universities, the Outstanding Educator Award honors educators who have made significant contributions to the education of accounting students through their leadership, teaching excellence, and active involvement in the accounting profession.

- Natalie Churyk, Ph.D., CPA | William F. Doyle Endowed Professor of Accountancy – Northern Illinois University and Editor-in-Chief – Journal of Accounting Education
- Paul Croitoru, CPA, MBA, MSA | Professor – Wilbur Wright College
- Nadia Schwartz, M. Acc, CPA | Associate Professor – Augustana College

Young Professionals Leadership Award

The Young Professionals Leadership Award recognizes a young professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in his or her career, in public or community service, and through involvement in professional organizations.

- Kenneth Mason, CPA, MBA | Founder & CEO – Equibis

Time and Talent Public Service Volunteerism Award

The Time and Talent Public Service Volunteerism Award honors an organization for its outstanding service on Illinois CPA Society or CPAs for the Public Interest volunteer initiatives.

- Adelfia LLC

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on ICPAS members who display a commitment to excellence by taking on extra challenges and responsibilities in their 2021-2022 volunteer service roles.

- Andrew Allen, CPA – Deloitte LLP | MTWW Scholarship Selection Committee
- Sarah Beckman, CPA – CPA Associates PC | Peer Review Report Acceptance Committee
- Thomas Blaze, CPA, MST – RSM US LLP | Tax State & Local Committee
- Jennifer Culotta, CPA – Plante Moran PLLC | Not-for-Profit Organizations Committee
- Pedro Diaz de Leon, CPA, CFE, CIA – Accume Partners | Diversity Advisory Council
- Karen Fleming, CPA – BKD CPAs & Advisors | Tax Estate, Gift & Trusts and Tax Executive Committees
- Jim Gerace, CPA – BDO USA LLP | Audit & Assurance Services Committee
- Mark Gilbert, CPA, PFS – Reason Financial Advisors LLC | Insight Columnist
- Stan Green, CPA – Larry J. Wolfe Ltd. | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- Michael Hartley, CPA – Crowe LLP | Cannabis Content Advisory Group
- Mark Heroux, CPA – Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- James Javorcic, CPA – CBIZ & Mayer Hoffman McCann PC | Audit & Assurance Services Committee
- William Keirse, CPA – Ernst & Young LLP | Accounting Principles Committee
- Phillip Levsky, CPA – FGMK LLC | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- Dorri McWhorter, CPA, CIA, CITP, CGMA – YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago | Black CPA Centennial
- Kim Meyer, CPA – Hudgens & Meyer LLC | Peer Review Report Acceptance Committee
- Randy Miller, CPA – Hawkins Ash CPAs LLP | Peer Review Report Acceptance Committee
- Charlene Rhinehart, CPA, PMP – GoodRX | Tax Individual Committee
- Fay Rofalikos, CPA – Green Thumb Industries | Cannabis Content Advisory Group
- Joe Roznai, CPA, CGMA – MichaelSilver | Tax Advisory Group
- Taylor Schuck, CPA – PKF Mueller | Cannabis Content Advisory Group
- Michael Singer, CPA – Michael J. Singer & Company PC | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- Marcy Steindler, CPA – Mann Weitz & Associates | Not-for-Profit Organizations Committee

- Nathan Summers, CPA – Miller, Cooper & Company Ltd. | Cannabis Content Advisory Group
- Donald Tidrick, Ph.D., CPA, CMA, CIA – Northern Illinois University | Ethics Committee
- Andrew VanSingel, Esq. – Internal Revenue Service | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- Jennifer Williams, CPA – Pillar Financial Services | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee
- Larry Wolfe, CPA – Larry J. Wolfe Ltd. | Tax Practice and Procedures Committee

The award winners list and their photographs can be viewed at

<http://www.icpas.org/2022awardwinners>.

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