

Education Foundation Announces **2018 Scholarship Winners**

Graduate Scholarships



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A'RAVIAN SHARKEY Jackson State University Gary Thornton Memorial Scholarship

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BREONNA DEAR Jackson State University



ARIELLE MARIE DAUBER Mississippi University for Women



REBECCA FALLS Millsaps College



ABIGAIL BACOT FRALEY SETH MURPHY LAWRENCE Mississippi College



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JEREMY LOCKHART Mississippi Valley State University



CARL UPTON University of Mississippi



JENNA VAN DAN University of Southern Mississippi



ALEXANDER MILLER University of Mississippi Bill Rush Mosby, Jr. Scholarship

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JAMES E. BENNETT Greenville Died August 21, 2018

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THOMAS (TOMMY) E. LOTT, JR. Columbus Died August 23, 2018

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Sign up for CPA Day of Service – November 2

The MSCPA Young CPA Network has planned a day where ALL Society members can give back to their communities in some way. CPA Day of Service is a fun way to interact with fellow CPAs and accounting professionals while engaging with the community that you serve on a daily basis.

ALL Society Members Are Invited to Serve

The MSCPA will once again team up with the Mississippi Food Network for the fourth year in a row to collect food and provide nourishing meals to hungry Mississippians or to help at various food

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Dues Deadline October 1 To Avoid **Late Fee**



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Apply for our **MSCPA Specialty License Tag**

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The Mississippi Legislature authorized the MSCPA to obtain a specialty tag during the 2016 Legislative Session. The MSCPA Education Foundation

will receive \$24 per tag which will help fund student scholarships upon recommendation by their institution and the MSCPA Awards, Education &

Scholarships Committee. MSCPA is required to pre-sell 300 plates before the tag is produced. Each of the 300 people interested in purchasing the tag should complete an application. Applications can be found on page 7 of the July newsletter

and can also be downloaded from the News page on our website www.ms-cpa. org/news. The required fee for the new plate must be collected by the MSCPA

along with the application.

The Department of Revenue accepts specialty plate documents twice a year. If all documentation is received by May 15,

the tag is manufactured in July. If the documentation is received by October 15, the tag is manufactured in January. Send in your application so we can make 2019 production!

CPA DAY OF SERVICE

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pantries across the State. In 2016, the MSCPA Young CPA Network was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the MFN for their continued relationship and willingness to volunteer.

MSCPA is coordinating events statewide including the areas of Metro Jackson, Gulf Coast, Columbus, Tupelo, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Meridian, Starkville, Cleveland, Oxford and Natchez. Exact locations and times will be sent out to those who sign up.

You can sign up as an individual or a group for the CPA Day of Service. Register to participate online on the SIGNUPGENIUS website. Choose the search icon and then search for sign up with the msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org email address.

New participants will receive a free t-shirt to wear when you volunteer if you register by **October 19**. There is no deadline for registration, just make sure you register by the event day, Friday, November 2. If you are a returning participant, please signup online and wear the t-shirt you received last year. Use the hashtag #CPAservice if you'd like to post photos to social media of your volunteer activity.

If you have questions about the event, you can contact MSCPA Young CPA Network President, Lydia Windham at msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org. Beta Alpha Psi and other accounting societies are encouraged to participate this year.

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Member News

T. E. "Tommy" Lott, Jr., A MSCPA Legacy, Dies at 82

The MSCPA family is saddened by the loss of **T. E. "Tommy" Lott, Jr.**, 82, of Columbus. Mr. Lott served as Chairman of the Board of T. E. Lott & Company and was Past President of the MSCPA (1979-1980) as was his father (1936-1937). Mr. Lott spent



more than 60 years at T. E. Lott and Company, building the accounting firm his father started in 1926 into one the most respected firms in the region with offices in Columbus, Starkville and Tuscaloosa, Ala. The MSCPA silver medal for performance on the CPA exam bears his father's name. Both were stewards of the profession and were dedicated to the Society. Mr. Lott actively served his community throughout his life as a true public servant. He was active with the Golden Triangle Development LINK and various economic development endeavors throughout his career and served on numerous industry boards. Mr. Lott was awarded the Jaycees Man of the Year and was Past President of the Columbus Rotary Club and

Mississippi Golfers Association. He served as trustee of the YMCA and was instrumental with the development of the Good Samaritan Medical Clinic. Mr. Lott was a member of First United Methodist Church leading and serving on various committees. He loved Mississippi State athletics and was a member of the Bulldog Club and M-Club. He will be remembered as a tireless advocate for Columbus and the Golden Triangle, a wise friend and mentor, and loving husband and father.

O'Neal's Teenage Son Starts Ministry to Give Socks to Homeless

Socks are the No. 1 most requested clothing item at homeless shelters. This is a fact





Carver O'Neal read last year, and it resonated with him. O'Neal, a student at Pillow Academy, said he was in class one day and an idea for a sock drive hit him. With a lot of prayer and confirmation that God was prompting his heart for service, O'Neal held a sock drive through his school and a couple of churches and collected 665 pairs of socks. The socks were donated to Atlanta Mission, a nonprofit serving

the needs of the homeless population. The successful event sparked O'Neal to continue the work he felt led to do. This year, the 10th-grader formed Mission: Socks, a

ministry dedicated to providing the homeless with socks. This year, the donations will be sent to Stewpot Community Services, a homeless ministry in Jackson. Mission: Socks has already received some donations and has sponsors from as far away as New York and Scotland. O'Neal is member of North Greenwood Baptist Church, where he is active in the church's youth group and plays drums for the youth praise band and Sunday praise band. He is also involved at his school with the cross country track team and band. He said his school, church and family have all been very supportive of Mission: Socks. His parents, Chris and Kristy O'Neal, help out, and he runs ideas by them. "What Carver is doing demonstrates that you're 'never too young' to do something in the name of the Lord (1 Timothy 4:12) and that if you feel led to do something, all that is needed is a willingness to act and He will take care of the rest," said Chris. "Kristy and I are very proud of what Carver's doing and can't wait to see what God has in store for his future." Chris is a Partner at Orsborn, Sutphen, & O'Neal, P.A. in Greenwood and is an active member of the MSCPA.

Mission: Socks was first featured in the Greenwood Commonwealth newspaper and was later picked up by U.S. News. For more information about Mission: Socks or purchasing a T-shirt, visit Facebook.com/missionsocks.

Little Elected Shareholder of T. E. Lott & Company

Katherine W. Little, CPA, CSEP has recently been elected shareholder of T. E. Lott & Company. She has practiced in public



accounting for 12 years. Her professional expertise is in tax services, which includes tax consulting and advising, tax research of complex issues, tax planning for optimal tax outcome, execution of tax

strategies, and compilation of tax returns for individuals, partnerships, corporations, non-profits, estates, gifts, and trusts. She is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Certified Senior Advisor. She co-founded the TEL CARES division of T. E. Lott & Company in 2012, which provides Social Security claiming strategies and consulting for upcoming retirees, as well as personal bookkeeping assistance to seniors. In the Starkville community, she is an active member of the Starkville Rotary Club, where she has served as Treasurer and served on various other committees. She is a current board member of the Northeast Chapter of Financial Planning Association, and member of the AICPA, and MSCPA. Katherine is a native of Quitman, received her Bachelor of Accounting and Master of Taxation from Mississippi State University. She and her husband, Jeff, have two children, Sarah Shelton and Jack.

Koerber Authors Chapters for Economic Damages Book

Jim Koerber, CPA/ABV/CFF authored two chapters on personal injury/wrongful death and employment discrimination/wrongful



termination for the newly published 5th edition of The Comprehensive Guide to Economic Damages. Koerber is a shareholder in The Koerber Company in Hattiesburg.

MSCPA Objects to ABV Credential For Non-CPAs

The MSCPA, in a September 7 comment letter, voiced its concerns and opposition over the recent decision by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) to open the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) credential to non-CPAs. In the letter, drafted by members of the Society's Business Valuation and Litigation Support Committee (BVLS), the Society asked that the AICPA adhere to the AICPA Foundational Priorities and stated that the change in the ABV pathway is contradictory to the AICPA's own key focus areas that support its vision and mission. The MSCPA BVLS strongly encouraged the AICPA to reconsider its vote to change the ABV criteria.

First developed in 1998, the ABV credential has been available only to CPAs as a way to signal further specialization in the field of business valuation. In May, however, the AICPA Council voted to open a second path to the credential that does not require CPA licensure. The AICPA said that the move would help "promote consistency, quality and transparency in the valuation marketplace" by making sure that "both CPAs and financial professionals will follow the same professional ethics and valuation standards as they perform business valuations, helping firms to manage risk and provide reliable service to clients."

Prior to drafting the letter, the BVLS Committee conducted an anonymous survey of its members and all other ABV-credentialed MSCPA members, encouraging them to consider those viewpoints as discussed in AICPA webinars regarding the change to the ABV pathway before responding to the survey. The survey results support the MSCPA BVLS Committee's opposition to establishing a pathway for non-CPAs to obtain the ABV credential.

Are you in favor of changing the ABV criteria to admit non-CPAs?

	Total ABVs	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	No Preference
BVLS Committee Members	67%	0%	100%	0%
Non Committee Members	100%	0%	83%	17%

In its letter, addressed to Susan Coffey, Executive Vice-President-Public Practice at the AICPA, the Committee argued that "the competitive distinction that has been earned by CPA/ABVs in the market place over many years will be diluted by allowing non-CPAs to obtain a CPA-branded credential" and that "the AICPA has fallen short of its responsibility to advocate for CPAs by allowing non-CPAs to obtain a CPA-branded credential. "

On June 18, 2018, prominent CPA/ABVs in the national business valuation community published an open letter to the AICPA expressing their opposition to the change. In the letter they noted

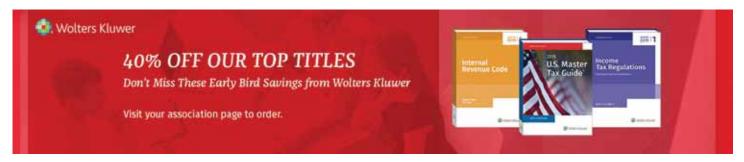
the "AICPA's lack of transparency and dialogue with stakeholders" as ABVs had not been polled or given a chance to provide feedback, although the AICPA gave Council members the impression that the community of stakeholders supported the change. The results of a survey conducted by signers of the open letter of current CPA/ABVs and other stakeholders showed that of the approximately 3,200 CPA/ABVs, 1,406 participated in the survey a coverage rate of 44%. Of the 1,406 CPA/ABVs who participated in the survey, an overwhelming majority, 1,326 or 94%, voted NO when asked if they were in favor of changing the criteria to admit non-CPAs.

The AICPA subsequently published a letter arguing that it followed its process in making the change and presented a timeline of events supporting their process. However, it has since been acknowledged by the AICPA that factual errors in the timeline existed and that the process was flawed. Given these discrepancies, the open letter writers have proposed that:

- 1. AICPA management immediately suspend the change to the ABV criteria.
- The AICPA modify its internal process of approving any change to the ABV criteria by seeking and considering input from all stakeholders (including current CPA/ABVs) and then have Council revote.
- If, after reconsideration, the AICPA still elects to issue a valuation certification to non-CPAs, that it create a second valuation credential for non-CPAs separate from the ABV.

Over concerns that Council voted in favor of the change without the benefit of the actual facts and without input from the majority of the CPA/ABV community, MSCPA Chairman Annette Herrin said, "While ABVs in Mississippi have a consensus on this issue, the scope of the problem goes beyond the ABV. The AICPA must thoroughly vet proposals of this magnitude and gain consensus of all members represented going forward." She also said that she is in communication with counterparts at other state societies in order to promote a larger, nationwide effort to convince the AICPA to reverse its decision.

In response to our letter sent to the AICPA, Susan Coffey replied, "Thank you for taking the time to provide us with MSCPA's comments and recommendations on Council's decision to open the ABV to qualified professionals. I appreciate the BVLS Committee's views and recommendations, which will be considered as we evaluate how to proceed." On September 12, the AICPA notified state society CEOs that the Fall Council agenda will include an ABV presentation and discussion. Council meets October 21-23.



Education Foundation Awards \$36,000 in Scholarships

The Education Foundation of the Mississippi Society of CPAs recently awarded \$36,000 in college scholarships for the fall 2018 term. Founded in the early 1970s, the Foundation seeks to promote accounting education in Mississippi colleges and universities by helping students pursue a CPA career.

College juniors, seniors, and graduate students representing 10 Mississippi institutions applied for the scholarships, which required submitted essays, transcripts, and resumes. Scholarships worth \$2,500 each were awarded to 14 students.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

KATELYN EATON

Mississippi State University Ralph F. Neely Scholarship

Katelyn Eaton of Petal has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Mississippi State, she is involved with many organizations such as Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance, Order of Omega, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, The Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement, and Kappa Delta Sorority. She was a student worker for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and has also worked as a Graduate Assistant for the Adkerson's School of Accounting. Katelyn was selected as one of Adkerson's Outstanding Graduating Seniors and was selected to serve on the Adkerson School of Accountancy Student Advisory Board. She received the Frank Jackson Accounting Graduate GAP Scholarship, the MSCPA Outstanding Accounting Major award, and was on the President's List all eight semesters of her undergraduate degree. She has interned at York Development in Hattiesburg as well as KPMG in Memphis, Tenn. Outside of college, she has served at Sally Kate Winters Home where she mentored foster children by playing games and helping them with homework. She is also involved at Pinelake Church-Starkville.

The Ralph F. Neely Scholarship was established in 2016 to honor Mr. Neely who was an original Trustee of the Education Foundation when it was founded. Mr. Neely served as MSCPA President during 1966-67.

AUBREY SANDERS

University of Southern Mississippi Rhyne E. Neubert Scholarship

Aubrey Sanders of Hattiesburg has a 3.75 GPA in accounting and a 3.86 GPA overall. At Southern Miss, she is involved with many organizations such as Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and Lambda Sigma honor societies, serving as the Lambda Sigma treasurer. She was also a Student Government Association freshman associate member and an Honors College ambassador. During her undergraduate studies, Aubrey received a presidential scholarship and studied abroad on an exchange program in England. Outside of college, she was counselor and youth camper coordinator for the Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp in Hattiesburg. Aubrey completed an audit internship with KPMG in Jackson and has accepted an offer for a full-time position with the firm for fall 2019.

The Rhyne E. Neubert Scholarship was established in 2016 to honor Mr. Neubert who served as a Trustee of the Education Foundation until 2016. Under his investment guidance and expertise, the Fund grew from an original contribution of \$1,000 to its level today. Mr. Neubert served as MSCPA President during 1972-73 and was honored by the MSCPA in 1996 as the Public Service Award Winner for outstanding service to his community.

KELLIE SHANNON

University of Mississippi Edward A. DeMiller, Jr. Scholarship

Kellie Shannon of Madison has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Ole Miss, she is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Beta Gamma Sigma. She is also a member of Beta Alpha Psi where she serves as the service project director and participates in volunteer projects including accounting tutoring. She also works as a calculus and college algebra tutor for the university's mathematics department and participated in KPMG and PwC case competitions. Kellie also volunteers with the Office of Student Disability Services, Green Grove Initiative,

and Ole Miss Big Event. Outside college, she volunteers as an assistant Sunday school teacher with First Baptist Church in Oxford and is a member of Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church in Madison. Kellie completed an internship with KPMG in Jackson in the spring of 2018.

The Edward A. DeMiller, Jr. Scholarship was established in 2016 to honor Mr. DeMiller who was an original Trustee of the Education Foundation when it was founded. Mr. DeMiller, who died in 2014, served as MSCPA President during 1959-60.

A'RAVIAN SHARKEY

Jackson State University
Gary Thornton Memorial Scholarship

A'Ravian Sharkey of Greenville has a 3.875 GPA in accounting and a 3.98 GPA overall. At Jackson State, she is involved with Honors College Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Who's Who Amongst Colleges & Universities, and the Accounting Society. A'Ravian is a member of the National Association for Black Accountants. She also volunteers as a tutor at Blackburn Middle School and as a youth teacher at Greater Destiny Fellowship Ministry. A'Ravian completed internships with KPMG and has accepted an offer for a full-time position with the firm for fall 2019.

The Gary E. Thornton Memorial Scholarship was established in 1999 by Gary's widow, Cathy. Gary was an active MSCPA member and former chair of the Governmental A&A Committee. He died in March of 1999.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Marshal Salley

Delta State University
Hamp King Award

Marshal Salley of Yazoo City has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. He is active in campus organizations including the Student Accountants & Business Administrators Club-Officer, Business Student Advisory Council, Certified Managerial Accountants Delta State Chapter-President, First Year Seminar Peer Mentor, Accounting Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta Honor

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Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Sigma Honor Society, and is a Supplemental Instructor for Financial Accounting I. Outside of college, he is involved with the Cleveland/Bolivar County Animal Shelter, the Oasis Health and Rehabilitation Center in Yazoo City, and the Yazoo Valley Electric Power Association as a maintenance crew member.

The prestigious Hamp King Award is given to the most outstanding undergraduate scholarship recipient. This award was established to recognize and honor the memory of the late Hamp King, a CPA who served as Mississippi's State Auditor for many years. The winner is invited to the Mississippi Tax Institute conference on December 6, 2018, at the Hilton-Jackson to receive the award along with an additional \$1,000 scholarship to be given by the Institute.

FATIMA LUCIA BRACAMONTE

Mississippi State University

Fatima Bracamonte of Madison has a 3.17 GPA in accounting and a 3.68 GPA overall. She is active in campus organizations including Undergraduate Women in Business, Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance, Empowering Minorities in Accounting Association, and is an ambassador for the College of Business. She is also a New Maroon camp counselor. Fatima completed an internship with Trustmark's Wealth Management and Compliance Department in the summer of 2018.

BREONNA DEAR

Jackson State University

Breonna Dear of Jackson has a 3.8 GPA in accounting and a 3.8 GPA overall. She is active in campus organizations including Tau Sigma National Honor Society serving as Secretary, the Accounting Society, and the VITA Program. Outside of college, Breonna is very active in her church.

ARIELLE MARIE DAUBER

Mississippi University for Women

Arielle Marie Dauber of Columbus has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 3.91 GPA overall. She is involved in honor societies including the National Society of Leadership and Success, Phi Kappa Phi, and Delta Mu Delta. Outside of college, she volunteered with Angels on a Mission and various Boy Scouts events alongside her brother.

REBECCA FALLS

Millsaps College

Rebecca Falls of Minter City has a 3.83 GPA in accounting and a 3.79 GPA overall. She is active in campus organizations including Kappa Delta Sorority (President, VP-Community Service), Circle of Sisterhood Committee, Foundations Leader, Canterbury Club, Women's Soccer Team, and was a student worker for the Athletic Department. She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Lambda-Secretary, Beta Alpha Psi, Order of Omega-Treasurer, and Beta Gamma Sigma. She has studied abroad in Europe, Vietnam and Cambodia. Outside college, she has worked with Lott Fuller & Associates and Viking Range, LLC and has volunteered with Camp Bratton Green.

ABIGAIL BACOT FRALEY

Mississippi College

Abigail Bacot Fraley of Vicksburg has a 3.93 GPA in accounting and a 3.95 GPA overall. She is active in campus organizations including the Business Services Club-Secretary, Reformed University Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship International, Student Advisory Board, Women in Business, Delta Mu Delta, and Phi Theta Kappa. Outside college, she volunteers as a stage director with Riverpointe Dance Academy, and as an English tutor with the Local Saudi Arabians. She completed an internship with Trustmark National Bank. She is active with Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Jackson and is a conversation partner with the Office of Global Education.

SETH MURPHY LAWRENCE

William Carey University

Seth Murphy Lawrence of Madison has a 3.63 GPA in accounting and a 3.55 GPA overall. He is a tutor for the Business Department and works for the Student Services Office as a personal scribe. Seth is a student member of the AICPA.

JEREMY LOCKHART

Mississippi Valley State University

Jeremy Lockhart of Moorhead has a 3.8 GPA in accounting and a 3.65 GPA overall. He is a member of Delta Mu Delta serving as Treasurer. He is also involved with the Student Support Services as a tutor for accounting and math majors.

CARL UPTON

University of Mississippi

Carl Upton of Jackson has a 3.88 GPA in accounting and a 3.81 GPA overall. He is active in campus organizations serving as AASB President of the Patterson School of Accountancy as well as Director of Logistics for the Ole Miss Big Event. He is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Reformed University Fellowship, Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Sigma, Freshman Council and the Ole Miss Club Ultimate Frisbee Team. Carl is affiliated with Boy Scouts having achieved Eagle Scout. He is also a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.

Jenna Van Dan

University of Southern Mississippi

Jenna Van Dan of Summit has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. She is active in campus organizations including Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Phi Kapp Phi. Jenna has tutored fellow undergraduates in accounting as part of the Student Success Center. She has also attended several accounting firms' summer leadership programs. Jenna is an active member of First Baptist Church of Summit.

Alexander S. Miller University of Mississippi Bill Rush Mosby, Jr. Scholarship

Alexander S. Miller of Natchez has a 3.43 GPA in accounting and a 3.72 GPA overall. While at Ole Miss, he served as the Treasurer of the Investment Club and participated in the Tennessee Valley Association Investment Challenge. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Outside college, Alexander is affiliated with Boy Scouts having achieved Eagle Scout in 2015.

The Bill Rush Mosby, Jr. Scholarship was established to honor the late Bill Rush Mosby, Jr. of Natchez. He served as MSCPA President in 1977-78 and was honored by the MSCPA in 2000 as the Public Service Award Winner for outstanding service to his community. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to an undergraduate accounting major from the Natchez (Adams County) area.



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Meet the Firms

Members of the MSCPA Young CPA Network visited with college accounting students at the Meet the Firms events and talked with them about their future plans for becoming a CPA and introduced the MSCPA to them.

- August 23 Ole Miss Phillip Chu Allison Garner Katelyn Sanchez Tom Steeno
- August 28 Millsaps Shannon Adams Sammie Gill
- August 29 Mississippi State Phillip Chu Meghan Ozburn
- August 30 Southern Miss Annette Herrin, Chairman Lindsay James Deena Keasler Karen Moody, President/CEO Lydia Windham
- September 5 Mississippi College Jack Kaler
 Karen Moody, President/CEO
 Kimberly Williams



Millsaps



Mississippi State



Mississippi College



Southern Miss

YCPA Social



The MSCPA Young CPA Network hosted a Pine Belt Social Event for MSCPA members and other professionals Thursday, August 30, at Brass Hat in Midtown Hattiesburg following the Southern Miss Meet the Firms.



2018 Industry Conference

Friday, October 19, 2018

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AGENDA

Registration and Breakfast
New Lease Regulations Joe Green and Rebecca Geiger, Horne LLP
Break
Retirement Planning BankPlus
Lunch (Provided)
Time Management Laura Lewis, LPC, NCC, MEA Cares
Forensic Accounting Phil Hull, FBI
Break
Human Resource Update
Adjourn



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8:00 – 8:20 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast sponsored by Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Using Competency-Based Learning Methods in Managerial Accounting Brenda Mattison, Tri-County Technical College	
8:20 – 8:25 a.m.	Opening Remarks	4.00 0.00	Teaching Learning Science to Accounting Students, One Tip at a Time Brenda Mattison, Tri-County Technical	
8:25 – 10:00 a.m.	Profession of the Future Joey Havens, HORNE LLP	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.		
10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Networking Break with Exhibito sponsored by Piltz, Williams, LaRosa Company			College	
		2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Networking Break with Exhibitors sponsored by Silas Simmons, LLP	
10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Small Teaching Tips That Create Large Learning Gains Brenda Mattison, Tri-County Technical College	2:45 – 3:05 p.m.	Exhibitor Presentations and Scholarship Giveaways		
		3:05 – 4:30 p.m.	Academic Integrity	
11:30 – 11:35 a.m.	Announcement of 2019 MSCPA Out- standing Educator		Dr. Charlotte Fant Pegues, University of Mississippi	
11.25 12.20 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	Door Prize Giveaway/Conference	
11:35 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)			Adjourns	

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Conferences

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

The MSCPA 34th Annual Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference was held on August 16 and 17 at the Hilton with over 200 in attendance at the two day event. The conference featured national speakers including Lisa Parker of GASB and Matthew Zaun of USGAO with a lunch keynote from Mississippi's new state auditor, Shad White.

Billy Morehead, Chairman Lydia Windham, Millennial Chairman













Banking & Finance Conference

Our third annual Banking & Finance Conference attracted over 70 professionals from public accounting, banking, and finance. The event took place on August 23 at the Hilton and was co-sponsored by the MS Banking Association.

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Conference Save the Date

Not-for-Profit Conference

Tuesday,
November 6, 2018
8:30am - 4:30pm
Hilton-Jackson
Member Price \$100

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Diana Aviv, former
AICPA keynote speaker,
thinker, doer, problem
solver, strategist, and
executive coach

Business Valuation and Litigation Service Conference

Friday,
November 30, 2018
8:30am - 4:30pm
MSCPA Training Center
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Member Price \$185

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- Application of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act in Valuation of Pass Through Entities
- Hot Topics in Valuation/Litigation
- Daubert Challenges: Key Rulings Related to Financial Experts

Mississippi Tax Institute

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Hilton-Jackson
Member Price \$200

SESSION TOPICS:

- Getting Your Hands Dirty with Real Estate Investors
- Cryptocurrency
- Qualified Opportunity Zones Tax Incentives for Commercial Real Estate and Other Investments
- Choice of Entity Considerations After TCJA: Does 199A Change our Minds?
- Update from IRS Taxpayer Advocate
- What Every Family Business and Family Office Need to Know
- Unwinding Entities after Tax Reform
- State Update & Reaction to Tax Reform



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10/19/2018 Industry Conference Friday Discussion Leader: Panel

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$165 Non-Members: \$240 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 TBD VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: IND

Course Objectives and Description: This event is designed to approach critical topics from the perspective of a CFO, controller, manager or accountant from the inside of a business or industry position. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete agenda closer to the date.

10/23/2018 Construction Contractors: Accounting, Auditing, and Tax

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Andrew Copeland

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 5 A&A/3 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: CAAT

Course Objectives and Description: The construction industry is one of the most unique when it comes to being in compliance with the various accounting and auditing standards. This course examines the core knowledge necessary to succeed and the key issues impacting construction accounting, auditing, and taxation. Find out what new developments may mean for you, your company, or your clients. In addition, this course explores the relationship between the contractor and the surety. With construction comprising such a large portion of the economy and always growing, it is more important than ever for you to be on top of the very latest in accounting, auditing, and tax changes for the construction industry.

10/23/2018 LIVESTREAM Construction Contractors: Accounting, Auditing, and Tax

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10/25/2018 AICPAs Federal Tax Update
Thursday Discussion Leader: Patrick Kelley

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: PTU-1

Course Objectives and Description: Save time and keep current on the latest tax developments! This comprehensive course covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), estates and trusts, retirement plans, and more.

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MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: PTUW

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10/26/2018 Accounting Education Conference

Friday **Discussion Leader**: Panel

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$90 Non-Members: \$90 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Advanced CPE Credit: 8 GEN VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: AES

Course Objectives and Description: This annual event updates accounting educators on accounting industry trends and equips them to help their students succeed. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete agenda closer to the date.

10/29/2018 NEW Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz: Fraud and Indigestion

Monday Discussion Leader: Billy Morehead

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 A&A VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: PPFFF

Course Objectives and Description: This session will focus on the COSO 2013 Internal Control Integrated Framework; the COSO 2016 ERM Internal Control Framework; the COSO/ACFE Fraud Risks in Internal Control; the latest fraud statistics from the ACFE's Report to the Nations; and, we will look at issues in construction fraud.

10/29/2018 Ethics, Rules, and Regulations Monday Discussion Leader: Billy Morehead

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Level: Basic CPE Credit: 4 Ethics VENDOR: MSCPA 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.

10/29/2018 LIVESTREAM Ethics, Rules, and Regulations

Monday Discussion Leader: Billy Morehead

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Level: Basic CPE Credit: 4 Ethics VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: ERRW-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.

10/30/2018 NEW Personality Characteristics of a Typical Fraudster

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Mark Morgan

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 Personal Dev. VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: PCTF

Course Objectives and Description: In this session, participants will discuss and learn about those personality traits and behaviors that are often found or seen in someone who is committing fraud.

11/1/2018 AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update
Thursday Discussion Leader: Jan Lewis

Hattiesburg Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: PTU-2

Course Objectives and Description: Save time and keep current on the latest tax developments! This comprehensive course covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), estates and trusts, retirement plans, and more.

11/1/2018 FASB's "Big 3" -- Revenue Recognition, Leases, and Financial Instruments

Thursday Discussion Leader: Thomas Newell

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

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: FSBT

Course Objectives and Description: Sometimes we can avoid addressing the elephant in the room for a while. However, when there are three elephants in the room, it's time to address the issues. Designed for practitioners and their staff, whether in public accounting or business and industry, this course provides a comprehensive review and update of the FASB's Big 3 accounting and reporting areas -- Revenue Recognition, Leases, and Financial Instruments. We will focus on recently issued Accounting Standards Updates, covering these critical areas of your practice or organization. We will analyze the Big 3, which have a major effect on all industries, using examples and illustrations to provide a hands-on approach that will help you better assess and implement the new standards and guidance applicable to your clients or organization.

11/2/2018 Employment Law Update: Key Risks and Recent Trends

Friday Discussion Leader: Brent McClure

Hattiesburg Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: LAWU

Course Objectives and Description: Businesses and non-profits today face an explosion of EEOC actions and employment litigation that can threaten the organization's financial stability as well as its reputation. This course will update you on, and provide tips about mitigating exposure for, the key employment risks that every employer faces: cyber issues such as social media, device and internet use, wrongful termination, retaliation, whistleblowers, all types of discrimination and harassment, workplace safety, wage and hour laws, immigration issues, laws such as the FMLA, ADA, HIPAA, COBRA, FLSA, and more. Know how to react to developing employment issues, understand recent trends in employment claims, and arm yourself with the knowledge and assessment tools that can make a difference for your employer or your clients.

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11/2/2018 Advanced Concepts in SSARS 21 and Nonattest Services: Are You Certain You Are in Compliance?

Friday **Discussion Leader**: Thomas Newell

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

Lake Terrace Conv. Ctr Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Advanced CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: SS21

Course Objectives and Description: Practitioners that provide non-audit services must strike the right balance between complying with relevant professional and regulatory standards, providing value-added client service, and mitigating litigation and other practice management risks. This course contains many case studies to reinforce best practices for managing the accounting, reporting, and performance issues associated with the attest services of compilations and reviews where reports are issued, as well as the SSARS 21 preparation of financial statements service and other nonattest engagements.

11/6/2018 Not-For-Profit Conference
Tuesday Discussion Leader: Panel

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

Hilton Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 TBD VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: NPC

Course Objectives and Description: Get the industry-specific insights you need to maintain a strong organization for you or your clients and get informed about unique challenges facing not-for-profit organizations at this annual event. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda closer to the date.

11/8/2018 Annual Federal Tax Update
Thursday Discussion Leader: Jan Lewis

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: PTU-3

Course Objectives and Description: Save time and keep current on the latest tax developments! This comprehensive course covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), retirement plans, and more.

11/8/2018 From Hiring to Firing and Everything in Between: Legal, Tax, and Health Care Issues

Thursday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor

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

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Basic CPE Credit: 6 Gen/2 Tax VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: HTOF-2

Course Objectives and Description: The employer-employee relationship strains both sides in uncertain times, and businesses need CPAs, controllers, and other advisors to provide understanding of the complex legal, tax, and health care issues associated with all aspects of employment, especially now. This course provides in-depth coverage of this critical area and is updated and supplemented throughout the year for breaking developments.

11/9/2018 Select Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle Income Client

Friday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 4 Tax VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: PMI4

Course Objectives and Description: Clients think that estate planning only applies to the very rich. In truth, there are many issues of critical concern for which the middle-income client needs to plan. This course is a must-attend for all CPAs who work with middle-income clients and are looking for ways to provide additional quality services. Updated for developments relative to potential estate tax repeal.

11/9/2018 Understanding Section 199A: The 20% Deduction for Pass-Through Entity Owners and Investors in Real Estate

Friday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 4 Tax VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: DEPT4-2

Course Objectives and Description: This course will explain how the new 20% deduction for pass-through entity owners will work. It will cover the fundamental requirements to claim the 199 deduction, what constitutes qualified business income, calculating the deduction, what types of businesses and services are eligible, the income limitations, and how S corporation shareholders and partners claim the deduction.

11/9/2018 The Essential Course for Preparing Not-for-Profit Financial Statements Under ASU No. 2016-14

Friday Discussion Leader: Cecil M. (Bill) Felder

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

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: Surgent ACRONYM: ENFP-2

Course Objectives and Description: ASU No. 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, will usher in the most significant changes to not-for-profit financial reporting in over 20 years when it becomes effective for December 31, 2018 year-ends. To properly implement the new financial reporting model professionals will need to have a strong, working knowledge of the new requirements. Now is the time to obtain that knowledge! This course will explain the new requirements, illustrate how the requirements will manifest themselves in the financial statements, and explain key options that not-for-profits have in implementing the requirements. The course will also update on you on today's

core not-for-profit accounting requirements while also examining other key issues on the horizon related to revenue recognition and leases. The course materials utilize a highly illustrative and innovative format including over 25 focused exercises to provide an enhanced working knowledge of not-for-profit accounting and reporting.

11/12/2018 S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies

Monday Discussion Leader: Gordon Meicher

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: SCORP-2

Course Objectives and Description: Get the knowledge you need to speak effectively to new and current clients about how you can make the S Corporation business model work for them. Be prepared to explain the benefits and drawbacks of electing S Corporation status and why business taxpayers favor the pass-through entity over the C Corporation. Discuss the most misunderstood areas of S Corporations taxation and how businesses and shareholders can use them to their advantage.

11/13-14/2018 1040 Tax Return Workshop

Tuesday-Wednesday **Discussion Leader**: Gordon Meicher

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$385 Non-Members: \$535 AICPA Member Discount: \$60

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Update CPE Credit: 16 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: IITW

Course Objectives and Description: Get your tax return training from the industry's best! AICPA's individual tax workshop provides the latest practical insights from nationally recognized tax experts. Reinforce your understanding of frequently used principles, and receive a wealth of tax-planning tips and strategies. Learn how to apply the latest changes when preparing federal income tax returns, and advise clients on new developments and tax-saving ideas for individuals. All key tax return issues are covered during this fast-paced, real-world session. Make sure you are armed with the latest tax guidance as you enter the upcoming tax season!

11/30/2018 Business Valuation and Litigation Services Conference

Friday **Discussion Leader**: Panel

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$185 Non-Members: \$260 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

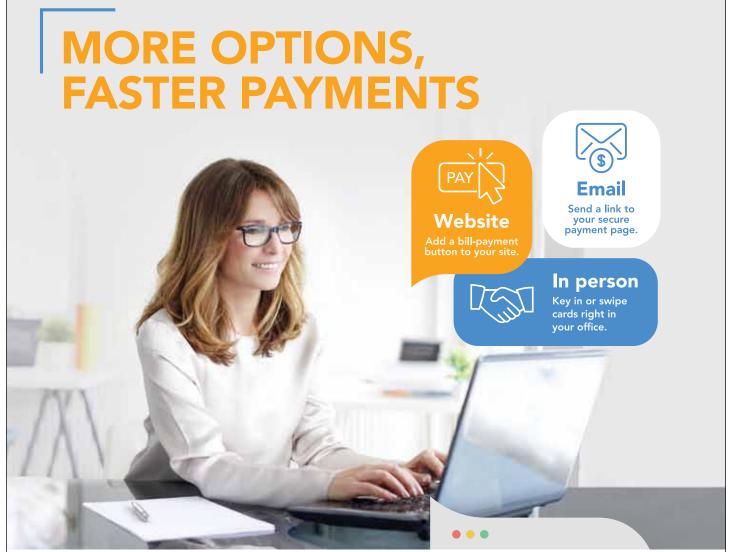
Level: Update CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: MSCPA ACRONYM: BVLS

Course Objectives and Description: This specialized event is for CPAs, business valuation specialists, appraisers and other financial professionals who perform business valuation and litigation services. Visit the MSCPA website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete seminar agenda closer to the date.



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