IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Kilpatrick
Tupelo
Died March 9, 2020

Brent Saunders
Ridgeland
Died June 16, 2020

MSCPA Evaluates Association **Health Insurance Plans**

Members Are Encouraged to Complete Upcoming Survey

Recent developments in the health insurance space have created the opportunity for the MSCPA to consider options to reinstitute a more traditional Association Health Care Plan that may provide meaningful benefits to MSCPA members and broaden the value of the program.

In conjunction with the review of new options, the MSCPA Insurance Trust Committee will be sending out a brief email survey to MSCPA members in July. The feedback the Committee receives from this survey will help the Committee assess the current needs and levels of interest for additional health insurance options. You are encouraged to participate in the survey to allow the Society to continue to pursue avenues to better serve our members. Please reach out to Lance Mize, Insurance Trust Committee Chairman, or Karen Moody with any questions or concerns.



Angela Pannell 2020 Outstanding Educator

Angela Pannell, Instructor of Accountancy at Mississippi State University, has been named the 2020 MSCPA

Outstanding Educator.

Angela has been an Instructor/ Lecturer in the Adkerson School of Accountancy at Mississippi State University for the past ten years. She served as a Lecturer in 2009



and 2010 and as an Instructor from 2011 to the present.

Angela reaches about 90 percent of the accounting majors and a large percentage of the business majors. She routinely teaches four sections of principles of accounting classes each semester and has an average of about 70 students per class. In addition to her on campus duties, she also teaches several distance sections of principles courses a year. She has been a pioneer in the distance classes in the Adkerson School of Accountancy.

She holds the Steve and Sherri Sanders Faculty Fellowship. This fellowship awards excellence in teaching, advising and mentoring. Other school activities include serving as Faculty Advisor to Beta Alpha Psi from August 2010 through December 2015. Through Beta Alpha Psi she developed close relationships with alums and recruiters. She has also served on numerous School and College committees. She has been a major participant on the curriculum committees for both the Adkerson School of Accountancy and the College of Business.

In addition to her teaching duties, she is a member of the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. She was appointed to the Board by Governor Ronnie Musgrove in 2003 and served until 2008. Angela was again appointed to the Board by Governor Haley Barbour in June 2011 through 2016 and was reappointed by Governor Phil Bryant in 2017. Her term runs through December of 2021. She is truly an advocate for the accountancy profession. Her accomplishments are many and she represents the best of an accounting professor.

Peyton Cavin 2020 MSCPA Rising Star

Peyton Cavin has been named the 2020 MSCPA Rising Star.

The Rising Star Award recognizes an outstanding young CPA in Mississippi age 40 or under who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and involvement in the MSCPA,



the Young CPA Network, the accounting profession and the community. First awarded in 2015, the Rising Star is selected by the MSCPA Executive Committee.

Peyton joined Silas Simmons, LLP in Natchez after graduating summa cum laude from Mississippi College in 2007. His expertise and devotion to clients and to the

Peder Johnson 2020 Public Service Award Winner



Peder Johnson has been selected as the 2020 Public Service Award winner. Prior to his retirement in 2019, Peder was the Managing Partner at BKD, LLP in Jackson.

Peder is committed to his community and not only encouraged his staff to be involved, but has always lived by example. While at BKD, he ensured that his firm supported public service by financial contributions and by allowing everyone to have time for such service whether it was an organized effort or individual involvement.

He is currently or most recently involved with the American Heart Association as board member and is a past-chairman of the Heart Ball. He is also past-chairman of the Mississippi Museum of



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2020-2021 **Dues Can Be Paid Online** Beginning July 1

Members can pay dues online for MSCPA membership year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 beginning July 1. Go to https://www.ms-cpa.org/ and login with your email and password. Then go to the Pay Dues page (under Members) to pay your dues for 2020-2021. If you need to change your member level, please contact Stephanie Edwards, MSCPA Director of Finance, at 601-856-4244.

Firm admins can also print or pay your firm employees' dues. Contact Jennie Truhett, jtruhett@ms-cpa.org to be added as a firm admin.

Dues notices will go in the mail in August to the members who have not yet paid online. Payment is due upon receipt of the statement. Dues not paid by October 1 are past due and must include a \$25.00 late fee. After October 1, members who have not paid their dues will no longer receive member benefits including discounts on CPE.

A 2020-2021 Dues Notice can be found on page 23.

Member News

BKD Promotes Hill to Managing Director



Michael Hill, CPA, has been promoted to Managing Director at BKD CPAs & Advisors. Hill provides tax compliance and consulting services for large and small business enterprises in a variety of industries including, timber, commercial real estate, REITs, restaurant franchising, wholesale distribution and publishing industries as well as large family groups.

Hill is a member of the Accounting Advisory Board for The University of Southern Mississippi School of Accountancy. He is a Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow. He also currently serves on the board of Make-A-Wish Mississippi.

MSCPA Centennial History Books Have Arrived

The much anticipated MSCPA

Centennial History books arrived at our MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland on June 10.



Authors Dr. James Davis, Dr. Dale Flesher and Dr. Annette Pridgen did a phenomenal job of documenting the first 100 years of the Society and the profession in this coffee table edition of A Century of CPAs in Mississippi. Special thanks to our donors who helped make this a reality for us all.

We also want to thank those who volunteered (Phillip Chu, Tommy Moody, Annette, her son-in-law, Micah Briggs, and nephew, Josare King) and helped unload the 4 pallets/214 boxes/6,812 lbs of books. Annette, who is also our incoming MSCPA Chairman, was onsite to oversee the day and to formally present the MSCPA staff with their copies. Distributions to donors, members, firms, libraries, colleges & universities and more are currently being planned.



PEDER JOHNSON

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Art, and is a board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Peder is a member of the Hundred Club of Jackson helping to support first responders of the City of Jackson and Hinds County. He is a member of the Century Club Charities of Mississippi, the host organization of Mississippi's Sanderson Farms Championship, having helped raise more than \$9 million for Friends of Children's Hospital. He is a Kappa Alpha Court of Honor member, and serves as board member for Millsaps College, Country Club of Jackson, Third Millennium Ministries, Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and Children's Advocacy Center of Mississippi.

By modeling and encouraging other professionals to serve and get involved in their community, he has left a legacy and has "paid it forward." The ripple impact, largely by example, will serve our community for many years to come.

PEYTON CAVIN

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profession was very apparent early on. He became a partner in 2018 and primarily practices in the areas of taxation for the oil and gas, banking, hospitality, manufacturing, and other industries.

Peyton became involved in the MSCPA

Young CPA Network as a member of the Network's Board of Directors where he served as Communications Committee Chair. He currently serves on the MSCPA Legislation and Banking Committees and has accepted the position of Millennial Chair for Banking for the coming year. He also represents the Southwest Chapter as Secretary-Treasurer.

One of Peyton's most impressive attributes is his community involvement. He truly believes in giving back. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Wilkinson County Main Street Association and Presidentelect of the Beau Pre' Property Owners' Association. He also is Chairman of the Natchez-Adams County Chamber of Commerce and is a past president and board member of the Natchez Trace Kiwanis Club, and a board member of Natchez, Inc. Other active involvement includes the Krewe of Phoenix, the Santa Clause Committee, Natchez-Adams County Humane Society, and Natchez Little Theatre where he has held board and officer positions. Peyton has also served as a member of the Woodville Zoning Committee and the Woodville Historic Preservation Committee. He is also a graduate of Leadership Natchez.

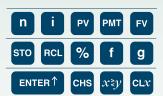
Peyton's quick wit, personality and attention to details has made him many life-long friends and business acquaintances. Peyton is very devoted to both his business and personal relationships.

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2019 CPA EXAM MEDAL WINNERS

The Fred T. Neely Gold Medal: Kellie Shannon

Kellie Shannon of Madison graduated from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics. While at Ole Miss, she was a

member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College as well as Beta Alpha Psi (Director of Service), Beta Gamma Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. She was



the recipient of the MSCPA Edward A. DeMiller, Jr. Scholarship and the Doris Raymond Scholarship and is a Kelly Gene Cook Sr. STAR Scholar, Taylor Medalist and Who's Who honoree. She has been a volunteer for the Ole Miss Big Event, RyanMan triathlon, Green Grove Initiative, and the Office of Student Disability Services. She completed an internship with KPMG in Jackson in 2018 and began as an Audit Associate in August of 2019. Her grades on all four parts of the exam totaled 386 (out of the possible 400) and ranged from 95-98. Kellie is also a legacy CPA. Her mother, Judy Shannon, is a shareholder at Lefoldt and Company in Ridgeland and a longtime member of the MSCPA.

The T.E. Lott Silver Medal (TIE): James Henry Brown III

Henry Brown of Jackson graduated from Millsaps College with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the soccer team,



Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (Social Chairman), and Beta Alpha Psi honor society and was also a graduate assistant. He competed internships with the Thigpen Group, Gerard Perrier Industrie in France, HORNE LLP, Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, and BKD in Jackson and began as an Audit Associate with BKD in July of 2019.

The T.E. Lott Silver Medal (TIE): John Michael Francone

John Francone of Alexandria, Virginia, graduated from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy. While at Ole Miss, he was a private accountancy tutor, on the Deans Honor Roll, and participated in the SEC tax competition. He completed an internship with KPMG in New York in 2018 and began as an Audit



Associate in September 2019.

The Silas M. Simmons Bronze Medal: John Clayton Nelson, Jr.

John Clayton Nelson of Hattiesburg graduated from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of

Accountancy and Master of Taxation. While at Ole Miss, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Kappa Sigma Fraternity serving as treasurer, rush chairman, and



judicial board member. He completed an internship with KPMG in Dallas in 2018 and with TMH in Hattiesburg in 2019 and began as a Tax Associate with KPMG in Houston in October of 2019.

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MSCPA Gold Medalist, **KELLIE SHANNON**, **Awarded by the AICPA** as a **Top CPA Exam Performer in the U.S.**

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) announced Kellie Shannon, MSCPA gold medal recipient, as a winner of the 2019 Elijah Watt Sells Award. Kellie is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and is employed with KPMG in Jackson. Kellie is the fifth Mississippian to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award since

The 2019 award was bestowed upon 137 CPA candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the CPA Examination, passed all four sections of the Examination on their first attempt and completed testing in 2019. Nearly 75,000 individuals sat for the Examination in 2019, with 137 candidates meeting the criteria to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award.

"We are exceptionally proud of Kellie



for receiving this outstanding honor," said Dr. Mark Wilder, Dean and KPMG Chair of Accountancy at The University of Mississippi. "She completed our bachelor's and master's programs in accountancy with a perfect 4.0 GPA, was ranked #1 in the class, and was also our Class Marshal. Winning the Elijah Watt Sells Award is an

extraordinary achievement for Kellie and for the Patterson School of Accountancy at Ole Miss. We are very pleased that with Kellie this year, and Joseph Rebentisch in 2017, that the State of Mississippi has produced Sells Award winners in two of the past three years. We are happy that Kellie is a CPA and is part of our profession. She has a very bright future ahead."

The Elijah Watt Sells Award program was established by the AICPA in 1923 to

recognize outstanding performance on the CPA Examination. Sells, one of the first CPAs in the U.S., was active in the establishment of the AICPA and played a key role advancing professional education within the profession.

The four previous Mississippi recipients are listed below:

- 1933—Dick D. Quin (pioneer Mississippi CPA, President of NASBA, 1942-43; President of MSCPA, 1938-39).
- 1969—Alan Walter Perry (Attorney at Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP; Trustee for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; Trustee for the Robert M. Hearin Foundation).
- 1970—Richard C. Adkerson (Established career in the mining sector; namesake of MSU School of Accountancy).
- 2017—Joseph Rebentisch (Senior Associate with Ankura Consulting Group in Dallas, Texas)





Meet Our Members Legacy Spotlights

As a tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the MSCPA, we want to spotlight members during our year-long Centennial Celebration who are legacies of the profession – MSCPA members whose family is or was also a MSCPA member CPA, accountant, or accounting student. If you or someone you know is a legacy of the profession, please email names and contact information to jtruhett@ms-cpa.org.

C. Rodney Cummins

Rodney is a 1974 graduate of Mississippi State University where he received a Bachelor of Science. After college he accepted a position at DeMiller, Denny, Word & Co. in Jackson where he worked as a tax manager for six years. Over the next eleven years, he worked as a tax manager with Chapman & Co., was partner with Blount Cummins and Ferris, and was partner with HORNE LLP. He left HORNE LLP to be controller and treasurer for East Ford Inc. where he worked for 19 years until the company was sold in 2005. He now operates his own accounting practice, C. Rodney Cummins CPA PLLC in Clinton. Rodney was the 1983 president of the MSCPA Central Chapter and is a former member of the Taxation Committee. He has also been an instructor of MSCPA CPE courses. Rodney is past president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and was awarded as their Leader of the Year. He is also a graduate of Leadership Clinton, a board member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, past president of the

Metro Civitan Club, past president of the Southwest YMCA, and teaches at Belhaven College.

Debbie Cummins

Rodney's wife, Debbie, is a 1979 graduate of Mississippi College where she received a Bachelor of Science. She passed the CPA exam in 1980 and later took a "career sabbatical" to raise her two children. During that time she was a teacher's aide for Clinton Public Schools. She now operates her own business, Debbie Cummins Accounting Service, and is an accountant for RWA Inc. in Clinton. She is Treasurer of the Brighton Homeowners Associations and is a co-founder of the Cummins Endowed Family Scholarship at Mississippi State University.

Nathan Cummins

Rodney and Debbie's son, Nathan, is a graduate of Mississippi State University where he received his Bachelor of Accountancy in 2002 and his Masters of Taxation in 2003. After college he accepted a position at Harper, Rains, Knight and Company where he worked as a staff

accountant. He joined May & Company in 2004 and became an audit partner in 2010. Nathan was the 2013 president of the MSCPA Central Chapter and is a member of the Accounting and Auditing Committee. He is also a former member of the MSCPA Peer Review Committee and continues to represent Mississippi as he now volunteers with Alabama who administers the program. He is treasurer and past president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and received their Distinguished Service Award. He also volunteers his time with the United Way of West Central Mississippi and received their Volunteer of the Year Award. He is Chairperson of the Yule Run Clinton Committee and was named as one of the Top 40 Under 40 businesspersons in the State as well as a Leader in Finance by the Mississippi Business Journal.

Stephanie Cummins Palmertree

Rodney and Debbie's daughter, Stephanie, received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Mississippi College in 2004 and her Masters of Public Accountancy from Mississippi State University in 2005. After college she accepted a position at Harper, Rains, Knight and Company where she worked as a staff accountant. Over the next seven years, she worked as a senior accountant for Eubank and Betts and was director of finance and administration for the Mississippi Museum of Art. She joined the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor in 2013 and currently works as the director of financial and compliance audit. Stephanie has served on the MSCPA Young CPA Network board and as an MSCPA Board of Governors representative for the Central Chapter. She has also served on the MSCPA Public Service Award Committee and currently serves on the Governmental



From left to right: Stephanie Palmertree, Debbie Cummins, Nathan Cummins, and Rodney Cummins



From left to right: Rob Huffman, Sarah Huffman, Tony Huffman, Laurie Huffman, and David Huffman

Accounting and Auditing Committee. She also volunteers her time with the Clinton Arts Council, Cheshire Abbey Pet Rescue, and Clinton's Annual Yule Run.

Tony Huffman

Tony is a 1984 graduate of Mississippi College where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After college, Tony went to work for the Jackson office of Ernst & Young (Ernst & Whinney) for six years. He left Ernst & Young in 1991 to start Huffman & Company, CPA, P.A. in Flowood. Since its formation, Huffman & Company CPA, P.A. has grown to a staff of twelve, of which four are CPAs, and serves over 1,000 individual and small business clients.

Tony has been continually active in his community, serving with Junior Achievement, Jackson Friends of the Library, the Capitol Exchange Club, the Mississippi Track Club, the Jackson Tax Forum, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Mississippi Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, Metropolitan Crime Commission, Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and several other civic projects. Tony served on the Mississippi College Board of Trustees from 2013-2019, chaired the Development Committee and served on the Finance Committee. He was named as one of the Top 40 Under 40 businesspersons in the State by the Mississippi Business Journal and

was selected as the 2002 MSCPA Public Service Award winner. Tony has been actively involved at Jackson Preparatory School having served on the board of the Patriot Committee and as president of the Booster Club for Jackson Prep. He currently serves on the Prep Board of Trustees where he is Vice Chair of the Board, heads the Finance & Audit Committee and serves as Co-Chair of the Campaign for Jackson Prep.

Tony has remained a competitive runner since college, winning more than 50 road races (ranging from 5k to marathon) and representing the State of Mississippi in regional and national events. Tony was inducted into the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in May 2015. He serves on the selection committee for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Tony was selected as a 1996 Olympic Torchbearer to carry the Olympic Flame as it passed through Jackson. Tony was a co-founder the Mississippi Blues Marathon which began in 2007 and continues to this day to be run in the City of Jackson annually.

Laurie Planch Huffman

Tony's wife, Laurie, is a 1984 graduate of Mississippi State University where she received a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy. After college, Laurie went to work for the Jackson office of Ernst & Young (Ernst & Whinney) as a senior auditor for three years. She left Ernst & Young to work for Mobile Telecommunication Technologies

Corp. (Mtel/Skytel) and was one of the original employees working in the areas of SEC reporting, financial statements, international accounting, financial analysis and external audit. She left Mtel/Skytel in 1994 to be a full-time mom and has since received the "Best Mom Ever" award. Laurie is active in her community, serving with the Junior League of Jackson, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sister of Jackson, First Presbyterian Day School and Jackson Prep. She now works as the Secretary/Treasurer at Huffman & Company, CPA, P.A. in Flowood.

David Huffman

Tony and Laurie's son, David, is a 2017 graduate of Mississippi State University where he received a Masters of Accountancy. After college, he accepted a position with KPMG in Jackson where he works as a Senior Audit Associate.

Rob Huffman

Tony and Laurie's son, Rob, is a 2019 graduate of the University of Mississippi where he received a Masters of Taxation. After college, he accepted a position with BKD in Jackson where he works as a Tax Associate.

Sarah Huffman

Tony and Laurie's daughter, Sarah, is a junior at the University of Mississippi and is majoring in accounting and nursing.

Chapters

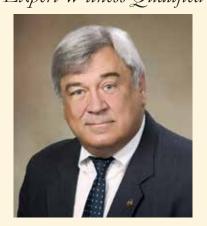
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Board of Governors Meeting

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AICPA 2020 SPRING COUNCIL REPORT

by Bob Cunningham

CPA Evolution Approved/CPA Exam Changes Imminent

The AICPA 2020 Spring Council Meeting was held on May 20th via a virtual Zoom meeting format. Joining the video call on behalf on the MSCPA were Donna

Bruce (Chairman), Annette Pridgen (Chairman-Elect), Karen Moody (President), Cheryl Lee Sykes (Incoming Council Member) and Bob Cunningham (Outgoing Council Member). While previous meetings have spanned parts of three days, this virtual meeting was a four-hour meeting.

Bill Reeb, AICPA
Chairman, presided
over the meeting, using the theme
"REIMAGINING ACCOUNTING IN

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES". The Spring meeting is a transition meeting with new officers being installed during the meeting. Reeb passed the gavel to Tracey Golden, a Deloitte partner who lives in Connecticut. Golden is very engaging and will represent the profession well. An interesting side note, her husband, Russell Golden, recently stepped down as Chairman of FASB.

A primary focus of this meeting was the constant state of change within our profession and, the meeting culminated with a vote by the full Council on CPA Evolution. The concept of CPA Evolution was introduced to Council in the spring of 2019 and has evolved significantly during the past year. Originally, it was focused on a nontraditional path to becoming a CPA with an emphasis on allowing certain other professionals, specifically informational technology practitioners, to become CPAs. This idea was essentially tabled and reemerged with a traditional core curriculum study of accounting being tested on the CPA exam, but with the candidate choosing to be tested in one additional discipline or emphasis interest area. The three emphasis

areas to choose from are Tax Compliance, Business Reporting and Information Systems (i.e. Tax, Audit or IT). Passing this additional emphasis area does not prohibit

the CPA from having full rights to practice in the other two areas not tested.

After a presentation by Sue Coffey, who is AICPA Executive Vice President – Public Practice, a vote was held, and CPA Evolution was passed by an overwhelming majority of Council. The "new" exam will be a 16-hour test with 3 core sections plus the 1 discipline area chosen

by the candidate. It was represented that Mississippi would not require any statutory or rules changes in order to implement this new testing format for candidates in our state. The AICPA has worked in conjunction with NASBA on CPA Evolution, but that regulatory body will still need to approve and implement these changes at its future meetings.

Barry Melancon, President and CEO of the AICPA, gave the professional issues update. As would be expected, he spoke extensively on the coronavirus and its impact on the economy and the resulting implications for the accounting profession. Restoring consumer confidence and trust in the economy is paramount. The impact on small and local businesses is of concern since many, if not most, were forced to shut down operations for several months, unless deemed essential.

Melancon stated that the pandemic is highlighting opportunities and challenges for the accounting profession. He indicated that it is important for us to be a part of addressing immediate needs, protecting financial continuity, identifying and leveraging new opportunities, and determining our role in assisting to rebuild businesses in our economy. For many of the



issues he discussed, we as CPAs are already serving as a significant part of the solution, including working with small businesses on PPP loan applications and loan forgiveness, responding to changes in IRS and state filing and payment deadlines, assisting with implementation of the CARES Act and helping decipher state and local initiatives. We can also play a key role in cash flow analyses as businesses are now back open for business. "Re-Start and Restore" was a key area of discussion in Melancon's presentation.

Another focus of Melancon's talk was driving audit quality during these uncertain times, including auditing remotely, a heightened fraud risk, scope limitations, going concern issues and facing increased scrutiny from regulatory authorities. The "New Normal" was repeatedly discussed, although this term was actually first used in the aftermath of World War I. The future of Core Services will feature Client Accounting Services as a major function for our CPA practices. Cybersecurity is another wideopen area of opportunity for our profession. Disruption was previously and continues to be at the forefront of what we experience, and it will be necessary for all of us to evolve if we and our firms are to be relevant as trusted advisors in financial markets.

Finally, Melancon emphasized our need to create a healthy environment for all, discussing culture, talent development, diversity and inclusion, unconscious bias and mental health. Advocating "Beyond the Pandemic" and protecting the public and member interests is the AICPA's "new normal".

This was my final Council meeting representing the MSCPA. I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this role and, it has been a pleasure as well as an enlightening experience. Past MSCPA Chairman Cheryl Lee Sykes is your new at-large AICPA Council Representative. Cheryl will represent our Society and the profession well. Also, many thanks to our President and CEO Karen Moody who pours herself

into serving all of us and continually promotes the CPA profession. I would also like to thank Donna Bruce who has served as our Chairman for 2019-2020. She had planned a tremendous celebration for our 100th anniversary at the convention which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Annette Pridgen, in addition to being a key contributor to the MSCPA History Book, will also be your Council Representative in her role as MSCPA Chairman for 2020-2021.

FASB Defers Effective Date for Leases and Revenue Recognition

Due to the number of lease modification issues and the general nature of businesses fighting for their very existence during the COVID-19 pandemic, the FASB has voted to defer implementation of the leasing standard (Topic 842) and the revenue recognition standard (Topic 606) for one year for privately held businesses. The new effective date for the leasing standard is years beginning on or after December 15, 2021 (i.e., calendar 2022) and interim periods starting after the end of the adoption period. The new effective date for the revenue recognition standard is years beginning on or after December 15, 2019 (i.e., calendar 2020) and interim periods starting after the end of the adoption period. These deferrals are only available if the entity has not yet issued statements adopting either or both standards. Both standards have early adoption provisions available.





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YCPA Network Board Meeting and Committee Day

The YCPA Network incoming Board will meet virtually on Thursday, July 23, to discuss key topics for 2020-2021 and to elect new officers for the upcoming year. YCPA Committees will also meet virtually on Thursday, July 23. The YCPA Network is seeking volunteers for their YCPA Network Events, Day of Service, and Conference Committees for 2020-2021. If you are interested in volunteering, please email msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org.

MSCPA Recognizes **Shannon Adams, Outgoing YCPA President**



The MSCPA would like to thank **Shannon Adams,** outgoing YCPA Network President, for her time and dedication to leading and growing the Network. During her tenure as President, she has spoken in front of numerous college accounting groups and CPA license recipients, organized and planned new socials throughout the state, and added serving opportunities for our Day of Service. Shannon is Audit Manager at Matthews, Cutrer, & Lindsay, P.A. She will represent the YCPA Network as Immediate Past President on the Board of Directors for the coming year.



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Vendor Level: CPE Credit: City: Location: M / N: Time:	DAAN AICPA Basic 8 A&A Ridgeland Holmes Community College \$280 / \$350 8:30am-4:30pm	AICPA	impacts and ROI, visumany utilizing the ur	Analytics and Big Data for Accountants – CANCELLED Speaker: James Lindell orce driving business. Tools have been created to measure program ualize data and business processes, and uncover the relationship between key performance indicators, apprecedented amount of data now flowing into organizations. In this course you will discuss leadingics and finance in a session that is packed with useful tips and practical guidance that you can apply
Vendor: Level: CPE Credit: City: Location: M / N: Time:	PMIC / PMICW Surgent Basic 8 Tax Ridgeland MSCPA Training Center / Online \$280 / \$350 8:30am-4:30pm		middle-income client	Select Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor ate planning only applies to the very rich. In truth, there are many issues of critical concern for which the t needs to plan. This course is a must-attend for all CPAs who work with middle-income clients and are rovide additional quality services. Continually updated with the latest guidance.
Vendor: Level: CPE Credit: City: Location: . M / N: Time:	RPTR / RPTRW AICPA Intermediate 8 Tax Ridgeland MSCPA Training Center / Online \$280 / \$350	AICPA	The intent is to sharp from the client may b Multiple issues will b impact of the latest IF	Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns: What Are You Missing Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor The common errors practitioners make on pass through tax returns that are often missed by review staff. en skills for reviewers by examining case studies and discussing issues where additional information be warranted and areas of tax law where proper treatment requires additional analysis and information. Be discussed and both partnership and S corporation returns will be covered. Course materials include the RS guidance on important tax reform issues. This course follows a highly illustrative case study format to comprehension and retention.
Acronym: Vendor: Level: CPE Credit: City: Location: M / N: Time:	TSESCF2 / TSESCFW2AICPA8 Basic8 TaxRidgeland MSCPA Training Center / Online\$280 / \$3508:30am-4:30pm	AICPA	how they can use the status and why more knowledge you need	S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor ts and businesses need assistance with the most misunderstood areas of S Corporations taxation and em to their advantage. Be prepared to explain the benefits and drawbacks of electing S Corporation business taxpayers favor the pass-through entity over the C Corporation. This course will give you the to speak effectively to potential business clients and existing shareholders about how you can make the sess model work for them.
Acronym: Vendor Level: CPE Credit: City: Location: . M / N:			advisors to provide u	Employer's Handbook: Legal, Tax, and Health Care Issues Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor yee relationship strains both sides in uncertain times, and businesses need CPAs, controllers, and other nderstanding of the complex legal, tax, and health care issues associated with all aspects of employment ourse provides in- depth coverage of this critical area. Updated and supplemented throughout the year ments.

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Acronym: Vendor: Level:	Surgent		8/7/2020 Fri	Surgent's Comprehensive Guide To Tax Depreciation, Expensing, and Property Transactions Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor				
CPE Credit:	8 Tax 		has a different defining in-depth analysis of	nanges within the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act may stand like a lion in the pathway of change, but Washington nition of the word "permanent." Inflation adjustments and technical corrections are all included within this f the complex maze of rules dealing with depreciation, amortization, and sale of property. This reference any examples and cases to illustrate the most important points CPAs need to be aware of.				
Acronym:Vendor:	SCRT-2 / SCRTW-2		8/10/2020 Mon	Securing a Comfortable Retirement in the Age of Spending Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor				
Level:	8 Tax 			PAs the knowledge to help their clients plan for retirement by evaluating how much retirement income nd planning for how to reach their retirement goals.				
Acronym: CL4ITR Vendor:Level:	M-2 / CL4ITRMW2	AICPA	8/11/2020 Tue	Reviewing Individual Tax Returns: What Are You Missing? Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor				
CPE Credit:	4 Tax Ridgeland ng Center / Online\$160 / \$200	AICPA	CPA's and tax profe available creates the the common errors sharpen skills for r may be warranted Multiple issues will spouses, depreciat	e sheer mass of Internal Revenue Code provisions affecting individual taxpayers presents a considerable challenge for PA's and tax professionals. Combine that with the potential for input error when utilizing the array of income tax software ailable creates the potential for a multitude of errors that can occur on the final tax return forms. Join us as we discuss e common errors practitioners make on individual tax returns that are often missed by review staff. The intent is to arpen skills for reviewers by examining case studies and discussing issues where additional information from the client ay be warranted and areas of tax law where proper treatment requires additional analysis and information. ultiple issues will be discussed including pass-through K-1s, home office issues, hobby losses, rental property, hiring ouses, depreciation, §179 issues, amortization and more! This course follows a highly illustrative case study format to crease participant comprehension and retention.				
Acronym:Vendor:			8/11/2020 Tue	CARES Act and Its Tax Implications Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor				
Level:		AICPA						
Acronym:Vendor:	QBT-1/QBTW-1		8/13/2020 Thu	The Quest for Buried Treasures Speaker: Donna Ingram				
Level:			data under siege. I critical to success in to know" level and	lude late 2019 legislation changes. Tax law complexity. Uncertain legislative outlook. Confidential Regulatory confusion. Standards overload. Understanding the forces affecting your tax public practice is n today's complex and rapidly changing market. In this session we will tackle pressing issues at a "need then discuss the practical implications. You will come away armed with the "big picture." Preparedness o do not miss this critical briefing.				
Acronym:Vendor:	MSCPA	■	8/13/2020 Thu	Ethics, Rules, and Regulations Speaker: Donna Ingram				
Level:			This seminar satisf and Regulations.	ies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics and one hour of Mississippi Rules				
Acronym:Vendor	GAACW MSCPA	E (8/14/2020 Fri	Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference Speaker: Various				
CPE Credit:			This one-day event for government accountants will provide the crucial guidance you need to stay in compliance wit many A&A rules affecting your practice, business or clients. This course qualifies for Yellow Book credit. Visit the web www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.					

UPCOMING CPE COURSE I	INFO	RMATION COILLI	nued LIVESTREAM AICPA AICPA MEMBER DISCOUNT EVENT CANCELLED	
Acronym:	AICPA	8/17/2020 Mon	Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Speaker: Cecil M. (Bill) Felder	
CPE Credit: 8 A&A City: Ridgeland Location: MSCPA Training Center / Online M / N: \$280 / \$350 Time: 8:30am-4:30pm		Don't let recent developments slip by you. Understand the latest on governmental accounting and auditing with this paced interactive course that analyzes the recent GASB requirements for governments and provides an understanding OMB and Yellow Book requirements. This course may qualify for Yellow Book credit.		
Acronym: GPT-2 / GPTW-2 Vendor: AICPA Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 Tax City: Ridgeland Location: MSCPA Training Center / Online M / N: \$280 / \$350 Time: 8:30am-4:30pm	AICPA	how to avoid the freque how to handle reportin Form 1099-MISC and o in compliance and not (TCJA) tax reform law.	Best Practices for Payroll Taxes and 1099 Issues Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor to provide you with practical pointers for managing the payroll tax and reporting function. Learn ent penalties in payroll tax reporting and stay up-to- date with the latest information. It also shows g and withholding requirements for employee fringe benefits. Master the often confusing rules for ther information reports including when and how much to report. Make sure you or your clients are subject to IRS penalties! Course materials include the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017	
Acronym: SSR4-2 / SSR4W-2 Vendor: Surgent Level: Basic CPE Credit: 4 Tax City: Ridgeland Location: .MSCPA Training Center / Online M / N: \$160 / \$200 Time: 8:30am-12:00pm		expect increased dema This course provides tax	Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor be baby boomer generation has already reached retirement age. Financial and tax planners can not for strategies that dovetail Social Security with other retirement and estate planning objectives. A rand financial planning professionals with both the background information on the Social Security its clients will need in dealing with Social Security, and the myriad other related retirement	
Acronym: LPO4-2 / LPO4W-2 Vendor: Surgent Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 Tax City: Ridgeland Location: MSCPATraining Center / Online M / N: \$160 / \$200 Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm	K	8/19/2020 Wed Partnerships and LLCs i that practitioners need opportunities and pitfa	The Top Five Tax Issues in Dealing with LLCs and Partnerships Speaker: William F. (Bill) Taylor nvolve unique problems that require careful attention. This course covers selected critical tax issues to know when working with partnerships and limited liability companies, with a focus on planning lls.	
Acronym:		disclosures are no long difficult to both prepare users will first turn to th might be heading. This adoption of new accour subsequent events, goi private company finance	Financial Statement Disclosures: A Guide for Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses Speaker: Bob Mims of proper financial statement disclosures can make or break an entity's financial statements. Such er simply additional information provided by a business; they can be complex in nature and e and understand, even for small and medium-sized businesses. Oftentimes, financial statement ne notes in the financial statements in order to get a feel for where the business and its numbers course will focus on key balance sheet and income statement disclosure as well as those relating to niting standards such as Topic 606, accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors, ing concern, and related party disclosures. The course will use illustrations, examples based on cial statements disclosures, and real-world excerpts from financial statements to provide you with a isclosure requirements across a number of accounting standards.	
Acronym: ENQ4-2 / ENQ4W-2 Vendor: Surgent Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 A&A City: Ridgeland Location: MSCPA Training Center / Online M / N: \$160 / \$200 Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm		auditor's overall respor has never been greater certain critical compone to substantive procedu expectations in analytic Now is time to revisit the standards since noncor course will focus on the discuss the applicable a	Auditing Deficiencies in Peer Reviews: Focus on Engagement Quality Speaker: Bob Mims tened focus on enhancing audit quality, increased oversight of the peer review process and the asibility to provide high quality services, the focus on compliance with professional standards. Recent peer reviews have indicated that auditors are often failing to perform and/or document ents of an audit such as the auditor's assessment of risk and linking the results of the assessment res performed. In addition, auditors are not adequately documenting their consideration of fraud, cal procedures and the appropriate level of work needed to understand an entity's internal control. The way that auditors are performing and documenting the work performed to meet professional autiforming engagements can result in an auditor's referral to the AICPA Ethics Committee. This emost significant items resulting in deficiencies identified in the peer review process. We will also audit standards, documentation requirements and best practices. The objective of the course is to cessary to help an auditor improve not just the quality of their work but also the perception of the as a whole.	

Vendor: Level:	STCFO-1 / STCFOW-1 Surgent Update		8/21/2020 Fri	Current Developments and Best Practices for Today's CFOs and Controllers Speaker: Bob Mims				
City:MSCPA M / N:MSCPA	8 A&A		In today's rapidly changing world, finance professionals are required to wear many hats and are often the keys to the organization's success. On one hand, they need to be abreast of the latest proven financial skills for making the best decisions, and on the other hand they need the best skills to motivate, manage, and lead people. Being pigeon-holed into one area or another is neither good for career building nor for the good of the organization. This course has been designed to give the CFO and controller the skills needed to lead their organizations into the rapidly changing decade. The course's author has been in the trenches, having held positions in finance and senior management, and understands the issues from both perspectives. Another unique aspect of this course is its constant evolution. We know change is occurring at an exponential rate, so certain chapters dealing with current domestic and global economic conditions are included along with current technical issues on the cloud and social media. The course is updated as necessary throughout the year to include the most recent developments.					
Vendor:	BFC/BFCW MSCPA Update		8/24/2020 Mon	Banking and Finance Conference Speaker: Various				
CPE Credit: City:MSCPA Location: MSCPA M / N:			This conference highlights information and the latest developments in the banking industry. Don't miss this opposito receive key updates from top regulators, engage in discussions with bank leaders and firm partners, and prepart year ahead. Visit the website at www. ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.					
Vendor Level:	FAUR-2 / FAURW-2 Surgent Intermediate 8 A&A		8/25/2020 Tue	FASB Update for Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses: A Practical Implementation Guide Speaker: Cecil M. (Bill) Felder				
City:MSCPA M / N:	Ridgeland Fraining Center / Online \$280 / \$350 8:30am-4:30pm		Recently updated to include discussion of new FASB standards on leases, financial instruments, and other recent F pronouncements, this course is designed for small and medium-sized business practitioners and their staff, wheth in public accounting or business and industry. The course will provide you with a comprehensive review of recent FASB accounting and reporting matters most relevant to smaller companies including: Private Company Standard Setting activities; Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs) recently issued and the FASB's current technical agenda; Accounting; new ASUs dealing with financial instruments; and a discussion of lessons learned on maintenance be practices related to Topic 606 on revenue. Lastly, the course will review the implementation of other recent ASUs, of focus on practical and efficient implementation of these new standards.					
Vendor: Level:	IEFP-1 / IEFPW-1 Surgent Intermediate 8 Tax		8/26/2020 Wed	The Year's Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial-Planning Ideas Speaker: Harris (Trip) H. Barnes III				
City:MSCPA M / N:MSCPA	Ridgeland Fraining Center / Online Fraining Ce		With different tax rates for individuals and trusts, tax planning takes on more importance. New ideas for financial for retirement must be considered. The purpose of this course is to explore practical tax-planning ideas that practican use to assist clients with their needs. This course is crucial for CPAs who are looking for good ideas that can say money! Continually updated for legislative developments.					
Vendor:	AFAC / AFACW MSCPA Update		8/27/2020 Thu	Agriculture and Farm Activities Conference Speaker: Various				
CPE Credit: City:MSCPA M / N:			This conference covers special tax rules and tax accounting methods pertaining to agricultural and farming activities recent tax law changes that affect farmers. Visit the website at www. ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.					
Acronym: Vendor:	BLAW-2 / BLAWW-2 Surgent Basic	E	8/28/2020 Fri	Business Law Essentials for Practicioners and Controllers Speaker: Harris (Trip) H. Barnes III				
CPE Credit: City:MSCPA M / N:	8 General Ridgeland Fraining Center / Online \$280 / \$350 8:30am-4:30pm	• • • • •	This course covers basic legal principles that every accountant should be familiar with to avoid common legal disputes and costly litigation. By analyzing business law issues from the standpoint and background of accountants and auditors this course will help you develop an approach to client and practice issues with a sensitivity and appreciation for the leg ramifications that can occur.					



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