

MSCPA Centennial History Book Distribution Is Underway



History books were distributed to Ergon members including Lee Adams (left), 2012-2013 MSCPA Chairman, and Emmitt Haddox (right), 1985-1986 MSCPA Chairman.

As a part of our centennial celebration, we are proud to present the *MSCPA Centennial History: A Century of CPAs in Mississippi*. The book is filled with facts, photos, and the accomplishments of the Society and its members over the decades.

Here is a sneak peek of what is inside:

- 1 Accountants used to work for \$10 a day (page 13).
- 2 There is a CPA who has been licensed and working for 63 years (page 168).
- 3 If you have been a chapter president, CPA exam medal winner, Outstanding Educator, Public Service Award recipient, Rising Star, YCPA President, or scholarship recipient, you are in the book (Appendix A-F).
- 4 The first female officer was elected in 1949 (page 68).
- 5 The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy also celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020 (page 197).
- 6 An alphabetized listing of member names appearing in the book with page numbers can be found in the Index (pages 203-217).

Book distributions are currently underway. Chairman Annette Pridgen would like to deliver as many as possible personally and will be travelling to firms around the state. Of course, the pandemic has hampered the process. Others will be mailed or stop by the MSCPA office to pick up a copy. If you would like to request a book, please email Noma Gillis at ngillis@ms-cpa.org.

This project was made possible by the generous support of our members, chapters, and friends. We hope you enjoy it.

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IN MEMORIAM

BERNADETTE LEVENS TOLSON
Long Beach
Died August 1, 2020

WILLIAM E. WALKER JR.
Walnut Grove
Died July 22, 2020

Nominate an Outstanding Educator

The MSCPA Awards, Education & Scholarships Committee is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Educator Award for 2020-2021.

Each year the committee requests nominations for selection of an educator who has made significant contributions as an accounting instructor. That individual is honored during the MSCPA Annual Business Meeting at Convention in June.

Nominations should be submitted in writing by **October 1** to be considered by the committee. Send your nominations to Outstanding Educator, c/o MSCPA, 306 Southampton Row, Ridgeland, MS 39157 to the attention of Shawn Mauldin, Committee Chairman.

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October 29

Accounting Education Conference
October 30



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Member News

AICPA honors Tonya Flesher with Distinguished Achievement Award

The American Institute of CPAs recognized four accounting professors for their notable teaching and research during the annual American Accounting Association meeting.

This year's honorees include:

Tonya Flesher, professor of accountancy and Arthur Andersen Lecturer Emerita at the University of Mississippi, is the recipient of the 2020 AICPA Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award.

Mary Barth of Stanford University, Wayne Landsman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Daniel Taylor of the University of Pennsylvania received the 2020 Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award.

The Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award honors full-time collegiate accounting educators who have reached national prominence in the accounting profession.

"Over nearly four decades, Professor Flesher has been a true innovator in accounting education, often creating her own curricula and textbooks to best prepare her students," said Steve Matzke, director of faculty and university initiatives at the Association



Tonya Flesher is pictured with her husband, Dale, who received the award in 2011. This photo is from their recent 50th wedding anniversary.

of International Certified Professional Accountants, in a statement. "Students praised her for the detailed feedback she provided and passion she shared, and students and faculty recognized her with numerous teaching awards."

Tonya taught accounting at the University of Mississippi for 40 years and served six years as Dean of the School of Accountancy. Her appointment as dean in 1987 was a significant event in the University's then 140-year history as she was the first woman to hold a deanship at the University in any field of study. Tonya is the author of over 100 articles and eight books (in over 30 editions). She had previously won the University-wide Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003. She has served on AICPA committees for over 30 years, including service on the committee that prepares the CPA Exam, and received that organization's Continuing Service Award in 2012. Tonya is originally from the Kokomo area and graduated from Western High School in 1967 and Ball State University in 1971. She received her master's degree from Appalachian State University and her Ph.D from Ole Miss.

Mississippi is one of only four universities to have had multiple honorees for this award as her husband, Dale Flesher, was the recipient of the 2011 Award. Tonya is also the mother of two wonderful children.

MSCPA Members Appointed to AICPA Committees for 2020-2021

The following MSCPA members have been appointed to an AICPA volunteer group for the committee year that began in May 2020 and will end in May 2021. This includes appointments to boards, committees, and task forces including the AICPA Peer Review Board and the Joint Trial Board.



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Tax Practice
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Jan Lewis
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and Tax Executive
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Annette Pridgen
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Cheryl Sykes
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Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC-Oxford to Ed Maxwell (right). Ed and his wife, Nicole, were the first donors to make a financial contribution to the history book.



Fortenberry & Ballard PC to Brent Ballard (right).



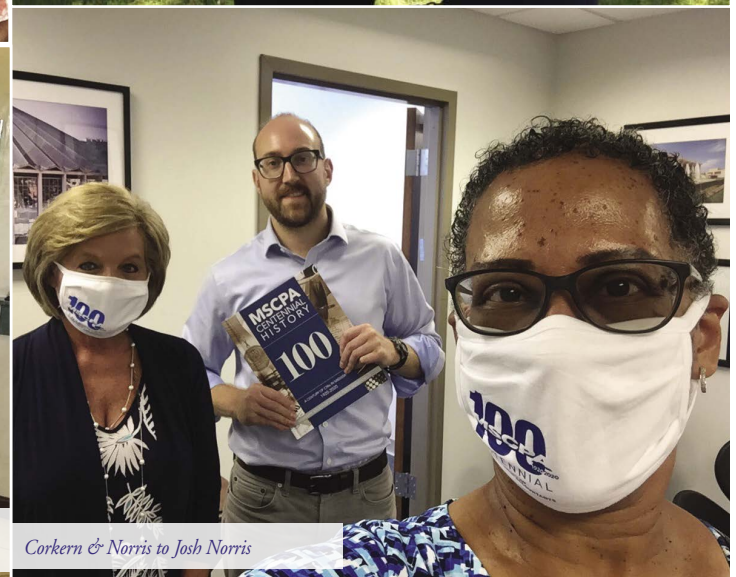
Lindsey, Parker & Martin PA to Tim Martin (right).



University of Mississippi Patterson School of Accountancy to Mark Wilder (left).



Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A. to Shannon Adams, 2019-2020 MSCPA YCPA President.



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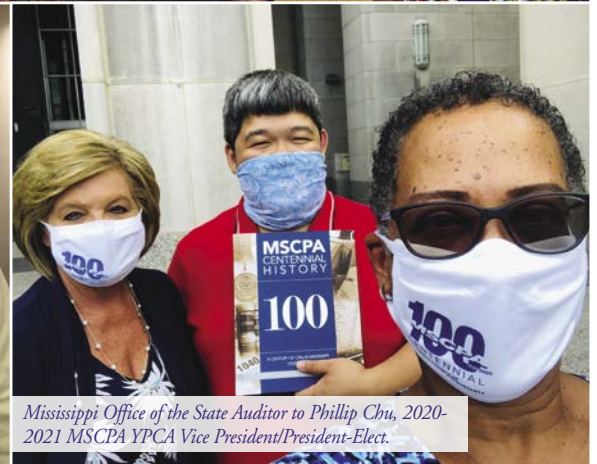
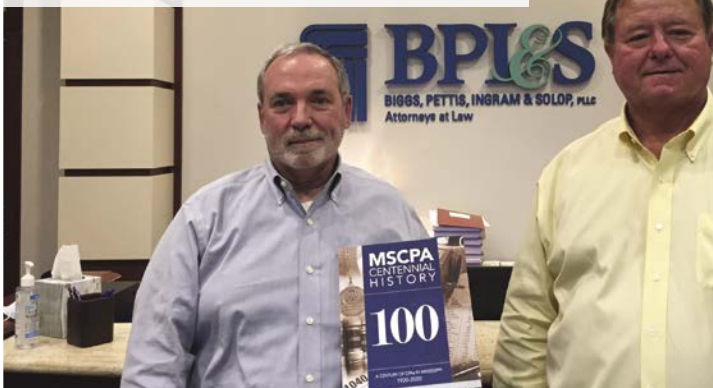


The Burgess Group to Beth Burgess (center), 2013-2014 MSCPA Chairman.



Baker Donelson to Stacy Thomas (center), 2011-2012 MSCPA Chairman.

Biggs, Pettis, Ingram & Solop, PLLC to Barry Jones (left) and Jim Pettis (right), longtime MSCPA sponsors.



Mississippi Office of the State Auditor to Phillip Chu, 2020-2021 MSCPA YPCA Vice President/President-Elect.



Mississippi Department of Archives & History. The Department was an integral resource for co-author, Annette Pridgen (left).



Jones Walker LLP to Tom Walker, Linda Keng, 2007-2008 MSCPA Chairman, and Bob Box.



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Legacy Spotlights

This Gulf Coast family includes 8 accountants across 3 generations. Inspired by the self-made matriarch, Mary Levens, a number of her children, a son-in-law, and a couple grandchildren pursued education and careers in accounting. Moreover, she inspired a legacy of service to their church, communities and to providing opportunities for the next generation through scholarships.



Mary Schepens Levens

Mary Schepens Levens, is a self-taught public accountant, whose mother was a 2nd generation Sicilian immigrant and her

father was a first-generation immigrant from the Netherlands. She started her public accounting firm, Levens Accounting and Income Tax Services, in Gulfport in 1960. Later in 1966 she opened a second location in Pascagoula. Her husband, Gene Levens, joined her firm offering certified financial planning services along with life insurance. She ran her business in addition to raising her family of nine children.

Mary's tax practice typically prepared approximately 1,500 tax returns a year. Her husband passed away in 1999 and Mary sold her Pascagoula location business to Pascagoula resident Michael Tolleson, CPA. In 1990 her daughter, Bernadette, who had worked alongside her since she was 16, acquired the Gulfport practice from her mother and started the CPA firm of Bernadette Levens Tolson, CPA, P.A. and Mary went to work for her daughter. This year (2020) was Mary's last and 60th tax season to complete and she retires at the age of 83. Over the years Mary has volunteered for many roles from PTO/church/Carnival Associations/Habit for Humanity to name a few. Her many accolades and recognition include Carnival Association of Long Beach Queen Rosalie, Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award and Small Business Administrative Award and Lumeni Christi (Light of Christ) Award. Mary and her husband believed in helping the

community through involvement in church/civic organizations. They passed this duty of service and passion for the community on to their children.

Currently, Mary enjoys spending time with her family and folks she encounters by passing on her wisdom and business knowledge to anyone that will listen and wants to learn. Serving her clients and the community as well as champion the small business owner is still a constant in her life.

Though Mary was not a CPA, her approach to helping clients through tax planning and compliance needs has influenced seven family members to pursue accounting education with six of them becoming CPAs.



Jerry L. Levens, CPA, CFE, CGMA

Mary's son, Jerry, serves on the Board of Directors of Hancock Whitney Corporation {Nasdaq: HWC} and also on the Board of HWC's banking

subsidiary, Hancock Whitney Bank. He served as a partner, for 27 years, for the regional CPA firm of Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC (AVL), based on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For twentyfive (25) years he served as the partner in charge of all of the firm's audit and assurance engagements. Prior to joining the Hancock Whitney Corporation Board of Directors, he served as a director of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) from 2008 to 2009. He currently serves as Chairman of The Board of Directors of HWC, Chairman of The Board of Directors of Hancock Whitney Bank, Chair of the Board's Executive Committee, and also serves on the HWC's Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

Jerry has worked in the accounting profession since 1978, starting his career in Jackson with DeMiller, Denny, Word & Co. then in Gulfport working with McDonald, Bourne & Clifford and later as Controller with Hancock Mortgage Corporation, before joining AVL in 1990. He has substantial academic and professional credentials,

including a Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Mississippi, a Mississippi CPA license, and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)-Retired and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)-Retired. Jerry has served in numerous leadership roles in the CPA profession, namely: elected by Mississippi CPAs to serve as Chairman of the MSCPA in 2000; appointed by a former Governor to a five year term to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, serving as Chair for one year; and selected by CPA peers to be Mississippi's elected member of the CPA profession's national governing Council of the AICPA.

Jerry has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including as Chair of the following: Infinity Science Center, Inc. (the official NASA Visitors' Center for Stennis Space Center); Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.; Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, Inc. Finance Council; Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Biloxi, Inc.; St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Parish Council; and St. Thomas' Hurricane Katrina Rebuilding Committee. Jerry has also served on several governmental boards, including the Board of Commissioners for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, where he served as Chair of the Board's Governance Committee and Chair of the Board's Audit Committee; and the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. He was appointed by the lieutenant governor to the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Advisory Board, which will be involved in how \$450 million of State of Mississippi Deepwater Horizon settlement funds will be used on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Additionally, Jerry has served on the following nonprofit boards over his career: MSCPA Political Action committee; MSCPA Gulf Coast Chapter; Mississippi Tax Institute; National Association of State Boards of Accountancy; Treasurer of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce (12 years); Gulf Coast Business Council, Inc.; Gulfport Kiwanis Club (25 years); President or Treasurer of Thomas L. Reeves Elementary School PTO (8 years); Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA-Long Beach Branch and University of Mississippi Alumni Association Board (6 years).

Jerry currently is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) and has earned the designation as a Board Leadership Fellow; a member of the AICPA and a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. At the University of Mississippi, Jerry serves on the E. H. Patterson School of Accountancy Professional Advisory Council.

Jerry has received numerous awards and commendations for his professional, civic, and business activities namely: Pat Santucci Spirit of the Coast Award; The Sun Herald's Outstanding Community Leaders award; Coast Chamber's "4 Ever Young" award; Induction into Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Alumni Association Hall of Fame; Lumeni Christi (Light of Christ) Award from Catholic Bishop of Diocese of Biloxi and MSCPA's Public Service Award.

Jerry is an alumnus of Leadership Gulf Coast and the Gulf Coast Business Council Master's Program.

He and his wife, Cindy, attend St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Long Beach where he serves as a Lector. He is the proud father of three adult children, Jay, Andrew and Jenny, and four granddaughters, Macie, Ava, Reagan and Anniston. Jerry is expecting his first grandson in October.



Bernadette Levens Tolson, CPA (1959-2020)

Mary's daughter, Bernadette, was a 1977 honor graduate of Long Beach High School, obtained an

Associate's Degree in 1979

from MS Gulf Coast Community College, and in 1982 she received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting major) from the University of Southern Mississippi. She worked for 45 years alongside her mother in providing accounting/bookkeeping/tax preparation services at the family business (started in 1960) in Gulfport. Initially with Levens' Accounting and Tax Preparation Services and later when she established her own firm in 1990, Bernadette Levens Tolson, CPA, P.A.

Bernadette was a CPA in Mississippi for 33 years and was a member of the AICPA, the MSCPA Gulf Coast Chapter, and the National Association of Tax Preparers. She was a member of the Carnival Association of Long Beach (CALB) and was crowned Queen Rosalie in 1983. She served for numerous years on Finance Councils at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. She enjoyed travelling and exploring the country, spending time with her immediate and very large extended family, reading, and listening to news stories. She was a long time

supporter of girl's softball with Long Beach Girl's Softball League where she sponsored teams for over 30 years. In 2019, Bernadette sold her CPA practice to Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC, under a practice continuation agreement she had with AVL, shortly after she was diagnosed with brain cancer.



J. Clay Levens

Mary's son, Clay, has a passion for all aspects of healthcare, but his upbringing peaked his interest in the family tradition of accounting and business.

Working his way through college as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Mobile Medic Ambulance Service, Inc. in Gulfport, Clay earned his Bachelor of Science Business Administration - Accounting from University of Southern Mississippi in 1988. He worked for two years with the CPA firm DeMiller, Denny, Word and Company in Jackson in the audit department performing banking and insurance audits and Federal Government compliance regulation audits. Clay returned to his hometown area and worked for one year with a local CPA firm, Moore and Powell, in their tax and audit department. Clay was contacted by the management of Mobile Medic and was re-employed in a new role as Corporate Controller, which later transitioned to AMR Ambulance. While working as corporate controller, Clay enrolled in William Carey College, Master Business Administration - Executive Leadership Program, completing his MBA in 1994 with an emphasis in entrepreneurship and health care. With his accounting and business knowledge, Clay conceptualized and created a new healthcare company, Mobile Diagnostic Imaging, Inc. (MDI). MDI provided an innovative delivery system of radiology and cardiology mobile healthcare services on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After seven years of operations and contracted with a majority of the niche market, Clay sold MDI to a large healthcare parent company in 1999. While managing MDI, Clay continued with a limited scope of accounting services for small business clients.

After the sale of MDI, Clay followed in his second passion of healthcare. He returned to college and in 2002 obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Southern Mississippi. He currently works as a Registered Nurse, clinical patient care for a Federal Governmental Agency. Utilizing his accounting, business, and healthcare background, Clay has served on multiple committees and ad hoc committees for healthcare, staffing/budgeting, Locality Pay Surveys (LPS), Incident Command and Disaster Emergency Management within the healthcare system.

Encompassing his education and work experience, Clay has served thirty years in the healthcare arena with diverse roles to include executive, administrative, operational, and clinical.

Following the sale of MDI and up to present day, Clay continues to perform accounting and business services for a few clients and referred the tax component to CPA firms. As some of the clients increased in size and compliance requirements, these clients were referred to both Clay's siblings, Jerry Levens, CPA and Bernadette Tolson, CPA, for continued quality professional accounting services.



Donna Levens Schmidt, CPA

Mary's daughter, Donna, graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Mississippi and began her

accounting career in the Tax

group at Arthur Andersen in Houston, Texas. Houston became home for over 30 years as Donna and her husband, Thomas, enjoyed big city life. Donna's career in tax has included working for a local Real Estate developer and the oil & gas industry. She was with El Paso Corporation for over 15 years.

Currently, she serves as VP Tax for Crestwood Equity Partners (CEQP). CEQP is a Publicly Traded Master Limited Partnership based in Houston, Texas that owns and operates oil & gas midstream assets in Shale plays around the U.S.

Over the years in Houston, Donna has volunteered and served on church and nonprofit boards. Serving on Finance council and Religious Education boards as well as Executive committee and Chair for the church festival and live auctions. She recently ended a 4-year term as a Board of Trustee for Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation where she served as Treasurer.

As Mississippi often does ---it pulls you back home. Donna moved back to the Coast summer 2019 and now Donna is a remote employee for her company and travels to Houston for work on occasion. As COVID has made her a full time Coast resident she looks forward to service and volunteer activities in her hometown community.

Accounting/bookkeeping/tax was discussed all the time growing up. In the early 70's as a young girl Donna remembers helping her mother sort different sizes of colored papers. A local convenience store used the "shoebox" method of bookkeeping. She remembers her mom saying, "put all the small pink paper here and the large yellow ones over there and the short blues to the left. They all represented vendors leaving their inventory at the store." She did not understand all of it BUT she certainly knew to

keep it all in order. Now she understands dates and vendors and is very grateful for computer software. Donna is proud of her “accounting genes.” Donna and Thomas enjoy spending time with their five children and two grandchildren.

- o Abby, sophomore at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis
- o John Michael, Ole Miss accounting graduate working on a master degree, CPA in Colorado, works for a nonprofit
- o Marianne, Ole Miss HR graduate working on a graduate degree at USM, campus minister at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Hattiesburg
- o Phillip (Grace), Ole Miss accounting graduate with a masters in tax, CPA in Texas, works for Deloitte in Houston, Texas
- o Tom (Lauren), USM graduate, sales rep in Houston, Texas for Howard Industries
 - Two granddaughters (Mary Claire and Adelaide)



Thomas C. Schmidt, Sr., CPA, CFP, CEPA

Donna's husband, Thomas, was born and raised in Pass Christian and received his BSBA in Accounting from

The University of Southern Mississippi in 1984. After graduation he followed work to Houston, Texas where we remained for 35 years returning home in March of 2019. In 1986 he obtained his CPA certificate from the State of Texas.

While in Houston he held various positions as well as owning several businesses. From 1999 until 2017 in addition to owning his own Financial Planning and Investment Management firm he also served at the Chief Financial Officer of a family office and a directional drilling company in the Oil & Gas industry. In 2001 he obtained his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Certification.

He is currently employed by AVL Wealthcare, a full service Financial Planning and Wealth Management firm based in Gulfport. He serves clients across the southwest and the southeast United States and counsels clients in a very tailored holistic approach.

He is also the owner/principal of Velocity Business Advisors, a consultancy involved in value growth consulting and exit/succession planning as well as fractional CFO services. He obtained his Certified Exit Planning Advisor certification in 2018.

Currently Thomas serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors at The

University of Southern Mississippi as well as the Business Advisory Council of the College of Business and Economic Development. Thomas is a recent graduate of Leadership Gulf Coast.

In Houston Thomas served the church/dioceses/school/community in several volunteer roles. He previously served as a founding board member and president of The Journey to Damascus - Houston, founding board member and advisor to The Journey to Damascus - Central Texas as well as board member and chairmen of The Journey to Damascus Governing Board. The Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical program designed to inspire, challenge and equip Christian Laity to witness for Christ on a daily basis; Past board member of Home Encouragement Ministries and past board member of CRC Partners, a non-profit operator of the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX.



Phillip Lamar Schmidt, CPA

Donna and Thomas' son, Phillip, grew up being taught that mom's special green pencil is for her work and not to be used for coloring. He made it his

life mission to find out what was so special to accountants about this green pencil. Upon graduating high school, and a few encouraging phone calls from Dean Mark Wilder, he left for Oxford to pursue a degree in accounting from the E.H. Patterson School of Accountancy. Ultimately, he graduated with a Master of Taxation in May 2017. During his time in Oxford he worked seasonally at Swetland Cook PLLC assisting individuals and local businesses with tax returns and bookkeeping. Here he experienced the meaningful impact of client service work he had witnessed in the work of his family of accountants. He completed his CPA exam in August 2017 and is licensed in Texas. As of present, he is a Senior Tax Consultant with Deloitte in Houston and serves a variety of clients including privately and publicly held C-Corps, Private Equity structures, and Up-C structures. For those clients is included a large amount of ASC 740 work along with compliance and consulting engagements. He has continued the family legacy of service especially to the church through serving on the Finance Council of St. Luke the Evangelist (Bruce), a mission church of St. John the Evangelist (Oxford) and helping lead college ministry events. Phillip also served as the founding president of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Mississippi and as a summer missionary for two summers at LifeTeen Camp Covecrest. And participated in many philanthropy

events supporting RebelTHON, Feed The Hunger, The Ability Experience, and Muscular Dystrophy Association along with his wife, Grace, who works a dietician in the MDA Care Center at Texas Children's Hospital. Needless to say, now as a senior and reviewer, he has learned what that special green pencil was all about.



John Michael Schmidt, CPA

Donna and Thomas' son, John Michael, works as a Senior Accountant for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic

University Students), a not-for-profit based in Denver, Colorado. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Colorado. He graduated from the University of Mississippi's E. H. Patterson School of Accountancy with a Bachelor of Accountancy with a minor in Manufacture Engineering in May of 2018. While in school John Michael was a founding father of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, served on the student advisory board for the Center for Manufacturing Excellence, and spent three years serving in the treasury department for the Associated Student Body. He also spent time working as a summer camp counselor for LifeTeen Missions during his college years. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Accountancy with an emphasis in Data Analytics online through the Gies College of Business at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign expecting to graduate in May of 2021.

Endowed Scholarship Funds

In honor of their parents, Mary and Gene Levens, who never attended college, their nine children have endowed with \$100,000 the Mary and Gene Levens Scholarship Fund at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Inc. Mary and Gene realized the importance of education and were very grateful their children benefitted from scholarships over the years. They were proud of the 14 college degrees among their nine children. Since 2000, this scholarship fund awards several scholarships annually, based on needs, to seniors from Long Beach High School who were majoring in Accounting, Business, Science, or Engineering fields.

Bernadette and the Schmidt family in 2012 established the Bernadette Levens Tolson and friends USM scholarship. Donna and Jerry established an Ole Miss Accounting scholarship in 2011. Both of these scholarships were established to help Junior College transfer students majoring in Accounting.

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Mississippi Legislature Update

August 11, 2020

The House quickly voted to override the Governor's partial veto of the Education budget 110-6. Several hours later, the Senate followed suit, overriding the Governor 41-1. This is the first override of a Mississippi Governor's veto since 2002. The K-12 Education budget is now law. In addition, the Legislature passed a separate appropriation bill to fund the School-teacher recognition program at \$28,020,972, the lack of funding for this program in the general fund appropriation bill triggered the Governor's partial veto of the education budget.

- The House and Senate also passed Senate Bill 3053, amending the Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program. These amendments include raising the minimum amount received from \$1,500 to \$3,500.
- Robin Robinson was sworn in Monday as the newest Representative from House District 88. Robin is married to MSPCA member, Sam Britton.

August 24, 2020

The 2020 Legislative Session reconvened on August 24. In a matter of two hours, the House and Senate adopted the FY 21 budget for the Department of Marine Resources. The House, Senate and Governor's office agreed to:

- Re-authorize the \$27 million in projects designated by former Governor Phil Bryant.
- Use \$20 million of the new GOMESA money and split it between Governor Tate Reeves and the Legislature, \$10 million each.
- For the Legislature's portion, the Governor will submit a list of approved projects that they will confirm and if approve, place in the DMR appropriations bill during the 2021 Legislative Session.

The House and Senate have now adjourned until a date mutually agreed upon by the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor before October 5 or until October 5, 2020 in accordance with HCR 69. When they return, the House and Senate will have 2 days left in the never-ending 2020 Regular Session, well, unless they amend the resolution.

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AGENDA

8:30am - 9:30am

Keynote Address: HFMA National Update

Todd Nelson, HFMA

9:30am - 10:30am

COVID Hot Topics

Anita Goodrum, Watkins, Ward,

and Stafford, PLLC

Andy Williams, BKD, LLP

10:45am

Medicaid Update

Drew Snyder, Division of Medicaid

12:30pm - 1:45pm

Panel Discussion: Advancing

Telehealth in Mississippi

Tearsanee Davis, UMMC Center for Telehealth

Shannon Fryery, North Mississippi Medical Center

Ryan Kelly, Mississippi Telehealth Association

William Wood, Baptist Health Systems

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Healthcare Fraud

David Donnell, Gilchrist Donnell PLLC

2:45pm - 3:45pm

State and Federal

Healthcare and COVID Update

Richard Roberson, Mississippi Hospital

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3:45pm - 4:30pm

Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic

Laura Lewis, MEA Cares

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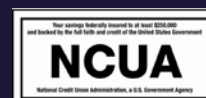
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How to Communicate Your Financial Statements for Understanding and Vision

Bob Mims, Financial Consultant

11:00am – 12:15pm

Ethics: It's More Than Just Rules

Cal Christian, East Carolina University

1:00pm – 2:15pm

Fundraising During & After a Pandemic

Dan Prater, BKD, LLP

2:25pm – 3:15pm

Secretary of State Update

Michael Watson, Secretary of State

3:15pm – 4:20pm

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