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Start preparing for our 2024 Annual Convention! Members, along with their families and guests, are warmly invited by the Officers and Board of Governors to partake in a family-friendly program. Registration will open soon. Join us for an event filled with entertainment for everyone.

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Grand Complex 1 Bedroom	\$280.00
Grand Complex 2 Bedroom	\$415.00
Grand Complex 3 Bedroom	\$510.00
Luau Studio	\$250.00
Luau 1 Bedroom	\$280.00
Luau 2 Bedroom*	\$385.00
Luau 3 Bedroom*	\$500.00

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Member News

Byrne Zizzi CPA, PLLC Introduces New Partners

Byrne Zizzi CPA recently introduced new partners, Marie Harrington, CPA, and Tony Haas, CPA.

Marie and **Tony** bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the firm, showcasing exceptional skills in tax planning and advisory services. Their proven track records and unwavering

dedication to excellence gives the firm confidence that Marie and Tony will play significant roles in furthering the firm's success and ensuring client satisfaction.

Boasting over 30 years of combined public accounting experience, Marie and Tony share a robust commitment to delivering unparalleled service to clients.



Marie Harrington



Tony Haas

Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A. Shareholder Retires & New Directors Promoted



Shannon Adams

Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A. (MC&L), a leading accounting firm, announced the retirement of J. Raleigh Cutrer, CPA/ABV, at the end of 2023. Cutrer is one of MC&L's founding shareholders and has dedicated 35 years to the firm, with over 45 years of experience in public accounting.

The firm is also excited to introduce new directors, Shannon Adams, CPA, and Tolliver C. McMullen, CPA, CFE, who joined the firm's leadership team at the beginning of 2024.

Raleigh has masterfully guided MC&L to new heights during his time as a shareholder, and past managing shareholder, overseeing the firm's tax planning and preparation practice in addition to directing the firm's business valuation services. Alongside holding the prestigious Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation, as recognized by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), he is part of several local and national accounting advisory committees and civic groups. The entire firm will dearly miss him, and they wish him well in this new chapter.



Tolliver McMullen

Shannon and Tolliver have over 32 combined years of experience with MC&L and public accounting. They both previously served as Senior Managers.

Shannon has extensive expertise working with and auditing governmental and nonprofit organizations including foundations, charities, trade associations, religious organizations, Rural Development, and HUD family housing projects. She is always giving back to the community or paying it forward in the industry. Adams is the current Chair and past Millennial Chair of the MSCPA Accounting and Auditing Committee, and a past MSCPA Young CPA Network President. She was also the recipient of the MSCPA Rising Star Award in 2021.

Tolliver excels in services ranging from financial statement audits or reviews, forensic investigations, and tax planning to transaction advisory including bankruptcy and distressed business taxation consulting. He is the current Chair and past Millennial Chair of the MSCPA Professional Conduct Committee. He is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

HORNE Board of Directors Admits New Partners

Nick Dubuisson, Chandler Croom, and Timothy Smith, who serve on HORNE's Construction, Franchise and Public and Middle Market teams, respectively, were appointed as partners.

Nick provides clients with a broad range of life cycles, from the start-up phase to bonding and creditworthiness to maturity and business exit planning. His focus on process

improvement and evaluation provides the financial clarity needed to support his clients' business goals.

Chandler specializes in accounting and business advisory services for various Franchise clients across the country.

Timothy specializes in serving state and local governments and shepherding them through grant implementation, management and compliance.



Nick Dubuisson



Chandler Croom



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President/CEO and Members Attend MEC Capital Day 2024

The annual MEC Capital Day, hosted by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC), took place on January 4 at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson.

Karen Moody, President/CEO of MSCPA, attended with members from FORVIS. The event was centered around MEC’s priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

Key speakers included MEC Chair Jeff Bowman, Governor Tate Reeves, representatives from Accelerate Mississippi’s Career Coach Program (featuring Lorene Haymer, Collyn Leggett, and Jim Sutherland), Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, and House Speaker Pro Tem Manly Barton.



Attendees at the MEC Capital Day 2024
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President/CEO Karen Moody and Advisory to the State Board Committee Millennial Chair Josh Norris represented MSCPA and shared information about the Society.





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- March 5** What's New in Excel
- March 12** Internal Control Changes for Telecommuting Workers
- March 19** How Business Technology Will Evolve
- March 26** If You Only Knew What Microsoft Word Could Do

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MSCPA ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 19-23, 2024

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This year marks the **MSCPA 38th 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

MSCPA has reserved a block of rooms at the Sandestin Resort. Book directly with Sandestin **before the cut-off on May 19** to secure your room. There are only a certain number of each room type so book early for your preference!

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Phone: 1-800-320-8115

Book Online: <https://bit.ly/3OCFPqX>

Room Block Cut-off Date: May 19, 2024

REGISTRATION

Registering early helps the Society plan for convention more accurately. **Register by May 1 for a chance to win a FREE convention registration!**

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WEDNESDAY

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Mike Morgan

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Bob Mims

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Members who register and attend on Friday morning will have the opportunity to earn 2 additional hours of CPE credit.

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- **Book through our Room Block by May 1 for a chance to win a FREE Sandestin getaway.** Book your room directly with Sandestin using our group code 24U4ON by May 1 to be automatically entered. Prize includes a free two-night stay at Sandestin. The winner will be selected in a random drawing during Convention.
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- **Help MSCPA meet our contract obligations and earn rooms for staff and speakers.** We earn complimentary room nights based on the number of rooms booked if our room contract obligation is met. These rooms help defray the cost of housing the MSCPA staff and our speakers. MSCPA could be subject to penalty if the room block falls short. If you book an accommodation type that is not included in our block listing, ask the reservation department to credit your room to the MSCPA group code 24U4ON.
- **Deposit is refundable up to 7 days before arrival.** A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms. Deposit is refundable in the event of individual room cancellation, provided notice is received by Sandestin 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date.

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IRS Continues to Make Improvements to Help Taxpayers

January 8, 2024

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that it expects more than 128.7 million individual tax returns to be filed by the April 15, 2024, tax deadline.

Taxpayers will continue to see helpful changes at the IRS following ongoing transformation work. Building off the success of the 2023 tax season that saw significant improvements following passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the 2024 filing season will continue reflecting the focus on improving services to taxpayers.

Some of the new and expanded tools and resources include:

- Expanded in-person service that meets taxpayers where they are by opening or reopening Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs). The IRS will also offer extended hours at many TACs nationwide.
- Increased help available on the toll-free line and an expanded customer call back feature designed to significantly reduce wait times.
- Improvements to the “Where’s My Refund” tool, which is the IRS’ most widely used taxpayer service tool. However, the tool provides limited information, often leading taxpayers to call the IRS to inquire about their refund status. Updates to Where’s My Refund will allow taxpayers to see more detailed refund status messages in plain language. These updates will also ensure “Where’s My Refund” works seamlessly on mobile devices.



Taxpayers often see a generic message stating that their returns are still being processed and to check back later. With the improvements, taxpayers will see clearer and more detailed updates, including whether the IRS needs them to respond to a letter requesting additional information. The new updates will reduce the need for taxpayers to call the IRS for answers to basic questions.

- Enhanced paperless processing that will enable taxpayers to submit all correspondence, non-tax forms, and responses to notices digitally and will be able to e-File 20 additional tax forms. Achieving this milestone will enable up to 125 million paper documents to be submitted digitally per year.
 - An enhanced IRS Individual Online Account that includes chat, the option to schedule and cancel future payments, revise payment plans and validate and save bank accounts.
- A new, pilot tax filing service called Direct File that gives eligible taxpayers a new choice to file their 2023 federal tax returns online, for free, directly with the IRS. It will be rolled out in phases and is expected to be widely available in mid-March.

Find more about Direct File pilot eligibility, scope and the participating states at www.irs.gov/about-irs/strategic-plan/direct-file.



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MSCPA Young CPA Network

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On December 18, the MSCPA Young CPA Network convened for a festive Christmas Social at Georgia Blue in Madison. The gathering featured complimentary food, drinks, bingo, and a drawdown with a \$200 grand prize.

We extend our gratitude to YCPA President Peyton Gordon and the Events Committee, chaired by Katie Horton and Lauren Wray, for organizing this event, and we offer special recognition to our sponsor, Mississippi Federal Credit Union.





Volunteer or Nominate

The **MSCPA Young CPA Network** is seeking volunteers and nominations for 2024-2025. Young CPA Network members will elect new members to the Young CPA Network Board of Directors at the Annual Young CPA Conference.

You are invited to volunteer or send names of suggested candidates to Karen Moody at kmoody@ms-cpa.org by **April 1, 2024**.

SAVE THE DATE! YCPA Leadership Conference

Wednesday
April 24, 2024

YCPA Social
Tuesday
April 23, 2024

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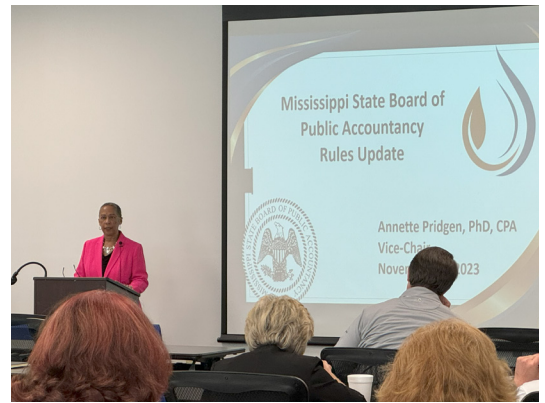
MSCPA Chairman Jerry Goolsby hosted the annual Board of Governors and past Chairmen's Christmas reception and dinner on December 8 at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson. Also in attendance were past YCPA Presidents, State Board members, and special guests Santa (aka Billy Morehead) and Jimmy Chilimigras and family, the world's youngest CPA at the age of 15, currently pursuing a law degree.



CHAPTERS

CENTRAL CHAPTER LUNCH & LEARN

The MSCPA Central Chapter held a **Lunch & Learn** on November 30, 2023, at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. Presenters were Shad White, State Auditor of Mississippi, and Annette Pridgen, Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy.



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GULF COAST CHAPTER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On December 1, the Gulf Coast Chapter gathered at Seagrapes Wine Café in Gulfport for a **Christmas Social**, featuring hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and gift bags. Thank you to the Chapter Officers, Randa Craig, Maria Saylor, and Richard Brown, for continuing to keep the Chapter active with festive events.



NORTHEAST CHAPTER TAX CPE SEMINAR & SNACK/TOY DRIVE

MSCPA's Northeast Chapter hosted a **Tax CPE Seminar** taught by Jim Martin of Martin & Co., CPA, P.C. on November 28, 2023, in Tupelo. They also hosted a **Snack/Toy Drive** benefiting the local Boys & Girls Club. Thanks to Chase Farmer and Hollie Ballard for organizing this successful event.



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MSCPA hosted our annual two-day Mississippi Tax Institute on December 11-12, 2023 at the Sheraton The Refuge Hotel in Flowood. We heard from Gray G. Edmondson, Charles Allen, Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, Matt Cotter, Brandon Dixon, Samantha Moore, Michael Skinner, David D. Aughtry, Jack VanDevender, Sara Watson, Jan M. Craig, John Fletcher, Bridgette Thomas, David Stevens, Robert Zischke, and Jan F. Lewis. MSCPA would like to thank the Taxation Committee, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees for making the conference a success.

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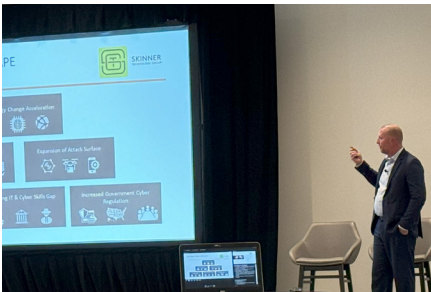
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April 24 (Wednesday)

MSCPA Training Center
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☑ Accounting & Auditing Conference

May 14 (Tuesday)

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☑ Business & Industry Management Development Conference

May 15-16 (Wednesday-Thursday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

Annual Convention

June 19-23 (Wednesday-Sunday)

Sandestin, FL

☑ Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

August 15-16 (Thursday-Friday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

☑ Agricultural & Farm Activities Conference

August 20 (Tuesday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

☑ Banking & Finance Conference

August 22 (Thursday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

☑ Health Care Services Conference

September 19 (Thursday)

MSCPA Training Center
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☑ Not-For-Profit Conference

September 26 (Thursday)

MSCPA Training Center
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☑ Industry Conference

October 23 (Wednesday)

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Ridgeland

☑ Accounting Education Conference

November 1 (Friday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

☑ Business Valuation & Litigation Conference

November 21 (Thursday)

MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland

☑ Mississippi Tax Institute

December 16-17 (Monday-Tuesday)

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