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## Recipients

The ICPAs annual Outstanding Leadership Awards program celebrates distinguished leaders within the CPA community through a variety of prestigious awards.

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The Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS)—one of the largest state CPA societies in the nation—has announced the honorees of its annual Outstanding Leadership Awards program, which celebrates distinguished leaders within the CPA community through a variety of prestigious awards.

“It’s such a privilege for us to be able to honor those who have gone above and

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## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

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

- Daniel F. Rahill III, CPA/PFS, JD, LL.M., CGMA | Wealth Strategist, Wintrust Wealth Management

## **Women to Watch Awards**

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*

- Beth A. Mueller, CPA | Partner, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Melissa E. Struck, CPA | Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

### *Emerging Leader*

- Starletta Forson, CPA | Senior Tax Consultant, Deloitte LLP

## **Lester H. McKeever Jr. Advancing Diversity Awards**

Presented in two categories—Outstanding Leader and Emerging Leader—Lester H. McKeever Jr. Advancing Diversity Awards recognize individuals who are committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the accounting profession.

### *Outstanding Leader*

- Kimi L. Ellen, CPA | Co-Founding Partner, Benford Brown & Associates LLC

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accounting students through their leadership, teaching excellence, and active involvement in the accounting profession.

- Emily G. Jurgens, CPA | Assistant Professor, Harold Washington College
- Madeline K. Trimble, Ph.D. | Director of Graduate Accounting Programs and Associate Professor, Illinois State University

### **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.

- Kiara R. Schuh, CPA | Senior Consultant, Deloitte LLP

### **Time and Talent Public Service Volunteerism Award**

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

- PKF Mueller

### **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 volunteer service roles.

- Robert J. Fiedler Sr., CPA – Robert J. Fiedler, CPA | Chicago South Chapter
- Richard F. Gaul, CPA – RSM US LLP | Governmental Report and Review Committee

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Donna K. Smiley, CPA – Smiley Moore Smith LLC | Commercial Report and Review Committee

The award winners list and their photographs can be viewed [here](https://www.icpas.org/about-us/icpas-awards/2023-award-recipients) [www.icpas.org/about-us/icpas-awards/2023-award-recipients].

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