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The application process for the 2017-2018 Committees is now open through April 30. If you would like to join you can send an email to mail@ms-cpa.org listing up to three committee preferences. You can view a list of active committees and committee rosters by visiting our website at www.ms-cpa.org and clicking on The Association tab. Chairman-Elect Bill Taylor will make appointments this spring.

Committee Day is May 11

MSCPA Committees meet in-person annually for Committee Day to plan their program of work for the new fiscal year. The 2017 Committee Day will be Thursday, May 11 at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. Committees will meet either morning (9-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1-3 p.m.). Emails will be sent to new and continuing committee members once committee meeting times have been determined.

If you would like more information about volunteering for committees, please contact us at 601-856-4244.



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Candidates for 2017-2018 Officers Announced

The MSCPA Nominations Committee reports the candidates for officers/directors for the 2017-2018 year. The election is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017 during the Annual Business Meeting at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Absentee ballots for members who will be unable to attend the Business Meeting will be available later this spring.

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Clyde Herring, Starkville, Mississippi State University

Members of the Nominations Committee include: Cheryl Lee-Chairman, Jackson; Allison Garner, Oxford; Ed Jones, Pascagoula; Samantha Moore, Madison; and Sim Mosby, Natchez.

2017 Convention Set for June 22-25 at Sandestin

This year will mark the 32nd consecutive year for the Annual Convention and Business Meeting to be held at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. First time attendees will receive a discount on their member registration fees again this year.

Two four-hour CPE programs will be offered Thursday. Friday evening will be open again this year for networking opportunities and for families to enjoy The Village of Baytowne Wharf. The Annual Business Meeting starts at 9 a.m. Saturday with election of officers for 2017-2018 and reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Insurance Trust, AICPA Council Representative, Young CPA Network, Legislation, State Auditor and Mississippi

State Board of Public Accountancy. Awards will be presented for Public Service, Outstanding Educator, CPA Exam and Rising Star.

Book Accommodations Early

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort'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. MSCPA has reserved a block of rooms at the Resort and asks that you book your accommodations directly with Sandestin using our group code 23A0FA.

Per our contract with Sandestin, we earn complimentary rooms based on attendance

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Welcome New Members

New members include Carolyn Anne Bright, Susan Keith Cochran, and Steven Paul Collins. Now completing the membership process are:

Suzanne Stalnaker Allmon was born in Knoxville, Tenn. and received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Memphis. She is an Accountant with Williams, Pitts & Beard PLLC in Hernando.

Pamela Joyce Belk was born in Memphis, Tenn. and received a Bachelor in Accounting and a Masters in Accounting from Liberty University. She is an Accountant with DeVoe Carr, PLLC in Oxford.

Jacquelin Danielle King was born in Meridian and received a Bachelor of Business Administration and Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi State University. She is a Tax Manager with Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stewart LLP in Meridian.

Blair Harden Jussely was born in Jackson and received a Bachelor of

Accountancy and Masters of Taxation from the University of Mississippi, and a Masters of Laws in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She is an Attorney at Butler Snow LLP in Ridgeland.

Bradley Gray Littlejohn was born in Tupelo and received a B.S. in Biology from Mississippi College. He is a Staff Accountant with Nail McKinney, P.A. in New Albany.

Allana Madison McKay was born in Birmingham, Ala. and received a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Masters of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi. She is a Senior Associate with HORNE LLP in Ridgeland.

Ryan Rex Robertson was born in Greenwood and received a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is an Accountant with Southern Pine Electric Cooperative in Taylorsville.

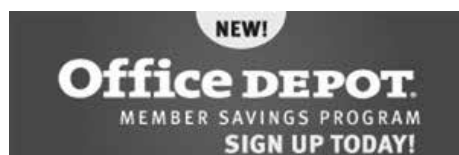
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if we meet our minimum percentage for the block. These rooms help defray the costs of housing the MSCPA staff and our speakers and entertainers. We can also be subject to a monetary attrition penalty if we do not utilize our group commitment. Even with rising meeting costs we continue to strive to hold a quality family oriented convention without passing the costs to our members. Please help the Society meet our goals!

Sandestin has room rates starting at \$165. Your cut-off date for reservations is May 18, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis. (See the Sandestin Room Reservation form on Page 6 of this Newsletter.)

Complete convention details and registration materials will be posted to the Society's website at www.ms-cpa.org. Convention brochures will also be mailed.



Honor an MSCPA Member for Public Service

The membership is invited to nominate a member for consideration for the MSCPA 2017 Public Service Award. The winner will be recognized during the 2017 Annual Convention awards presentation on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin.

Qualifying activities for the award include MSCPA membership and professional and civic public service achievements. Nominations should be submitted by April 21, 2017. Submit a nominee's name by email to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org) for consideration by the MSCPA Public Service Award Committee. Members serving on the committee this year include Anita Goodrum-Chair, Eupora; Bob Cunningham, Ridgeland; and Jimmy Stokes, Gulfport.

MSCPA 2nd Annual Interns/Young Professionals Luncheon

Interns and young professionals from BKD, LLP, GranthamPoole, Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC, Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A., and Watkins Ward Stafford gathered for a leadership luncheon Friday, February 10, hosted by the MSCPA. MSCPA Young CPA Network Past-President Wil Crawford and President Kimberly Williams spoke to the group about leadership, networking, community and firm involvement, encouraging these professionals to get out of their comfort zones and set some goals.



Member News

Ransom Jones Retires from Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy (MSBPA) announces the retirement of **Ransom C. Jones, Jr., CPA**, Executive Director, effective February



28, 2017. Jones has served the MSBPA for over 20 years. He began his employment in November 1995 as the Associate Director, Investigations and

was elevated to Executive Director in September 2013. He plans to spend his retirement years enjoying his grandchildren, reading, fishing and gardening.



Andy Wright Promoted to Executive Director of Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

The MSBPA has promoted the current Associate Director, Investigations, **Andy L. Wright, CPA**, to the position of Executive Director effective March 1, 2017. Wright



he has been the Associate Director, Investigations since January 1, 2014. Immediately prior to joining MSBPA, he was with the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor for five years, where he provided technical assistance and training to state and local government officials and CPAs/auditors and also participated in audits of various state agencies. Wright spent more than eight years in public accounting and more than 20 years in financial, operational, and executive management at banking and mortgage banking firms. He holds CPA licenses in both Texas and Mississippi, earning the Texas certificate in 1980 and Mississippi certificate in 1991. He received the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accountancy) degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and did post-graduate work in accounting and taxation at the University of Houston.



has been the Associate Director, Investigations since January 1, 2014. Immediately prior to joining MSBPA, he was with the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor for five years, where

Angela Pannell Reappointed to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

Governor Phil Bryant has reappointed **Angela L. Pannell, CPA** to the MSBPA



effective January 1, 2017 for another 5-year term to represent the 3rd Congressional district. Pannell will serve as Chairman of the Board in 2017. She previously held the position of Vice-President and Secretary. She has served on the MSBPA from 2003-2008 and 2011-2016 and has served as Chairman of the Continuing Professional Education and Licensing and Examinations Committees. She has also served as the Investigative Committee for all CPE deficiency cases since 2014. Pannell is not only a leader on the MSBPA but also has been active in the State and nationally in the accounting profession. She currently serves on the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Education Committee where her voice is prominent.

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Pannell is highly admired as an outstanding accounting educator at Mississippi State University helping to develop the careers of the future CPAs. She holds a CPA license in Mississippi and received a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy from Mississippi State University, and a Masters of Science in Accounting from the University of New Orleans.



David Bridgers Appointed to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

Governor Phil Bryant has appointed **David I. Bridgers, Jr., CPA** to the MSBPA effective January 1, 2017 to represent the



David Bridgers

2nd Congressional district. David will serve a 5-year term. David has spent 39 years in public accounting and is Managing Partner of Bridgers & Goodman, PLLC in Vicksburg. He

has served on the MSCPA Peer Review Committee for 7 years. Bridgers holds a CPA license in Mississippi and received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi.



Jerry Levens Wins 'Spirit of Coast' Award



Jerry Levens

Jerry Levens, CPA was named the 2017 recipient of the Pat Santucci "Spirit of the Gulf Coast" Award. A partner in the Gulfport CPA firm of Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre PLLC, Levens received the award at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of

Commerce before a sell-out crowd of 600 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. The award is presented to a business leader who best meets the criteria of ethical conduct, reputation, recognition, leadership and credibility. Levens, a graduate of University of Mississippi, is a Past Chairman of the MSCPA and received the MSCPA Public Service Award in 1995.



Kim Marmalich and Debbie Vignes become Partners with Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC



Kim Marmalich

Kimberly Marmalich, CPA, Cr.FA, and Deborah L. Vignes, CPA have been admitted as partners, as of January 1, 2017, with Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC, the

largest accounting and business consulting

firm based on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with offices in Gulfport and Wiggins.

Marmalich is a native of Long Beach, and



Debbie Vignes

joined Alexander Van Loon in 1996. Since 2012, she has served as Director of the firm's Audit and Assurance Department, providing services to a broad range of industries,

professionals, governmental and nonprofits. Marmalich also provides tax, accounting, consulting, and forensic accounting services. Vignes, a native of Pass Christian, joined Alexander Van Loon in 2001. In 2014, she became manager of the firm's Diamondhead office. In 2015, she began serving as the firm's Director of Client Accounting Services, providing accounting services to a broad range of industries, professionals, individuals and nonprofits. Vignes also provides tax and consulting services.

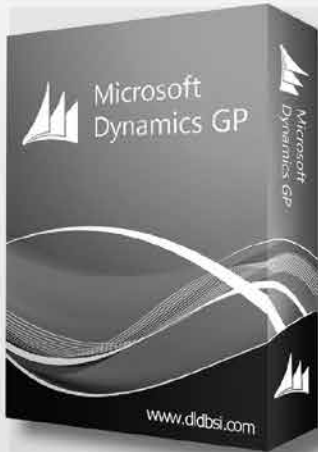
Nominate an MSCPA Member for Rising Star Award

The MSCPA Rising Star Award recognizes an outstanding young CPA in Mississippi who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and involvement in the MSCPA, the accounting profession and their communities.

Recipients must be age 40 or younger, a current or past member of the Young CPA Network and a MSCPA member who has demonstrated a commitment to the profession by leadership in the Network and MSCPA activities such as committees, local chapters or the Board.

Nominations should be submitted by April 21, 2017. Please send nominations addressing the requirements in the criteria to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org). A copy of the nominee's business resume can be included if available.

The Executive Committee will select the recipient who will be recognized during the 2017 Annual Convention awards presentation on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin.



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MSCPA 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 22-25, 2017 | Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort | Destin, FL

As a member, is this the first time you have attended MSCPA Annual Convention? _____ Yes* _____ No

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Name _____ Member ID # _____

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_____ ***MEMBER FIRST TIME ATTENDEE General Registration** **\$150**

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_____ **Spouse Registration** **\$150**

Includes welcome reception, three breakfasts, Friday morning cooking demonstration, Friday box lunch, Saturday bingo with prizes, beach party/volleyball tournament, reception, banquet and special entertainment.

Spouse/Guest Name _____ **SUBTOTAL** \$ _____

CPE SEMINARS Lunch included

_____ **Thursday, 8:30 AM – Noon | CPE Credit: 4 General** **\$150**

Business Succession Planning; Captive Insurance Companies; Financial and Taxation Update: The First Six Months of POTUS, Harris H. "Trip" Barnes III, J.D., LL.M.

_____ **Thursday, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM | CPE Credit: 4 A&A** **\$150**

Accounting and Auditing Update, Bill Felder, CPA, CISA

_____ **SUBTOTAL** \$ _____

ACTIVITIES Spouses, guests and children welcomed! Cash prizes will be awarded!

_____ **Golf Tournament | Friday, June 23, 2017** **\$80 per person**

Includes green fee, cart fee, tournament registration and refreshments. Reservation must be received by June 19, 2017 to guarantee availability. Tee time is offered on a space available basis after cutoff date.

Player(s) and Handicap(s): _____

_____ **Deep Sea Fishing | Friday, June 23, 2017** **\$50 per person**

Includes fishing license, bait, tackle, fish cleaning and refreshments on board the Destiny. Advance registration recommended. This trip usually sells out!

Participant(s): _____

_____ **Tennis Tournament | Friday, June 23, 2017** **\$40 per person**

Includes court time, tennis balls, and refreshments. Matches will be assigned by organizer.

Player(s) and USTA Rating(s) if applicable: _____

_____ **CHILDREN'S EVENTS (ages 4-12 years old)** **FREE**

Thursday Evening: arts, crafts, games and snacks.

_____ **Number of children attending**

Friday Morning: lawn and pool party with bubble soccer, jumbo jenga, giant connect four, ladder ball, and snacks.

_____ **Number of children attending**

Saturday Night: carnival with games, arts, crafts, magic show, balloon animals, face painting, and dinner.

_____ **Number of children attending** **SUBTOTAL** \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

TO REGISTER

- **FAX** a completed registration form with credit card information to MSCPA at 601-856-8255.
- **CALL** Noma Gillis at 601-856-4244 or 800-772-1099.
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ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms. All room rates quoted **DO NOT** include 12% fees and 11% taxes.

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| Beachside 3 Bdrm* | \$ 614.00 | Bayside at Sandestin-Guest Room | \$ 165.00 |
| Westwinds 1 Bdrm* | \$ 364.00 | Bayside at Sandestin-1 Bdrm Suite | \$ 207.00 |
| Westwinds 2 Bdrm* | \$ 515.00 | Bayside 2 Bdrm | \$ 259.00 |
| Westwinds 3 Bdrm* | \$ 629.00 | Village - Studio | \$ 205.00 |
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| Southside 3 Bdrm | \$ 420.00 | Village 2 Bdrm | \$ 339.00 |
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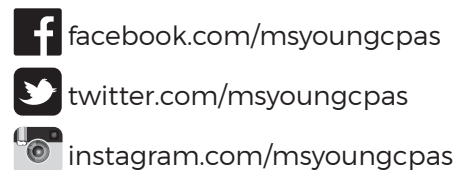
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Holmes Community College Class Visit

MSCPA Young CPA Network President and Holmes Community College alumna Kimberly Williams spoke to accounting students at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland and shared about the opportunities that come with an accounting degree and CPA designation. Pictured right is Kimberly with her former accounting instructor, Michelle Dancy.



Nominate a Member For MSCPA Young CPA Network Board

The MSCPA Young CPA Network is seeking nominations for 2017-2018. Young CPA Network members will elect three new members to the Young CPA Network Board of Directors at the Annual Young CPA Conference on April 28, 2017. You are invited to send names of suggested candidates to Kimberly Williams, Young CPA Network President, at KWilliams@mms-ms.com by April 24, 2017.



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AGENDA

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| 8:00-8:30 | Registration and Breakfast Social |
| 8:30-10:20 | <i>Excel Tools for Enhanced Data Analytics</i> (Laptop needed) DR. MARK LEHMAN |
| 10:20-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-12:10 | <i>Cyber Security Series</i> JOHN HIGGINS |
| 12:10-1:00 | Lunch (Provided) <i>Announcement of Rising Star Award Recipient – KAREN MOODY, MSCPA President/CEO</i> <i>Mississippi Young CPA Network Annual Business Meeting</i> |
| 1:00- 2:40 | <i>CPAs in the FBI</i> |
| 2:40-2:50 | Break |
| 2:50-4:30 | <i>Stress Management and Team Building</i> – KIP A. BOWEN, LPC, CEAP |
| 4:30 | Adjournment |

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Credits: 8 A&A

Conference Topics:

- AICPA Professional Standards
- Overview of Changes for Audit, Review, Compilation, Preparation and Attestation Engagements
- Review of Changes in Ethics, Independence and Peer Review for Practitioners
- Cybersecurity
- Transforming Financial Information Exchange

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| Jan 13 | F | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| Jan 27 | F | | From Hiring to Firing & Everything in Between | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Feb 16 | Th | N | CFO Series: Corporate Finance Skills | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Feb 17 | F | N | Corporate Finance Check-up | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| April 21 | F | N | CFO Series: Essential Skills | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| April 28 | F | | Young CPA Conference | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 100 | 100 | 8 | General |
| May 10 | W | | Accounting and Auditing Conference | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 210 | 285 | 8 | A&A |
| May 11 | Th | | Committee Day | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | | | | |
| May 15 | M | | Business Writing Skills for CPAs | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | General |
| May 16 | T | N | Become a Public Speaking Pro Today! Interactive Skills | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | General |
| May 17 | W-Th | | Hot Topics in Industry: A Program for Management Dev | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 300 | 375 | 16 | A&A |
| May 19 | F | | Mississippi Sales and Use Tax | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| May 19 | F | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| May 22 | M-T | | Mississippi Technology Conference | Ridgeland | Embassy Suites | | 455 | 595 | 16 | General |
| May 23 | T | | Form 990: Mastering Its Unique Characteristics | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| May 23 | T | | Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| May 24 | W | | Audit Workpapers: Documenting and Reviewing Field Work | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| May 24 | W | | Internal Control Best Practices for Small- and Medium-Sized | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| May 24 | W | N | Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting: Mastering the Requirements | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| May 25 | Th | | Interpreting the New Revenue Recognition Standard | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| May 25 | Th | N | Fraud in Small-to Medium-Sized Entities | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| May 25 | Th | N | Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns: What Are You Missing? | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| May 25 | Th | | Internal Controls and Risk Assessment: Key Factors | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| May 26 | F | | Purchasing, Inventory, and Cash Disbursements: Common Frauds | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| May 26 | F | | Fraud and Cash Receipts: Common Frauds and Internal Controls | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| May 30 | T | | Audits of 401(k) Plans | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| May 31 | W | | Tax Considerations and Consequences for Closely Held Businesses | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| May 31 | W | | Nexus Update: Latest Developments in State Income, Franchise | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 1 | Th | | Basis/Distributions for Pass-Through Entities: | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 1 | Th | | AICPA's Annual Update: Top 12 Governmental and Not-for-Profit | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 2 | F | | Advanced Topics in a Single Audit | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 5 | M | N | Fraud Risk in Governmental and Not-for -Profit | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A/YB |
| June 5 | M | N | Governmental Pensions: Prepare for a Changing Landscape | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A/YB |
| June 6 | T | N | Data Breaches & Other Cyber Frauds: A 21st Century Risk | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | General |
| June 6 | T | | Fraud: Recent Findings, Red Flags and Corruption Schemes | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 7 | W | N | The Changing Role of the Controller: | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 7 | W | | Analyzing a Company's Financial Statement | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 8 | Th | | Reviewing Individual Tax Returns: What Are You Missing? | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| June 8 | Th | | Social Security and Medicare: Maximizing Retirement Benefits | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| June 9 | F | | Tax Planning Strategies for Small Businesses: Corporations | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| June 9 | F | N | Protecting Your Client from Tax Return Identity Theft | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| June 12 | M | N | Governmental Accounting and Reporting Advisor | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 13 | T | N | Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting: Mastering the Unique Requirements | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 13 | T | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| June 13 | T | | Fraud: War Stories From the Battlefield | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 13 | T | | Identity Theft: Preventing, Detecting, and Investigating Identity Theft | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 14 | W | | Advanced Controller and CFO Skills | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 14 | W | | Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 14 | W | | K2's Tech Tools and Gadgets | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 155 | 195 | 4 | General |
| June 14 | W | N | K2's Microsoft Office-Improving Productivity with New Features | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 155 | 195 | 4 | General |
| June 15 | Th | | Slashing Taxes for Your Small Business Clients | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 15 | Th | N | K2's QuickBooks Online and Other Top Accounting Software | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 275 | 345 | 8 | General |
| June 15 | Th | | Ethical Leadership for Mississippi CPAs: Power, Influence, Integrity | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| June 15 | Th | N | Better Performance Plans: Get Stronger Results | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 16 | F | N | CFO Series: Managing Risk | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 19 | M | N | Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns: What Are You Missing? | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 19 | M | | Nexus Update: Latest Developments in State Income | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 19 | M | | Governmental and Not-for-Profit Annual Update | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 20 | T | | Slashing Taxes for Your Small Business Clients: | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 20 | T | | Leases: Mastering the New FASB Requirements | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |

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| June 20 | T | N | Understanding and Creating an Internal Control Structure | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 21 | W | N | Understanding the Complexities of Fraud | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 21 | W | | Financial Statement Analysis: Basis for Management Advice | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 21 | W | | Identity Theft: Preventing, Detecting, and Investigating Identity Theft | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 22 | Th | N | The Importance of Security for Digital Information | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 22 | Th | | Preparation, Compilation, and Review Engagements: | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 23 | F | | Internal Controls for Small and Medium Sized Entities | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 23 | F | N | The New Clarified Attestation Standards: What You Need to Know | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 26 | M | | Employment Law Update: Key Risks and Recent Trends | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 26 | M | N | Valuing a Business: What is this Company Worth? | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 26 | M | | How Good Companies Become Great: Secrets to Success | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| June 27 | T | N | Predicting the Future: Create the Best Projections You Can | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 27 | T | | Leases: Mastering the New FASB Requirements | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 28 | W | N | Governmental and Not-for-Profit Annual Update | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| June 28 | W | | Revenue Recognition: Mastering the New FASB Requirements | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| June 29 | Th | | K2's Technology for CPAs: Don't Get Left Behind | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | | 275 | 345 | 8 | General |
| June 29 | Th | | Form 1041: Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 30 | F | | Income and Expense Recognition Strategies | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| June 30 | F | N | K2's Business Intelligence, Featuring Microsoft's Power BI Tools | Ridgeland | Holmes CC | | 275 | 345 | 8 | General |
| Aug 10 | Th | | A+ College Savings Planning: Maximizing Resources and Tax Benefits | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Aug 10 | Th | | Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Aug 17-18 | Th-F | | Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference | Jackson | Hilton | | 280 | 380 | 16 | A&A/YB |
| Aug 22 | T | | Banking and Finance Conference | Jackson | Hilton | | 200 | 275 | 8 | A&A |
| Sept 20 | W | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| Sept 20 | W | | Hot Tax Planning Developments Under the Current Tax Law | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Sept 21 | Th | | Guide to the New Revenue Recognition Model for All CPAs | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| Sept 21 | Th | N | More than Meets the Eye: Examining the New Lease Accounting | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| Sept 22 | F | | Health Care Services Conference | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 220 | 295 | 8 | General |
| Oct 20 | F | | Industry Conference | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 225 | 8 | General |
| Oct 25 | W | | Construction Contractors Advanced Issues | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Oct 27 | F | | Accounting Educators' Symposium | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 85 | 85 | 8 | General |
| Oct 30 | M | | S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Oct 31 | T-W | | 1040 Tax Return Workshop | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 385 | 535 | 16 | Tax |
| Nov 2 | Th | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| Nov 2 | Th | | Select Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Nov 2 | Th | | U.S. GAAP: Review for Business & Industry | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Nov 3 | F | | Best Practices for Payroll Taxes and 1099 Issues | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 3 | F | | Annual Update and Practice Issues for Preparation | Gulfport | Marriott Courtyard | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Nov 9 | Th | | Smart Tax Planning Strategies for Individuals | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Nov 9 | Th | | Practical Tax Tips and Techniques for Closely - Held Businesses | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Nov 10 | F | | Complete Trust Workshop! | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 14 | T | N | The Bottom Line on the New Lease Accounting Requirements | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| Nov 14 | T | | Interpreting the New Revenue Recognition Standard | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A |
| Nov 14 | T | | Cut Your Client's Tax Bill: Individual Tax Planning Tips and Strategies | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 15 | W | | AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 15 | W | | Yellow Book: Government Auditing Standards | Tupelo | BanCorp South Conf. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| Nov 16 | Th | | Not-for-Profit Conference | TBD | TBD | | 100 | 100 | 8 | General |
| Nov 17 | F | | Business Valuation and Litigation Services Conference | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 165 | 235 | 8 | General |
| Nov 28 | T | | Yellow Book: Government Auditing Standards | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A/YB |
| Nov 28 | T | | Slashing Taxes for Your Small Business Clients | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 29 | W | | AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Nov 29 | W | | Ethics, Rules, and Regulations | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Ethics |
| Nov 29 | W | N | Uniform Grant Guidance | Hattiesburg | Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. | | 150 | 190 | 4 | A&A/YB |
| Nov 30 | Th | N | Mergers and Acquisitions: Tax and Due Diligence Considerations | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Nov 30 | Th | N | Mergers and Acquisitions: Strategies for the Right Tax Structure | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Dec 1 | F | N | Accounting Methods and Periods: Including Form 3115 | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Dec 1 | F | N | Reviewing Partnership Tax Returns: What Are You Missing? | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | | 150 | 190 | 4 | Tax |
| Dec 7 | Th | | Mississippi Tax Institute | Jackson | Hilton | | 180 | 180 | 8 | Tax |
| Dec 11 | M | | Identity Theft | Natchez | Natchez Grand Hotel | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Dec 12 | T | | Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns | Natchez | Natchez Grand Hotel | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |
| Dec 13 | W | | U.S. GAAP: Review for Business & Industry | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | A&A |
| Dec 14 | Th | | AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update | Ridgeland | MSCPA Center | * | 270 | 340 | 8 | Tax |



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APRIL – MAY 2017 CPE COURSE INFORMATION

4/21/2017

Friday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

CFO Series: Essential Skills

Discussion Leader: John Daly, CPA

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Executive Ed **ACRONYM:** ESC

Course objectives and description: This course is for people who are, or aspire to be, chief financial officers. The discussions will be most appropriate for people in medium-sized organizations. Topics to be discussed: Beyond Traditional Budgeting, Pricing for Profitability, Contemporary Cost Concepts, and Communicating Financial Information to Non-Accountants.

4/28/2017

Friday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Young CPA Conference

Discussion Leader: Panel

Cost: Members: \$100 **Non-Members:** \$100 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** YCPAC

Course objectives and description: This Mississippi Young CPA Network event is for young and aspiring CPAs looking to build success skills to get ahead. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

5/10/2017

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Accounting and Auditing Conference

Discussion Leader: Mike Brand, CPA; Panel

Cost: Members: \$210 **Non-Members:** \$285 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** AAC

Course objectives and description: This event will provide the crucial guidance you need to stay in compliance with the many A&A rules affecting your practice, business or clients. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

5/15/2017

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Business Writing Skills for CPAs

Discussion Leader: Mark Gorman, CPA

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** SURGENT **ACRONYM:** BUSW

Course objectives and description: Do not allow yourself to be relegated to the role of number cruncher. Elevating your career to the next level requires good written communication skills, which can be significantly enhanced with specific, proven, and easy-to-use techniques. Also learn to quickly and efficiently translate your thoughts into a clear, concise message designed specifically for your target audience. This course provides the tools you need to write letters, memos, emails, reports, etc. that are interesting, accessible, and loaded with the information readers need, in a format they want to read. It will transform the process of writing from a dreaded chore to a creative and productive activity.

5/16/2017

Tuesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Become a Public Speaking Pro Today! Interactive Skills Building Workshop

Discussion Leader: Mark Gorman, CPA

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** SURGENT **ACRONYM:** PSTW

Course objectives and description: Public speaking skill is a powerful tool for CPA success. The ability to deliver impactful presentations with poise and energy can make all the difference in firm advancement, client retention, and rainmaking. Which is why it is so unfortunate that the prospect of speaking before a crowd fills so many of us with dread. Successful public speakers enjoy presenting to groups because they understand how to engage and delight their audience. But they were not born knowing how to do this. They learned -- and so can you. In Surgent's interactive workshop, you will learn strategies and tactics you can use to manage public speaking anxiety, project confidence, build rapport with an audience, and communicate your message powerfully. In addition to an expert-led discussion of the issues, each participant will have several opportunities for "mini-presentations" to the presenter(s) and peers, and receive real-time feedback.

5/17/2017 **Hot Topics in Industry: A Program for Management Development**
 Wednesday-Thursday **Discussion Leader:** Panel
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$300 **Non-Members:** \$375 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 16 A&A **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** PMD

Course objectives and description: The Program for Management Development is geared toward chief financial officers, controllers and other executives in industry, managers, and partners in public accounting. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

5/19/2017 **Mississippi Sales and Use Tax**
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** Greg Duke
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30-12
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** MSUT

Course objectives and description: This seminar, led by a representative of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, will include an Introduction on *Sales Tax: Levies, Returns and Filing, and Exemptions; Use Tax; Causal Sales Tax; Industry-Specific Sales Tax; Contractor's Tax; and more. This seminar will be a great opportunity to get the latest Sales and Use Tax information directly from the Department of Revenue.

5/19/2017 **Ethics, Rules, and Regulations**
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** Billy Morehead
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** ERR-2

Course objectives and description: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

5/22/2017 **Mississippi Technology Conference**
 Monday-Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** Panel
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$455 **Non-Members:** \$595 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0
 Embassy Suites **Course Hours:** 8:00-4:30
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 16 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** MTC

Course objectives and description: This two-day event attracts public, industry, and technology focused individuals seeking best practices in technology. Be impressed by the best tools, software, and resources to help you succeed. This year K2 Enterprises brings a variety of new sessions.

5/23/2017 **Form 990: Mastering Its Unique Characteristics**
 Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** Brian Yacker
 Hattiesburg **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30
 Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EO-F990

Course objectives and description: Explore the tax information and inherent not-for-profit organization issues to be mastered in properly preparing the current Form 990. This course covers the numerous reporting demands the 990 imposes, including how to respond to the Form's demands for narrative answers. Participants will gain an understanding of the tax and practical points essential to appropriate completion of the Form 990 and be guided on advising exempt clients on the Form's complexities and diverse demands.

5/23/2017

Tuesday

Hattiesburg

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes****Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** TTFS

Course objectives and description: Many costly fraudulent schemes have occurred repeatedly throughout the past several decades. Why do these material and frequently recurring frauds succeed? One reason is that business owners, management, auditors, and employees fail to recognize the red flags that have been associated with these financial statement and misappropriation of asset frauds. Another major reason is that the reporting and transaction processing systems do not have adequate controls to either prevent and/ or detect these schemes. This course will provide descriptions of how these major frauds are perpetrated (including real-world examples) and the types of cost-effective controls that can be implemented by both small and large businesses and nonprofit entities to identify and prevent these deceptive acts.

5/24/2017

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Audit Work papers: Documenting and Reviewing Field Work**Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** AUDW

Course objectives and description: Working papers are the building blocks of an audit. If it's not in the working papers, audit quality may suffer, as the manager and partner might not know about it or its ramifications may not be fully considered. Understand the professional standards regarding working paper documentation. Make this course part of the firm's quality control system. Learn the fundamentals of working paper preparation – form and content – to make sure audit considerations, work performed, and conclusions reached are properly documented. You will also explore examples which show field work supervisors what factors to consider and what steps to follow when reviewing working papers. In addition, typical working paper deficiencies are explained to help minimize potential liability.

5/24/2017

Wednesday

Hattiesburg

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Internal Control Best Practices for Small- and Medium-Sized Entities****Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ICSM

Course objectives and description: This course provides practical guidance for those involved with internal control responsibilities (auditing, monitoring, implementing, etc.) in adapting the updated COSO Internal Control Framework to small and medium-sized entities. Internal control concepts are applicable to every entity, regardless of size. However, there is no "one size fits all" set of rules that can be applied to all entities. Often times the internal control "best practices" that have evolved over time are based upon large entity environments and these "best practices" are not necessarily relevant to small and medium-sized entities. This course will show you some best practices for designing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and auditing cost-effective internal controls for small and medium-sized entities.

5/24/2017

Wednesday

Hattiesburg

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting: Mastering the Unique Requirements****Discussion Leader:** Brian Yacker**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** NFPF-1

Course objectives and description: Do you know what makes not-for-profit accounting and financial reporting different? Are you aware of how not-for-profit financial statements will change as a result of the FASB's Financial Statement Project? Through a combination of practical guidance and case studies, this course will provide insight into what makes not-for-profits different while training you to clear key hurdles in not-for-profit accounting and reporting in an efficient and effective manner. Avoid the potholes of confusion and provide a financial picture that end users can truly understand.

5/25/2017

Thursday

Hattiesburg

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?****Discussion Leader:** William Murphy**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** RPTR-1

Course objectives and description: Join us as we discuss the common errors practitioners make on pass through tax returns that are often missed by review staff. The intent is to sharpen skills for reviewers by examining case studies and discussing issues where additional information from the client may be warranted and areas of tax law where proper treatment requires additional analysis and information. Multiple issues will be discussed and both partnership and S corporation returns will be covered. This course follows a highly illustrative case study format to increase participant comprehension and retention.

5/25/2017

Thursday

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Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30-12**Interpreting the New Revenue Recognition Standard: What All CPA's Need to Know****Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell**Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4INRR-1

Course objectives and description: The new accounting standard for revenue recognition has finally been released! With the issuance of FASB ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, FASB has completed a convergence project with the IASB to improve financial reporting by creating common revenue recognition guidance for U.S. GAAP and IFRS. For years, revenue recognition has been the cause of audit failures and the focus of corporate abuse and fraud allegations. This course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the framework for revenue recognition built around the core principle that is applied in a five step process. In addition, understanding the changes and new requirements is critical for successful implementation of this new standard. Supported by practical examples, this course will assist you in avoiding revenue recognition traps and provide you with latest FASB guidance.

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Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr.**Fraud in Small-to Medium-Sized Entities****Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell**Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4FSME

Course objectives and description: Due to the limited number of qualified professionals, many small to medium sized entities struggle with maintaining an adequate internal control structure. In addition, many auditors struggle with assisting their clients during the audit process while maintaining their independence and professional skepticism. This course includes an overview of the auditor's responsibilities related to financial statement fraud, and also includes information relevant to management's responsibility for fraud and internal controls.

5/25/2017Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center**Internal Controls and Risk Assessment: Key Factors in a Successful Audit****Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ICRA

Course objectives and description: Under generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), all auditors are required to follow a risk-based approach to auditing. The consideration of internal control is key to risk assessment and to the determination of the overall audit approach. Understand the requirements in a financial statement audit for understanding internal control and assessing the design and implementation thereof. The focus of this course is to help you get it right! Throughout the course we'll enhance your understanding with exercises designed to illustrate how the concepts apply to practical audit situations.

5/26/2017Friday
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MSCPA Center**Purchasing, Inventory, and Cash Disbursements: Common Frauds and Internal Controls****Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms**Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4PCD

Course objectives and description: Purchasing and cash disbursements are common targets for fraud in any entity's environment. While business owners and managers are aware that internal controls seem to be very important, they often don't know whether the entity's system is adequate. While accountants instinctively know that internal controls are important and necessary, it is sometimes difficult to effectively communicate this with business owners. It is important to focus on common frauds and internal controls over the purchasing and cash disbursement processes. This course teaches you to hone in on smaller businesses and not-for-profit entities where cost/benefit analysis is extremely important and fraud is more likely to occur. Learn how to efficiently analyze controls to ensure you're getting the "biggest bang for your buck" when considering a control to implement and/or test.

5/26/2017Friday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center**Fraud and Cash Receipts: Common Frauds and Internal Controls****Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms**Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4RCR

Course objectives and description: Revenue and cash receipts are two critical areas that require strong controls to prevent intentional fraud or unintentional misstatements. While there is well-publicized fraud in these areas in larger companies, it also occurs in smaller businesses and not-for-profit entities. A sound system of internal controls is needed to help prevent fraud. All too often, a "one-size-fits-all" system is put in place without considering the uniqueness of each entity. It is crucial that an internal control system is tailored so that the areas of greatest risk receive the most attention.

5/30/2017Tuesday
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MSCPA Center**Audits of 401(k) Plans****Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** AFKP

Course objectives and description: Since 401(k) plans make a popular option for employee benefit plans, auditors of employee benefit plans must have the proper skills to audit these plans effectively. You will work through how to audit a 401(k) plan and prepare financial statements that satisfy ERISA and SEC requirements. Tap into ways to plan and conduct 401(k) audits more efficiently and effectively, and understand the differences between 401(k) audits and other employee benefit plan audits.

5/31/2017Wednesday
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MSCPA Center**Tax Considerations and Consequences for Closely Held Businesses****Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CHTX

Course objectives and description: Provide insightful recommendations for the challenges faced by your closely held business clients. Employ smart business decisions that will minimize the tax burden, not only on the business, but also on the owners. The concepts are uniquely laid out in the course to allow you to easily and quickly identify those tax-saving strategies that fit your client's situation.

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Holmes CC**Nexus Update: Latest Developments in State Income, Franchise, and Sales Taxes****Discussion Leader:** Michael Frost**Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** NXUP-1

Course objectives and description: The barriers to doing business across state lines have significantly decreased in recent years. However, this creates additional issues for taxpayers and their preparers in determining where and when they have nexus in a state which would require them to file either state income tax or sales tax returns. This class will not only help equip you in learning the various ways that states define and enforce nexus but also in how to determine when your company or client has nexus in a state, thus requiring the filing of tax returns.

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