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Education Foundation Announces 2020 Scholarship Winners

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University of Mississippi



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Jackson State University



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MS University for Women



Abigail Jean Tew
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Ashley Vickers
Delta State University



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Deadline
October 1
to Avoid
Late Fee**

MSCPA Launches New Member Forum connect.ms-cpa.org

We recently launched our new Member Forum, Connect, which is a discussion board for all MSCPA members. From the very onset of the pandemic, members were rapidly reaching out to the MSCPA with questions. The MSCPA's network of committee members, firms, and the AICPA helped with answers as expeditiously as possible. The pandemic opened our eyes to the need of a member forum to post your questions and share information to help each other. We hope you will use Connect to communicate and share knowledge with fellow members.

Members will receive a daily email notification when any new discussions or replies are posted. You can post a new discussion or question and comment on discussions either in the Connect platform or directly from the notification emails. You must log in to Connect using the same email and password that you use to access www.ms-cpa.org. If you don't know yours, you can use the password-less login option to receive a verification code by email instead.

Once logged in, you can also make updates to your profile and email notification settings. Please also view the Terms for site etiquette guidance. Be mindful that whatever you post may be seen by over 2,600 MSCPA members. If you prefer to send a message to just one member, you may also do that via Connect.

Check out the quick start guide posted at connect.ms-cpa.org for more details on how to get started.



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MSCPA Extends Greatest Appreciation to Book Authors

The MSCPA-published book on the Society's hundred-year history entitled *MSCPA Centennial History: A Century of CPAs in Mississippi* was coauthored by James W. Davis, Dale L. Flesher, and Annette B. Pridgen, each an MSCPA member and professor. The three coauthors were well qualified to undertake a project of this nature and the MSCPA would like to extend our greatest appreciation, on behalf of all members, for all of their time and dedication to the book.

James W. Davis, a long-time professor at Ole Miss (55 years), holder of the prestigious Peery Chair in Accountancy, and former dean of the Patterson School of Accountancy (1993-2002), was the author

of the first MSCPA history in 1977 (which was based on his doctoral dissertation from 1972). Davis joined the Ole Miss faculty in 1965 following two years with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston. He is a native of Panola County and attended public schools at Pleasant Grove and Sardis. Dr. Davis is a past president of the Mississippi Society of CPAs (1983-84), and has served numerous years on the Board of Directors and as a Trustee of the MSCPA Education Foundation. Dr. Davis received the campus-wide Elsie Hood Outstanding Teacher Award as the best teacher on the Ole Miss campus. He has also served as president and long-time board member of the University's Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the highest honorary organization on campus. He was the recipient of the 1993 MSCPA Outstanding Educator Award. He has attended the MSCPA annual meeting regularly throughout his more than half century membership in the MSCPA. He holds bachelors (1962), masters (1963), and Ph.D. (1972) degrees from Ole Miss. Davis is a member of St. Peters Episcopal Church in Oxford. His hobbies include traveling, reading, and collecting books, including a complete collection of Ole Miss Annuals since 1897.

Dale L. Flesher is also a long-time professor at Ole Miss (43 years) and holds the Roland & Sheryl Burns Chair in Accountancy. He has authored organizational histories for other accountancy-related

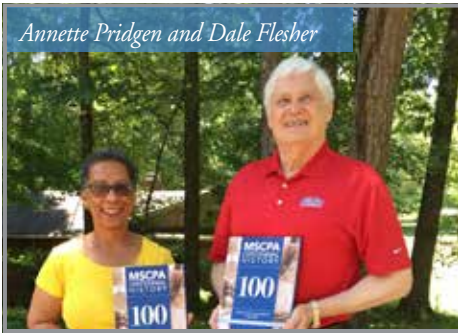


Annette Pridgen and James Davis

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organizations, including NASBA (2007), the Institute of Internal Auditors (1991), the American Accounting Association (1991), and AACSB International (2007). Flesher received the AICPA's highest award for educators, the Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award (2011) and recently was awarded the Southeastern Conference's (SEC) Faculty Achievement Award. Flesher has attended the MSCPA annual meetings in Destin continuously for the past 32 years. Dale, a native of Albany, Indiana, holds bachelors (1967) and masters (1968) degrees from Ball State University and a Ph.D. (1975) from the University of Cincinnati. He passed the CPA Exam in 1969 (and his wife Tonya passed in 1975). Before coming to Mississippi, Flesher taught at Ball State University, the University of Cincinnati, and Appalachian State University (where he received the campus-wide Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1976). In 1990, he was selected as the recipient of the Institute of

Internal Auditors' Leon Radde Award as the outstanding auditing educator worldwide. In 1988, he was honored with the University of Mississippi's Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award as the outstanding faculty member campus wide (his wife had received it the preceding year). He received the MSCPA Outstanding Educator Award in 1998 (and his wife Tonya won it in 1995). He received the University's Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement Award in 2011 as the outstanding researcher campus wide at Ole Miss. He received the 2017 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Faculty Achievement Award as the outstanding faculty member campus wide and is the only accounting professor to ever win the award at any of the 14 Southeastern Conference universities. Dale is a past president of the Academy of Accounting Historians (as is his wife), has served on many committees of the AICPA and the American Accounting Association, and has served on the AICPA Council and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the AICPA Foundation. Dale and his wife Tonya live in Oxford; they have two adult children and two small grandchildren. Even though neither of their children are CPAs, both children and grandchildren have attended many annual conventions of the MSCPA, and they actually look forward to them.

Annette B. Pridgen is an emerita professor at Jackson State University. She is a long-time attendee of the MSCPA annual meeting, has chaired the Awards, Education & Scholarships Committee of which she

has been a member of since 2003, and has become the official photographer for the annual meetings. Dr. Pridgen is a past secretary of the MSCPA (2017-2018). She, too, has published in the area of accounting history. She is a graduate of Jackson State University and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She taught for five years at Ole Miss before returning to Jackson State University in 2013. Before going into academe, Annette was employed by the Office of the Mississippi State Auditor. In 2015, Annette was honored by receiving the Association of Government Accountants' Cornelius E. Tierney Research Award for her research in governmental accounting. She has received numerous other awards including the Faculty Excellence Award for the College of Business at Jackson State University, the outstanding dissertation award from the Government & Nonprofit Section of the American Accounting Association, and the Doctoral Teaching Award from the E. H. Patterson School of Accountancy at Ole Miss. Her service at the national level has included her 2013 selection as a member of the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Green Book Advisory Council to update the standards for internal control of the United States government. In 2016, she was asked to serve on the GAO Yellow Book Advisory Council to update the government auditing standards. Annette retired from Jackson State University in the summer of 2019. She was the 2019-2020 Vice Chairman/Chairman-Elect of the MSCPA and took office as Chairman in July.



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Palmertree Receives Outstanding CPA in Government Award



The AICPA has awarded **Stephanie Palmertree** the 2020 Outstanding CPA in Government Impact Award at the State Level. Palmertree is the Director of the Financial & Compliance Audit Division at the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor.

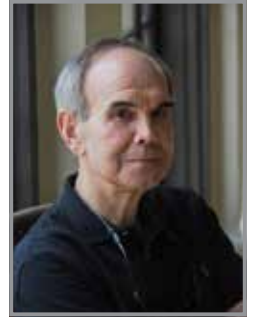
The Outstanding CPA in Government Impact Award is presented annually to three CPAs in the country – one each at the federal, state, and local levels – whose recent work has significantly impacted the mission of their office. Recipients must demonstrate “exceptional leadership, high ethical standards, and a track record of professional excellence.”

Palmertree oversees the financial statements and governmental compliance work for the State of Mississippi. In 2019, her work uncovered significant waste, fraud, and abuse at the state level, including at the Mississippi Department of Human Services, and as a result several people were arrested and indicted in one of the largest embezzlement schemes in Mississippi’s history.

Palmertree is the first Mississippi auditor at any level of government to receive this recognition from the AICPA.

Koerber Presents CLE

On August 25th, **Jim Koerber, CPA/ABV/CFF** (The Koerber Company, PA) presented a seminar entitled *Attacking & Defending Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Economic Damage Calculations* to over 200 Travelers’ Northland Insurance Company attorneys and claims adjusters, who attended Travelers’ “Hot Topics in Damages” CLE Webinar.



Brett Matthews, CPA, announces his October 16 retirement

For **Brett Matthews, CPA**, numbers run in the family. His father, Jesse Matthews, worked as an accountant. As Matthews chose his own career path, it was a natural fit.

“Math always came easy to me,” he recalls.

In 1975, after graduating from Mississippi State University with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Matthews joined his father’s firm, Matthews and Company. He made partner seven years later in 1982. By 1988, considerations of his father’s retirement led to a merger which added shareholders Raleigh Cutrer and later Charles Lindsay to form the present-day Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay, P.A. In its 32 years, the firm expanded and currently operates offices in Ridgeland, Clinton and Yazoo City.

This fall, Brett Matthews will embark on another chapter in his life – retirement.

“My departure from public accounting brings degrees of exhilaration and of melancholy. However, the firm is strong



and growing,” he says. “I entrust it to the remaining shareholders and staff to continue serving clients with sound counsel tailored to their individual situations.”

Matthews says he’s looking forward to traveling with his wife. He anticipates more visits to Kentucky and Arizona to visit his two grown daughters and spend time spoiling his five grandchildren. As an avid golfer, he also intends to enjoy additional time on the golf course.

Looking back over the last 45 years, Matthews recognizes that the world has changed dramatically since he started out. The field of accounting is no exception. The introduction of personal computers and a plethora of other modern technology have replaced manual methods and improved accounting efficiency. His father emphasized the value of positive relationships with clients and that value is modeled in his years of service. He acknowledges the usefulness and value of modern technology but also notes it should not replace the personal efforts to build long-lasting, trust-filled connections with clients.

In the four decades since Matthews first joined his dad’s accounting firm, he has

worked with and advised a variety of clients spanning multiple industries including construction, manufacturing, healthcare, insurance, housing projects, oil and gas, and nonprofit organizations. Of all the aspects of his successful career, Matthews says he will miss the direct interaction opportunities that permitted him to work face-to-face with his clients.

He offers the following wisdom for young people and budding professionals in the field.

“One of the misconceptions about accounting is that you need only to be good at math. Sure, math helps. But accounting is also intuitive. Reasoning and logic are far more important than simply being a good mathematician,” concluded Matthews. “Accounting is an excellent major as it allows many opportunities in just about every avenue of business – whether a pre-requisite for law school, a private accountant, or a certified public accountant, which has been a rewarding focus for me.”

Brett Matthews, CPA, officially retires from Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay, P.A. October 16, 2020 – the day after the last major tax deadline of the year.

MSCPA Centennial History Book Distribution Continues

Chairman Annette Pridgen and President/CEO Karen Moody were on the road delivering history books and visiting with members in South Mississippi in four MSCPA chapter areas: East Central, Southeast, Gulf Coast and Southwest. In three days, they made stops at 24 offices in 9 cities delivering 185 books weighing a total of 555 pounds. Some cities or firms/businesses in these areas that were missed this time will be visited in coming weeks. While Chapter meetings and socials are unable to be held now, this is an avenue to keep in touch with our members.

Trips to North Mississippi and the Delta are being scheduled, while deliveries in the Central area continue to be made. Unfortunately it is not possible to visit every member. You can stop by the MSCPA office to pick up a copy or request a book to be mailed by contacting Noma Gillis at ngillis@ms-cpa.org. Feel free to take photos with the book and send them to Jennie Truhett at jtruhett@ms-cpa.org to be included in the *Newsletter*.



TMH CPAs in Hattiesburg to Brad Wood, Paige Johnson, Susan Riley, and Jay Babington



Wright, Ward Hatten & Guel in Gulfport



University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg to Marv Bouillon and Amber Hatten



Piltz, Williams, LaRosa & Company in Biloxi to Michael O'Neil, Jordan Church, and Stephen Theobald



Sinclair Lundy, CPA in Hattiesburg to Sinclair Lundy



Kemp, Williams, Steverson & Bernard, P.A. in Meridian to Mary Williams and Pam Steverson



Payn & Leggett CPAs in Brookhaven to Molly Bass, Stacy Leggett, Sharon Payn, and Scott Speights



MSCPA Gulf Coast Chapter officers, Mary Bui, Maria Saylor, and Kim Banisch



Culumber, Harvey & Associates, P.A. in Gulfport to Kristen Maddox



University of Southern Mississippi in Long Beach to John Brown



Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC in Gulfport to Debbie Vignes, Kim Marmalich, Jerry Levens (2000-2001 MSCPA Chairman) and Cindy Sloan



Jamie R. Dent, CPA LLC in Ocean Springs to Jamie Dent



TMH CPAs in Hattiesburg to Renee Moore and Bill Kelly



White & Associates LLC in Brookhaven



Culpepper, Culpepper & Hurtt CPAs in Meridian to Jonda Henry and John Culpepper



Verbaalee B. Watts and Associates in Brookhaven to Verbaalee Watts



Jordan Carriers in Natchez to Ryan Wingfield (2015-2016 YCPA President)



The Gillon Group in Natchez to Scott Christian and Billy Gillon (2002-2003 MSCPA Chairman)



Miller & Company CPAs Inc. in Brookhaven to Mary Miller



Silas Simmons LLP in Natchez to Sim Mosby (2010-2011 MSCPA Chairman), Carr Hammond (Southwest Chapter President) and Chuck Caldwell (1993-1994 MSCPA Chairman)



University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg to J. T. Tisdale



The Koerber Company, PA in Hattiesburg to Jim Koerber and Rob King



Chance, Gay & Cieglo, PLLC in Forest to Joseph Cieglo



Meet Our Members

Legacy Spotlights

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

AMANDA S. ANGLE, CPA

Amanda is a 1997 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. She also earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of South Alabama in 1998. She started her career working for a small firm in Hattiesburg and later worked for HORNE LLP as a tax supervisor in their Laurel office. After hurricane Katrina devastated south Mississippi in 2005, Amanda moved to north Mississippi and went to work for Nail McKinney Professional Association in Tupelo before starting her own firm in 2009. In 2014, while in the process of acquiring another small firm from a retiring owner, Watkins Uiberall, PLLC based out of Memphis, Tenn., approached Amanda to represent their tax department in their Tupelo office alongside Randy Gammill who is the audit member for their office. Amanda has been a Member at Watkins Uiberall since 2016. This is Amanda's 22nd year of practice.

Amanda is a member of the MSCPA Northeast Chapter and previously served as the chapter's President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. She is very involved in her community and currently serves as a board member for the Rotary Club of Tupelo, Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi, Regional Rehab Center, and Christian Women's Job Corps. She is a member of the Exchange Club of Tupelo (past president), Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo, and the Tupelo Mah Jongg League. She

completed the Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute program in 2015. She is a 10 for Tupelo volunteer, Tupelo's largest serve day of litter cleanup and beautification projects, and volunteers as a financial services representative for the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo. She is also a Community Development Foundation volunteer and recently volunteered with Tupelo's Back to Business Help and Resource Center to help businesses navigate through the application process for the MDA administered small business grants. Amanda has been a Business Network International (BNI) chapter member for 12 years and is the current regional director consultant for 23 chapters. She is a past advisor for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University as well as the treasurer for the house corporation at the University of Mississippi. She is the Treasurer of Oak Meadows Homeowners Association and is a board member and current Vice President/President Elect for the Tupelo Country Club. She plays tennis with Tupelo Tennis and was a mixed doubles regional semifinalist in 2019 and a past club champion. She is an active member of First Baptist Church in Tupelo and volunteers as a stewardship committee member and past treasurer and youth leader.

Amanda's hard work and philanthropic efforts have also been rewarded. She was named a 2018 Influential Women Honoree by Mud and Magnolias Magazine. She has received the BNI Notable Networker Award in recognition of outstanding performance for highest referrals, one to one meetings, and thank you for closed business. She is the Boy and Girls Clubs of North Mississippi's Annual "Dance Like the Stars" 2014 Grand Champion, having

raised the most money. And she also placed second in the New Expectations for Women in Mississippi (NEWMS) Annual Lip Sync Battle fundraiser.

BYRON R. SHERMAN, CPA, CFP-RET.

Amanda's father, Byron, is a graduate of the University of South Alabama where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1975 and a Master of Business Administration in 1983 and received the Thomas D. Wood Award as the most outstanding accounting graduate. He started his career working for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in Birmingham and later formed Hall & Sherman, CPAs with his father-in-law, Joe Hall, in 1978. He is currently President of Byron R. Sherman CPA, PC in Daphne, Alabama.

Byron is a member of the AICPA and Alabama Society of CPAs. He is a former member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and is a board member for various Christian nonprofit organizations. He has also been



Joe Hall (left) and Byron Sherman (right).

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an active member and deacon for various southern Baptist churches.

JAMES H. "JOE" HALL, CPA
(1916-2009)



Amanda's grandfather, Joe, formed Hall Bookkeeping and Tax Company in Mobile, Alabama in 1952 after serving with the U.S. Army in North Africa

and Italy in WWII. Having earned his high school diploma before the war, Joe took correspondence courses and passed the CPA exam in 1959 on the third try. He later formed Hall & Sherman, CPAs with his son-in-law, Byron Sherman, in 1978.

Joe was a member of the AICPA and Alabama Society of CPAs. He was a member of Gideon's International and was also an active member and deacon for various southern Baptist churches.

MS State Board of Public Accountancy CPE Reporting **WARNING**

The MS State Board of Accountancy voted to extend the deadline on the current CPE period from June 30, 2020 until October 31, 2020. This blanket extension will provide licensees with 16 months to obtain the required 40 hours of CPE. Accordingly, the online CPE reporting due date was extended from August 1, 2020 until December 1, 2020.

ALL CPE OBTAINED between July 1, 2019 and October 31, 2020 MUST BE REPORTED on the current reporting form by December 1, 2020. The online CPE reporting form can be re-submitted as needed to ensure that you report to the Board ALL CPE OBTAINED between July 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020. Their online CPE Reporting forms are date sensitive therefore, next year's form will only allow you to report CPE obtained between November 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Additionally, carryover hours into the subsequent 8-month CPE period (scheduled to end on June 30, 2021), has been increased from 20 hours to a 40 hour maximum.

All CPAs should receive emails from the MS State Board of Public Accountancy. If you are not, please reach out to email@msbpa.ms.gov. It is imperative that current email addresses are on file.



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Education Foundation Awards \$41,000 in Scholarships

The Education Foundation of the Mississippi Society of CPAs recently awarded \$41,000 in college scholarships for the fall 2020 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 9 Mississippi institutions applied for the scholarships, which required submitted essays, transcripts, and resumes. Scholarships worth \$2,500 each were awarded to 16 students and a scholarship worth \$1,000 was awarded to a student from the Natchez-Adams County area.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

DERREL JOEL BILSKY

Delta State University

Ralph F. Neely Scholarship



Derrell Bilsky of Lexington has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Delta State, he helps other students navigate success by volunteering at the Student Success Center where he tutors

students in algebra, calculus, financial accounting and managerial accounting. Derrel serves as the treasurer of the Delta State University Business Student Advisory Council. He also volunteers with the 4-H youth program as a shotgun and archery assistant and with the Coxburg Community Center Trailrides in Lexington. Derrell is the recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship.

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.

JESSLYN CLAIRE BREWER

Mississippi State University



Jesslyn Brewer of Myrtle has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Mississippi State, she volunteers as an Adkerson School of

Accountancy ambassador. She is an AICPA student affiliate member and is also a member of the Accounting and Financial Student Society, the MSU Chapter of Undergraduate Women in Business, Golden Key International Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Beta Alpha Psi. She is a President's Scholar, Stephen D. Lee Scholar and graduated Summa Cum Laude in May of 2020. She has worked as an office manager at the Jimmy Brown Law Office in Starkville, cashier and food service worker at Living Foods in Oxford, and was a tax intern at Ernst & Young in Nashville. Most recently, she has been awarded a graduate research assistantship position in the Mississippi State University National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC).

KATHRYN ELISABETH BYARS

Millsaps College



Kathryn Byars of Meridian has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Millsaps, she volunteers as a graduate assistant and was an undergraduate assistant

on an international studies trip. Since the COVID-19 crisis began, she has made and donated over 500 cloth masks to various businesses, health care facilities, and high-risk individuals. Outside of college, she has worked in security, production, retail and ran a small business of her own for a time. She has seen the necessity for accounting in all its forms in each and every job.

TINEISHA HAYES

Jackson State University



Tineisha Hayes of Forest has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. While at Meridian Community College, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Baptist

Student Union and also participated in intramural sports. Outside of college, she helps organize her community's annual Fun Day and volunteers as an assistant coach for a little league basketball team. She is also a member of the New Mt Calvary Church choir.

SCARLETT HODGES

Mississippi College

Edward A. DeMiller, Jr. Scholarship



Scarlett Hodges of Madison has a 4.0 in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At MC, she served as the campus involvement coordinator and the treasurer for Laguna social tribe, as a mentor

for the Freshman Leadership Initiative Program, and as secretary for the MC Accounting Society. She is also a member of the MC women's soccer team, the MC Mortar Board, the MC Intramural staff, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, the Association of Government Accountants Jackson Chapter, and is an MSCPA student member. Outside of college, she volunteers with Mississippi Animal Rescue League and Glory House in Laurel. She has worked as

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a tax intern for Haddox Reid Eubank Betts, PLLC and as a student workforce trainee for a forensic accountant through the FBI. She is currently a graduate assistant at MC.

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.

KAYLA JO MARTIN

University of Southern Mississippi
Gary Thornton Memorial Scholarship



Kayla Jo Martin of Hattiesburg has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 3.96 GPA overall. She is the founding president and charter member of the NASBA Student Center for the Public Trust USM

Chapter that also received the "Best New Organization" on campus. As vice president of community outreach for Beta Alpha Psi, Kayla Jo received the fall 2019 service hour award and also attended the 2020 Southeast Regional Meeting. Her leadership with Beta Alpha Psi has brought food to the Eagle's Nest, helped clean up R3SM and Tatum Park, and lend a hand at Edwards St. Fellowship Thrift Store. She also attended the 2019 Global Leadership Summit for Beta Gamma Sigma and serves as the vice president of membership/finance. With Beta Gamma Sigma, she hosted ethical training sessions and helped with a campus food drive. Kayla Jo is a member of the business student advisory council and is a Becker campus ambassador and graduate assistant in the accounting department. She is an AICPA and MSCPA student member and has interned with Regions Bank and Carr, Riggs & Ingram in Laurel.

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.

ELLA JAYNE STONE

University of Mississippi
Rhyne E. Neubert Scholarship



Ella Jayne Stone of Tupelo has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Ole Miss, she serves as a tutor for accounting students at all undergraduate levels. She is a member of Beta

Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence, and the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. She is also a Taylor medalist and a national merit scholar. Ella Jayne also volunteers with Decoding Dyslexia Mississippi as a reading and writing tutor to promote literacy in students with dyslexia. She is also a student worker for the accounting school.

The Rhyne E. Neubert Scholarship was established in 2016 to honor Mr. Neubert who served as a Trustee of the Education Foundation since inception. 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.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

HUNTER REED

University of Southern Mississippi
Hamp King Award



Hunter Reed of Summit has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Southern Miss, he is the treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi and the founding secretary of the NASBA Student Center for the Public Trust USM Chapter. He was recently chosen to sit on the Dean's School of Business Student Advisory Council and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He also volunteers as a tutor and works part-time at Regions Mortgage. Hunter is a student member of the AICPA and MSCPA.

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. Hunter received an additional \$1,000 and will be presented a plaque.

MAURA CHILES

Mississippi State University



Maura Chiles of Belden has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Mississippi State, she was selected to serve on the Freshman

Council of the Student Association and served on the policy branch and collaborated with her peers to improve internet access and campus infrastructure. She is also founding member and treasurer of the United Nations Association and is a member of Beta Alpha Psi.

JULIANA COOKE

Mississippi College



Juliana Cooke of Waveland has a 3.95 GPA in accounting and a 3.95 GPA overall. At MC, she is a member of the Accounting Society, Women in Business Club and Beta Gamma

Sigma honor society.

HANNAH HOLMAN

University of Mississippi



Hannah Holman of Carrollton has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Ole Miss, she is a member of Beta Alpha Psi where she earns community service

hours through tutoring and participating in other sponsored activities. She is also a member of Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Lambda Delta. She has worked as a cashier at a local grocery store and as an intern at Viking Range, LLC on their assembly line rebalance.

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NI'JAH PACE

Jackson State University



Ni'Jah Pace of Bassfield has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 3.915 GPA overall. At Jackson State, she is involved with many organizations such as the JSU Accounting

Society, National Association of Black Accountants, JSU Pre-Alumni Council, Alice Varnado Harden Center for Service and Community Engaged Learning, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Outside of college, she is an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi.

JOSEPH POLK

William Carey University



Joseph Polk of Poplarville has a 3.33 GPA in accounting and a 3.26 GPA overall. At William Carey, he works with Student Support Services as a tutor to help other

students succeed in difficult courses. He is currently an accounting intern at Coast Electric.

POOJA SHAUNAK

Mississippi University for Women



Pooja Shaunak of Starkville has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 3.73 GPA overall. At The W, she volunteers as vice president of Phi Beta Lambda and serves as social and publicity chair for Revelers. She

competed in the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in April and earned first place in Macroeconomics. Outside of college, she is a hospital volunteer and desk clerk at Oktibbeha County Hospital and has volunteered with the Oktibbeha County Humane Society and the Public Library. She also started her own Indian dance group and performs at various festivals and events.

ABIGAIL JEAN TEW

Millsaps College



Abby Tew of Brandon has a 4.0 GPA in accounting and a 4.0 GPA overall. At Millsaps, she is on the cross country and track and field teams having earned all-conference honors in each. She

has been the captain of the cross country team and has served on the track and field team's leadership committee. In addition to athletics, she participates in Major Calling as part of Millsaps' annual fundraiser. Outside of college, she works for SkyHawks Jackson teaching life lessons to preschool and elementary age children through sports. She also volunteers with her high school's cross country program.

ASHLEY VICKERS

Delta State University



Ashley Vickers of Cleveland has a 3.89 GPA in accounting and a 3.92 GPA overall. At Delta State, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and was a Lady

Statesman for the Delta State University softball team. She currently works part-time for Cleveland Medical Arts Pharmacy.

DAVID GRANT FALKENHEIMER

University of Southern Mississippi
Bill Rush Mosby, Jr. Scholarship



Grant Falkenheimer of Natchez has a 3.6 GPA in accounting and a 3.75 GPA overall. At Ole Miss, he is a member of the Sally Barksdale Honors College, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society,

Beta Alpha Psi and Gamma Beta Phi. He is also an IFC head recruitment advisor and member of Sigma Nu Fraternity serving on the charity bowl planning committee. Grant has worked as a summer camp counselor at Alpine Camp for Boys, and has interned at Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. and Silas Simmons, LLP. He is currently an assistant at the Mississippi Law Research Institute.

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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IRS to Work with Tax Practitioners Who Need Filing Relief

With the upcoming October tax deadline, many tax practitioner members are concerned about penalties that could be assessed for missing deadlines due to COVID-19 pandemic issues. The AICPA Tax Team has worked diligently to share member concerns with the IRS, in both a July letter and in ongoing conversations. Issues mentioned by AICPA members range from the extra time spent with economically challenged clients; to unexpected deadlines due to assisting with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications and the PPP loan forgiveness process; to clients, members, and staff being incapacitated with COVID-19.

The AICPA understands that the IRS is willing to work with taxpayers who need relief. Practitioners that have made a good-faith effort to meet the filing deadlines on behalf of their clients, but are unable to do so due to COVID-19, should write

"COVID-19" in an attachment to the return briefly describing the reason they cannot meet the deadlines, or, if possible, should write "COVID-19" at the top of the tax return to indicate the need for penalty relief.

The AICPA suggests that practitioners should contact their software providers with questions regarding appropriate form notations. If the software provider requires a state-specific disaster code, those may be found at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Declared Disasters page. The Mississippi codes are listed below.

- Mississippi COVID-19 PANDEMIC (DR-4528-MS)
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Major Disaster Declaration declared on Apr 5, 2020
- Mississippi COVID-19 (EM-3474-MS)
Incident Period: Jan 20, 2020 and

continuing

Emergency Declaration declared on Mar 13, 2020

If an affected taxpayer that had indicated the need for penalty relief due to COVID-19 receives a late-filing or late-payment penalty notice from the IRS, the practitioner should gather the appropriate facts and call the telephone number on the notice to resolve the issue. Additionally, practitioners should be aware that under reasonable cause standards, "[a]ny reason that establishes a taxpayer exercised ordinary business care and prudence but nevertheless failed to comply with the tax law may be considered for penalty relief" (Internal Revenue Manual §20.1.1.3.2.1).

Source: Journal of Accountancy article "Pandemic makes meeting Sept. 15 filing deadline difficult," published September 11, 2020



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Registration open through Nov. 6

Register as an individual or team anytime between now and Nov. 6. The registration link can be found on the MSCPA homepage (www.ms-cpa.org). Registration is crucial to tracking data for the event impact report, volunteer participant names and employers, and the individual and team who will be recognized.

How you can get involved

Anything that benefits your community counts. You can sign up to donate to a charity drive or for charity service in your chapter area, or plan an activity of your own. Visit our sign up link at www.ms-cpa.org to find something in your part of the state.

Who can participate

MSCPA members, co-workers and accounting students. (Nonmembers may participate on a team with an MSCPA member.) It's all for a good cause.

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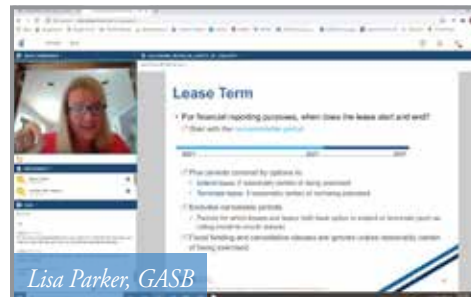
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INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

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Agenda

8:30am-10:00am	PPP (and other COVID-19 assistance) Update Mike Carraway, GranthamPoole LLC
10:10am-12:00pm	Strategic Planning in a Post-COVID World Mike Carraway, GranthamPoole LLC
12:50pm-1:40pm	Managing a Remote Team Securely and Effectively Lisa Traina, CapinTech
1:50pm-2:40pm	Legal Pitfalls of a Remote Workforce Jay Stovall, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP
2:40pm-3:30pm	Don't Stand So Close to Me: The Breadth of the Global Coronavirus Pandemic Steve Chiavarone, Federated Investors, Inc.
3:30pm-4:20pm	Cost Segregation Brad Leggett, Accelerated Cost Recovery Solutions

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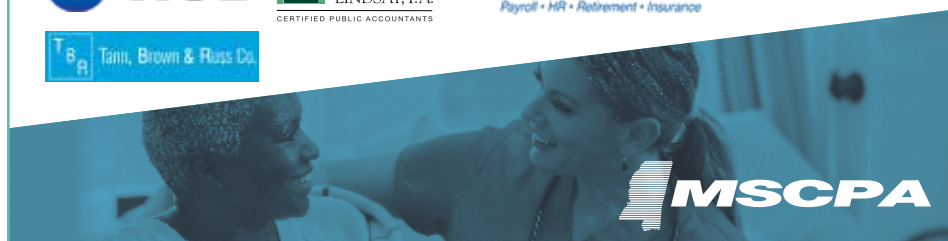
Agenda

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| 8:30am 11:00am | How to Communicate Your Financial Statements for Understanding and Vision
Bob Mims, Financial Consultant |
| 11:00am – 12:15pm | Ethics: It's More Than Just Rules
Cal Christian, East Carolina University |
| 1:00pm – 2:15pm | Fundraising During & After a Pandemic
Dan Prater, BKD, LLP |
| 2:25pm – 3:15pm | Secretary of State Update
Michael Watson, Secretary of State |
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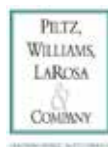
8:30am – 10:30am	Designing an Online Accounting Course Jill Mitchell, <i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>
10:40am – 11:30am	Current Landscape of MS Higher Education Finance & Policy Mike Morgan, <i>University of Southern Mississippi</i> Shanell Watson, <i>Woodward Hines Education Foundation</i>
11:30am – 12:00pm	Sponsor Presentations Announcement of 2021 MSCPA Outstanding Educator
12:45pm – 2:25pm	Practical Ideas for Student Engagement & Assessment in Accounting Wendy Tietz, <i>Kent State University</i>
2:30pm – 3:20pm	CPA Evolution/The New CPA Exam Annette Pridgen, <i>Jackson State University-Ret.</i>
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