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The Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) will once again host aspiring students who want to become CPAs at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mary T. Washington Wylie Internship Preparation Program. Scheduled for Jan. 4-6, 2023, the award-winning, three-day, virtual program aimed at advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the CPA profession is now accepting applications until Nov. 7, at [www.icpas.org/mtww](http://www.icpas.org/mtww).

Minority college students in Illinois who are interested in pursuing careers in accounting and finance are encouraged to apply. Following a competitive selection process, the program scholars will partake in an agenda aimed at arming them with the skills needed to obtain their first accounting position and ultimately pursue the

CPA credential. Participants will engage in various sessions with representatives

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University of Illinois, program participants will have an opportunity to interview for a full tuition and stipend scholarship to attend the university's Master of Accounting Science program.

"We're excited to welcome our next class of scholars to this remarkable program that will provide them with the personalized training and resources they need to truly realize their potential," says Kari L. Natale, CAE, senior director of the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois. "Watching these promising students become more motivated, confident, and better prepared to succeed in the accounting and finance profession is incredibly rewarding."

The program—which currently has 260 alumni—is funded by donations to the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois' Mary T. Washington Wylie Opportunity Fund, which honors her legacy as the first Black female CPA in the United States and as a trailblazer who opened doors for generations of aspiring CPAs to follow in her historic footsteps.

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