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forensics accounting and business valuation.

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The AICPA recently recognized the contributions of 11 finance professionals during the 2023 AICPA & CIMA Forensic and Valuation Services Conference held in Las Vegas in November. AICPA, as part of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, hosts this annual conference to provide the profession with cutting-edge information on new technology and quality networking opportunities.

Each year, AICPA recognizes volunteer contributions to the practice and profession. The awards spotlight significant contributions to the advancement of the fields of forensics accounting and business valuation. This year, Natalya Abdrasilova and

Howard Silverstone were named as Volunteers of the Year, while nine young finance

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testifying on a variety of valuation and litigation matters. Currently, she is a Director of Valuation and Litigation Services at Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, PC in Missoula, MT.

"Natalya spent three years on the Business Valuation Committee as an active contributor to countless projects, helping to support AICPA initiatives," said Mark Smith, director of valuation services for AICPA & CIMA. "She has also stepped up on numerous occasions to help on advocacy efforts, where her expertise in the complicated area of ESOPs has been invaluable."

Natalya has been giving back to the accounting and finance profession for many years. She served three years on the AICPA's Business Valuation Committee and was a co-lead on the update of the AICPA's Business Valuations for Gift and Estate Tax Practice Aid. She has also served as a task force member developing an estate and gift focused resource page, presented multiple sessions at the last three FVS Conferences, worked with the U.S. Department of Labor to help inform constituents about ESOP valuation matters, and appeared as an FVS podcast guest.

2023 Forensic & Litigation Services Volunteer of the Year – Howard Silverstone, CPA/CFF

Howard has nearly 40 years of professional experience, serving as a forensic accountant in both the United States and the United Kingdom, where he holds the titles of U.S. CPA and Chartered Accountant (England and Wales). He is currently a director with forensic and investigative accounting firm Forensic Resolutions, Inc. in Westmont, N.J.

Currently, Howard serves as a member of the AICPA's Forensic & Valuation Services Executive Committee, having previously served on both the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) Credential Committee as well as the Forensic & Litigation Services (FLS) Committee. He has played an instrumental role in a number of FVS Section initiatives, including: authoring and serving as a subject matter expert for the AICPA

Fraud Investigations course; speaking frequently at the annual Forensic & Valuation

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resources."

Standing Ovation Program

The Standing Ovation Program recognizes young professionals holding the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) or Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV[®]) specialty credentials who have exhibited exemplary personal achievement. The recipients in this year's class were honored during the AICPA & CIMA Forensic and Valuation Services Conference. They were recognized for their efforts to advance their fields, including volunteering at various nonprofit organizations, speaking to local CPA groups, serving as volunteer experts to legal organizations and guest lecturing in college accounting classes.

"We applaud the exceptional individuals who have earned the prestigious FVS Standing Ovation award for their outstanding contributions and unwavering education," said Andrews. "Their commitment to excellence is inspiring and their achievements are a testament to the incredible impact that individuals can make within their organizations and communities."

The 2023 list of FVS Standing Ovation recipients is in alphabetical order below:

- Katie Brown, CPA/CFF Huselton, Morgan & Maultsby, P.C., Dallas, TX
- Nathan Dean, CPA/CFF/ABV FTI Consulting, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
- Christopher Draney, CPA/CFF BRG, Alpine, UT
- Rachel Gillilan, CPA/CFF Red Bike Advisors, Wilmington, NC
- Jackson Jewkes, CPA/ABV Lone Peak Valuation Group, Lehi, UT
- Robert J. Nowlin, Jr., CPA/CGMA/CFF/ABV Ankura Consulting Group, LLC, Chicago, IL
- Trevor Shaw, CPA/CFF/ABV Withum, Princeton, NJ
- Scott Sievers, CPA/ABV The McLean Group, McLean, VA

• Christopher Wenrich, CPA/ABV — Wilke CPAs & Advisors, LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

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recommendation from a partner or manager. Standing Ovation nominees must be 40 or younger, and nominations may be submitted on the AICPA & CIMA website.

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