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Jessica E. McClain, CPA, CITP, CISA, PMP, CGFM – 2022 40 Under 40 Honoree



Chief Financial Officer
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- 11 years in public accounting working for firms such as KPMG, LLP and Grant Thornton, LLP
- Part-Time Adjunct Accounting Professor at Nichols College
- 2022 Outstanding Accounting Leader of the Year – NABA DC Chapter
- 2022 Washington Business Journal 40 Under 40 Honoree
- 2021 Controller of the Year: Not-for-Profit category – Controller's Council
- 2021 MACPA Women to Watch Award Winner – Emerging Leader
- Black CPA Centennial's 40 Under 40 Black CPA Award Winner
- *The Daily Record* 2021 VIP List Honoree
- 2021 AICPA Outstanding Young CPA Award Winner
- *Practice Ignition* Top 50 Women in Accounting 2020
- 2020 and 2021 CPA Practice Advisor 40 Under 40 Professional
- *The Daily Record* 2020 Leading Women Award Winner
- 2020 AICPA Leadership Academy Graduate

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

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serving as the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee for Maryland 529 and as the National Treasurer of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Favorite books/websites/podcasts/speakers/bloggers:

- *Unstuck and Unstoppable* by Jeannine K Brown
- *Dear Accountant Podcast* – Host Cecilia Leung
- *She Leads Now* – Host Sabine Gedeon

What do you like best about the accounting profession?

I am so enthusiastic about the accounting profession and what it has to offer. There are vast opportunities to do engaging work. You can work in various industries, from banking to media and entertainment to healthcare. Accountants work in academia and for not-for-profits which is what I do. Accountants even work in emerging areas such as ESG and digital transformation. Every organization needs accountants as we are the backbone of an organization's business operations.

[See all of the 2022 "40 Under 40" and "20 Under 40" honorees.](#)

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