



CPA DAYS OF SERVICE

November 6 – 17, 2023

Join the MSCPA’s annual CPA Days of Service to unite with CPAs, co-workers, and accounting students in your local community for two weeks of giving back.

You can volunteer at a place of your choice, take part in a food drive, or select from provided options on our website’s sign-up page. Opportunities are organized by chapter, allowing for individual or team participation on a date that suits you. Your participation through the website is crucial for the Society to acknowledge your contributions. Visit www.ms-cpa.org to sign up!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY CHAPTER (more to follow)

Central:
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Gulf Coast:
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North Central:
Salvation Army

Northeast:
Salvation Army
Angel Tree

Southeast:
Edwards Street Fellowship

Southwest:
Stewpot

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Dry or Evaporated Milk, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Soup, Oatmeal, Grits, Spaghetti, Macaroni, Rice, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter, and Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken or Corned Beef).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Anything that benefits your community counts. Sign up to donate to a charity drive or for charity service in your chapter area or plan an activity of your own.

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Take pictures of volunteer activities in your t-shirts and tag [@MSSocietyofCPAs](https://www.instagram.com/MSSocietyofCPAs) and use the hashtag [#MSCPAserve2023](https://www.instagram.com/MSCPAserve2023). Email your photos to athorn@ms-cpa.org.

SIGN UP TODAY!
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T-SHIRTS

Wear your **Day of Service t-shirt** when you volunteer! If you do not have one, contact athorn@ms-cpa.org or 601-856-4244. Stock is limited.

CONTEST

Participate in the canned food drive contest during Days of Service! Collect as many canned foods as you can and compete to create the best **Holiday Themed** display. Submit photos of your team and creation to athorn@ms-cpa.org for a chance to win.

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Nominate a Member for MSCPA Officer

The MSCPA Nominations Committee is seeking nominations from the membership for the 2024-2025 candidate slate. Members will elect a Vice-Chairman/Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and an At-Large Member to the Board of Governors at the 2024 MSCPA Annual Meeting.

Nominations should be submitted by December 1.

You are invited to send names of suggested candidates to Scott Christian, Nominations Committee Chairman, at schristian@gillon-cpa.com by December 1.

Qualifications for Candidacy

The Nominating Committee will provide an increased level of consideration to those candidates with the following history of Society involvement:

- Previous service as Secretary or Treasurer of the Board of Directors
- Previous Board of Directors service in a non-officer capacity
- Committee Chairman or Committee Millennial Chairman
- Positions held as a Young CPA Network officer or on the Young CPA Network Board of Directors
- Positions held within Chapter(s)
- Committee membership
- Other involvement or service to the Society

All decisions of the Nominating Committee shall be settled by majority vote, in accordance with the MSCPA Bylaws.

YOUNG CPA NETWORK

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

December 18, 2023 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Georgia Blue, Super Talk Room • Madison, MS



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Member News

Hendry Selected by Intuit Quickbooks as a Partner Council Member



Hendry

Tina Davis Hendry, CPA, Partner of GranthamPoole PLLC, was recently selected by Intuit QuickBooks as one of 11 new members of its US QuickBooks Partner Council. Council members provide feedback and advice to QuickBooks based on their industry expertise and hand-on experience in their chosen field, helping QuickBooks to provide better services to its clients.

Hendry, a graduate of the University of Georgia, joined GranthamPoole in 2015 and has 30 years experience in accounting. She is passionate about providing client accounting services to the clients she and her team serve, including medical practices, nonprofits, and service industry businesses.

Mark Your Calendar!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

- BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**
 2:30 p.m.
 MSCPA, Ridgeland, MS
- BOARD OF GOVERNORS & PAST CHAIRMEN CHRISTMAS GALA**
 6:00 p.m.
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This year will mark the 38th year for the Annual Convention and Business Meeting to be held at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Sandestin's Baytowne Conference Center will be the meeting venue for the convention, located just steps from the activities and attractions of the Village of Baytowne Wharf. The cut-off date for reservations is **May 19**, after which rooms will be sold on a space available basis.

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CHILDREN'S PROMISE ACT TAX CREDIT

For more information about application deadlines contact Tim McWilliams at tmcwilliams@bcvms.com or 601.952.2422



STATE BOARD MEETS ON JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

By: Annette Pridgen

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and State CPA Societies, along with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and State Boards of Accountancy, have been working together to come up with solutions to address the CPA pipeline crisis. As a part of this effort, the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy held its regularly scheduled Board meeting on the campus of Jackson State University on September 21, 2023.



Board members were greeted at the door of the College of Business Building by Lingyun Ma, a doctoral student and newly licensed CPA, Dr. Bobbie Daniels, Chair of the Department of Accounting Finance and Entrepreneurship, and Dr. Lydia Didia, Assistant Professor of Accounting. The College of Business Dean, Dr. Fidelis Ikem, welcomed those attending to his office and conference room, where the meeting was conducted.



Board members present were Chairman, Charles R. Prince, Vice-Chair, Annette Pridgen, Secretary, Gary Walker, members David Bridgers, Rick Elam, Willie Sims, Jr., and William Kelly. Board staff attending included Andy Wright, Executive Director, and Sharee Brewer, Associate Director. Karen Moody represented

the Society, and Drew Malone represented the Mississippi Attorney General. Tammy Velasquez from E & Y was a special guest at the meeting.

Following the meeting, Ms. Velaquez hosted a luncheon for the attendees and additional JSU accounting students. Students present included Kayla Ausma, James Berggren, Daylin Butler, Alethia Chatfield, Keona Crowell, Ayodeji Durojaiye, Rayvan Green, Jordyn Hill, Kaiden Ivy, Angel Lanus, Nyesha Nelson, Aja Purvis, Jessica Tate, Cindy Taylor, Kamisha Thames, and Marquis Wooten. Faculty member, Mahmoud Nabulsi, also attended. After a brief program, students took advantage of having one-on-one access to Board members. This allowed Board members to explain the licensing process and encourage individual students to strive for certification.

This was the second time the Board met on the campus of Jackson State University. With the success of this meeting, many expressed the desire to continue this initiative at other universities and colleges.





HONOR A MSCPA MEMBER *for the Public* *Award*



Bob Cunningham
2023 Public Service

The membership is invited to nominate a member for consideration for the MSCPA 2024 Public Service Award. The winner will be recognized during the 2024 Annual Convention awards presentation on Saturday, June 22, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, FL.

Qualifying activities for the award include MSCPA membership and professional and civic public service achievements. Nominations should be submitted by **February 1, 2024**. Submit by email to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org) for consideration by the MSCPA Public Service Award Committee.

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LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

HOUSE BILL 1733: Revised Depreciation Methods

*This bill passed during the 2023 Legislative Session
is significant to members and clients.*

For the purposes of computing income tax for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, a taxpayer may treat specified research or experimental expenditures that are paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the tax year in connection with the taxpayer's trade or business as expenses that are not chargeable to the capital account. Such expenditures so treated shall be allowed as an immediate deduction. Such expenditures shall remain allowable as a full and immediate expense deduction in the year in which the expenses are incurred notwithstanding any changes to the federal Internal Revenue Code related to the depreciation of such specified research or experimental expenditures. A taxpayer may alternatively treat the depreciation of such specified research or experimental expenditures in accordance with the schedule provided in 26 USCS Section 174. A taxpayer may make an election whether to take a full and immediate deduction for such expenditures and/or to depreciate the expenditures in accordance with 26 USCS Section 174. Such an election may be made for any tax year if made not later than the time prescribed by law for filing the return for such tax year, including extensions thereof. The method so elected by the taxpayer is irrevocable unless the Commissioner specifically allows a change in the method.

For the purpose of computing income tax for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, expenditures for business assets that are qualified property or qualified

improvement property shall be eligible for one hundred percent (100%) bonus depreciation and may be deducted as an expense incurred by the taxpayer during the tax year during which the property is placed in service, notwithstanding any changes to federal law related to cost recovery beginning on January 1, 2023, or on any other date. A taxpayer may alternatively treat the depreciation of such business assets in accordance with the schedule provided in 26 USCS Section 168. A taxpayer may make an election whether to take a bonus depreciation deduction for such expenditures and/or to depreciate the expenditures in accordance with 26 USCS Section 168. Such an election may be made for any tax year if made not later than the time prescribed by law for filing the return for such tax year, including extensions thereof. The method so elected by the taxpayer is irrevocable unless the Commissioner specifically allows a change in the method.

In any taxable year in which any 26 USCS Section 179 property is placed in service, a taxpayer may elect to treat the cost of such property as an expense which is not chargeable to a capital account, and any cost so treated shall be allowed as a deduction for that year. Mississippi's treatment of the deduction shall conform to the provisions of 26 USCS Section 179 in effect for that year.

"Qualified improvement property" and "specified research or experimental expenditures" have the same definitions as existed on January 1, 2021.





HOUSE BILL 1671: Credits Available for Contributions to Eligible Transitional Housing Organizations (ETHO)

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

House Bill 1671 of the 2023 Regular Session allows for a tax credit for voluntary cash contributions to eligible transitional home organizations (ETHO). This credit is available to both Individual and Business taxpayers.

2023 Information for ETHO Credits INDIVIDUAL

Total Maximum Allocation for 2023: \$1,000,000

Limits on Total Allocations per ETHO (Individual Contributions) for 2023: N/A

Who can Qualify as an ETHO: Organizations that provide temporary transitional housing to homeless persons aged twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families, and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women with temporary shelter and facilitate their movement to permanent housing within an amount of time determined by the ETHO.

Who can Apply for an Allocation of Credit:
Individual Taxpayers

Tax-Types that Credit can be used against:
Income Tax (50% of tax liability), Ad Valorem Tax (50% of real property tax liability)

Carry Forward: 5 years

Other Limitations: Contribution cannot be used for other state charitable credits and cannot be used as a deduction for state income tax purposes

Currently the following Organizations have been approved for Individual and Business credits:

- Hope Village for Children
- Mississippi Children's Home Society
- Southern Christian Services
- Sunnybrook Children's Home

2023 Information for ETHO Credits BUSINESSES

Total Maximum Allocation for 2023: \$10,000,000

Limits on Total Allocations per ETHO (Business Contributions) for 2023:
25% of the maximum allocation (\$2,500,000)

Who can Qualify as an ETHO: Organizations that provide temporary transitional housing to homeless persons aged twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families, and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women with temporary shelter and facilitate their movement to permanent housing within an amount of time determined by the ETHO.

Who can Apply for an Allocation of Credit:
Business Taxpayers (Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Sole Proprietorships)

Tax-Types that Credit can be used against:
Income Tax (50% of tax liability), Insurance Premium Tax (50% of tax liability), Insurance Premium Retaliatory Tax (50% of tax liability), Ad Valorem Tax (50% of real property tax liability)

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Other Limitations: Contribution cannot be used for other state charitable credits and cannot be used as a deduction for state income tax purposes

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CHAPTER NEWS **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CENTRAL CHAPTER

Join us for our upcoming **Lunch & Learn** sessions at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland, MS. These informative sessions will offer great opportunities to expand your knowledge, network with fellow professionals, and enjoy a delicious meal.

- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Thursday, January 25, 2024
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Complete details coming soon!

NORTHEAST CHAPTER

MSCPA's Northeast Chapter will host a **Tax CPE Seminar** taught by Jim Martin of Martin & Co., CPA, P.C. on November 28, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., at the Cadence Bank Conference Center North Hall in Tupelo, MS. Cost: \$240 (lunch provided).

The Northeast Chapter is also hosting at **Snack/Toy Drive** benefiting the local Boys & Girls Club on November 28. Snack Foods: gummies, cookies, chips, goldfish, bottled waters, juice boxes, etc. (no canned drinks). Toy Drive: toys for any ages, such as dolls, art sets, basketballs, footballs, etc. for ages 12 and under.

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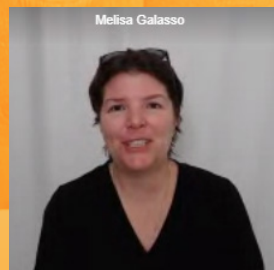
MSCPA hosted our annual Not-for-Profit Conference on September 26, 2023. We heard from many great speakers on industry-specific insights needed to maintain a strong organization for themselves and their clients and how to be informed about the unique challenges they face in this profession. This year's speakers included Melisa Galasso, John T. Williams, John T. Kmiec, Allison B. Rooker, Bob Mims, and Charles R. Lindsay. This year's panelists were Ellen Collins, Charles R. Lindsay, Bob Mims, and Ricky Rayborn. MSCPA would like to thank the Not-for-Profit Committee, presenters, sponsors, and attendees for making the conference a success! Chairman: Amie Dean; Millennial Chair: Miya Bates



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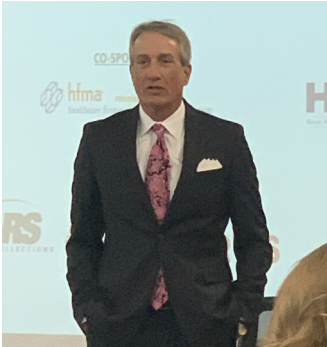


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HEALTH CARE SERVICES CONFERENCE

MSCPA hosted our Health Care Services Conference on September 21, 2023. This event is designed to meet the specific interests of CPAs and financial professionals who provide services to hospitals, physician practices, and long-term care facilities. A big thank you to all our sponsors, speakers, and committee members who made this conference a success. This year's speakers: Shawn Stack, Drew Snyder, Gerard Gibert, and Richard Roberson. This year's panelists: Rep. Becky Currie, Corey Miller, Scott Waller, Allison Simpson, Dr. Patrick Chapman, Robin Mixon, and Paul Black. Chairman: Julia Jesuit; Millennial Chair: Andres Posada



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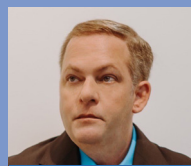
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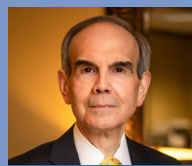
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