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## RISING STAR, ED MAXWELL



ED MAXWELL has been named the 2022 MSCPA Rising Star and will be recognized during the Business Meeting at the Annual Convention on Saturday, June 25. An asset to our profession, Ed exemplifies the qualities of a rising star by serving the Society, community, and the profession.

After graduating summa cum laude from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Accountancy in 2009 and a Master of Taxation in 2010, he began his career at Haddox Reid in Jackson. In 2016, he joined the Oxford office of Watkins, Ward and Stafford PLLC. Through his leadership and direction, Ed has continued to excel and grow the staff and footprint of the firm within the Oxford community. It is no surprise that Ed was named as partner in 2020.

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## Dr. Sheree Corkern, Outstanding Educator

DR. SHEREE CORKERN has been named the 2022 MSCPA Outstanding Educator and will be recognized during the Business Meeting at the Annual Convention in Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin on Saturday, June 25.

Sheree has made a significant impact to accounting education in the State of Mississippi over the span of her career at Mississippi College which began in 1986. She received her BSBA in Accounting and MBA from Mississippi College and her Ph.D. from Jackson State University. She is licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant.



Sheree loves teaching and loves her students. Her effectiveness is further exemplified by those students who graduate and take the CPA exam; many of these students write or call back to the University thanking Dr. Corkern for her diligence in her classes and cite her tenacity in the classroom as a significant contributor to their success on the CPA exam. One former student, Seth Matthews, said, "I've carried the image of the Cash Flow pumpkin with me through the CPA exam and work. I'll never forget it." A current graduate student, Lauryn Rawlins, indicated how supportive and adaptive she has been over the past couple of years adding, "Dr. Corkern always asked for our feedback as her students, and she really listened to what we said. She wanted us to succeed." MC alum Chris Adcock said, "Dr. Corkern's Intermediate Accounting class was the foundation for everything I would learn in future accounting classes at MC. Her ability to take complex problems and break them down into easy-to-understand parts not only taught me the information I needed to know in her class, but it also taught me a framework of how to solve future problems, both in school and in my career."

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## ED JONES, Public Service Award Winner



ED JONES has been selected as the 2022 MSCPA Public Service Award winner and will be recognized during the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 25, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. He exemplifies loyalty to the Society, the profession, his community, and to his colleagues and friends.

Ed is a native of Laurel, Mississippi and has his own firm in Pascagoula where he meticulously serves his clients in tax matters and as an advisor while upholding the highest standards of the profession. He has been a dedicated member of the Society for 46 years and has served in all officer positions, including President (now Chairman) in 1997-1998. He also served in all of the offices of the Gulf Coast Chapter where he remains active and rarely misses a meeting or event. Ed has served on the Long Range Planning Committee helping steer the Society for 23 years and has been the MSCPA Liaison to the State Board of Public Accountancy for the past seven years. In that role, he also serves as a liaison member on the Board of Governors where his knowledge of the Society's history is valuable. He has also served on several other committees and has been instrumental in maintaining and updating the MSCPA Bylaws. Since 1993, Ed has been a valuable coordinator and assistant in the Annual Convention Prayer Breakfast.

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## MSCPA MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Katelyn Bickerstaff Strong

Congratulations to our Director of Marketing and Communications, Katelyn Bickerstaff, and her husband Doug Strong on getting married May 21, 2022. We would like to wish them a lifetime of happiness as they start their lives together! Please update your records as Katelyn's new email address will be [kstrong@ms-cpa.org](mailto:kstrong@ms-cpa.org). Feel free to introduce yourself and send her your congratulations!



## Chairman's Message

I would like to thank the members of the Society for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman for the 2021-2022 year. It has been an awesome year and one of the greatest highlights of my career. Every member is so supportive of the Society and its elected leadership. I believe it is our members commitment to serve and support that allows Mississippi to be the best State Society of any State.

I joined the Society in 2003 and was blessed with the ability to connect and build friendships across the state. I quickly learned that the Mississippi Society of CPAs is not a society of competitors but a society of friends who share a common goal of serving our businesses and clients to the upmost of our profession and making the accounting profession the best profession to be a part of. This Society of friends has been challenged by the pandemic. The pandemic changed our connectivity and expedited a shift to the world of virtual meetings and CPE. Our traditional handshakes and

greetings now have changed to a thumb's up emoji. But with change comes new opportunities and I believe our Society has embraced those opportunities and is as strong as ever.

Being Chairman has enabled me beyond measure to continue to build these friendships and make new ones. I look forward to supporting the leadership of our Chairman-Elect Scott Christian in the coming year and to continue building this fellowship of friends. I would also like to thank Karen Moody and the staff of the MSCPA, our officers and committee volunteers for all the support and hard work.

Ricky Bullock – 2021-2022 MSCPA Chairman



## 2022-2023 DUES CAN BE PAID ONLINE BEGINNING JULY 1

Members can pay dues online for MSCPA membership year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 beginning July 1. Go to <https://ms-cpa.org/> and login with your email and password. Then go to the Pay Dues page (under Members) to pay your dues for 2022-2023. If you need to change your membership level please contact Stephanie Edwards, MSCPA Director of Finance, at 601-856-4244.

Firm admins can also print or pay your firm's employee's dues. Contact Noma Gillis, [ngillis@ms-cpa.org](mailto:ngillis@ms-cpa.org) to be added as a firm admin.

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

The Board of Governors approved slight dues increases in certain billing classes for next year. There has not been a dues increase in three years.

### \*\*\*CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION & PAC\*\*\*

When paying your dues please consider making contributions to the Education Foundation and to the PAC. Contributions to the Education Foundation will help secure the pipeline of new CPAs. With elections approaching, we need to grow the balance in the PAC to aid in our advocacy efforts.

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# Member News

## Prince Elected to AICPA Peer Review Board

**Charles Prince** was elected to the AICPA Peer Review Board during the recent AICPA Spring Council meeting. He will serve a three-year term beginning May 2022 as NASBA's regulatory representative.

Prince has over 20 years of experience in the peer review space as chair of the MSCPA Peer Review Committee and is highly recognized for his knowledge. He has also served the Society as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer. He was appointed to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy by Governor Bryant in 2018 and continues to serve.

The Peer Review Board (PRB) is the senior technical committee governing the AICPA Peer Review Program. The primary activities of the PRB are to establish and conduct, in cooperation with state CPA societies, a program for AICPA members engaged in the practice of public accounting. The mission of the PRB is achieved through furthering and governing the activities of the program. This includes developing, implementing, maintaining and enhancing comprehensive

Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews (Standards) and related guidance for firms subject to peer review, those performing peer reviews and others involved in administering the program for the PRB.

The PRB promotes the continuous enhancement of quality in the performance of non-SEC accounting, auditing and attestation engagements by AICPA members and their firms enrolled in the Program and explicitly recognizes that protecting the public interest is an equally important objective of the Program.

"I'm both humbled and honored to even be considered for this role and to participate in this important self-governance function of the profession," said Prince. MSCPA congratulates him on this prestigious milestone.



MSCPA was honored to host Haddox Reid's Summer Leadership Academy participants from across the state in our office on May 24 to learn about the Society and how to get involved presented by Past Chairman Bill Taylor and Past YCPA President Shannon Adams. Thanks for joining us!

## Fleshers Inducted to Hall of Fame

The 2020 Patterson School of Accountancy Hall of Fame inductees were Dr. Dale F. Flesher and Dr. Tonya K. Flesher. Unfortunately, Tonya was unable to attend the Honors Banquet this year, but Dale was present to accept the awards for both.

**Dale Flesher** joined the Ole Miss faculty in 1977 after four years at Appalachian State University. He retired from full-time teaching in 2019, after 42 years on the Ole Miss faculty – with the last 26 of those serving as Associate Dean. Dale has also been the holder of the Roland & Sheryl Burns Chair in Accountancy.

In his 54 years in the academy, Dale has authored over 400 articles for more than 130 journals – and is also the author of 52 books. He published many history-related books, including the MSCPA Centennial History (2020), co-authored with Jimmy Davis and Annette Pridgen.

Dale won the University's 1987 Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award – which recognizes the all-around outstanding faculty member campus-wide. In 2011, he received the Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement Award from Ole Miss, recognizing him as the top researcher campus-wide.

In 2011, Dale was selected by the AICPA as the nation's outstanding accounting educator. His wife, Tonya, received the same honor in 2020, making Ole Miss one of only four schools in the nation to have had multiple honorees.

In 2017, he was honored with the SEC Faculty Achievement Award as the top faculty member at Ole Miss. To date, Dale is the only accounting professor that has won this award across the 14 SEC institutions in the many years the award has been given.

**Dr. Tonya K. Flesher**, a 1979 Ole Miss Ph.D. graduate, is Professor Emerita of Accountancy and was the Arthur Andersen Lecturer at UM. Tonya served as Dean of the UM School of Accountancy from 1987 to 1993. She was the first woman to hold an academic deanship in the 150-year history of the university.

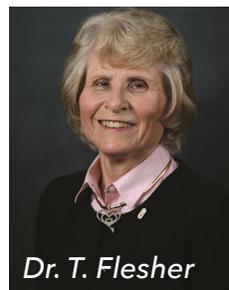
In 2003, she was presented with the University's most coveted teaching recognition - the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award. She was the 1986 recipient of the University's Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award. Tonya was selected as the 1995 Mississippi Society of CPAs Outstanding Educator Award.

She has authored eight books and over 100 articles in numerous journals and was a contributing author to several editions of taxation textbooks. She remains actively involved in numerous professional and academic organizations. Tonya retired in 2017 after having taught at Ole Miss for 40 years.

Both Dale and Tonya have played a key role in the many successes the Patterson School enjoys today. Both have had a positive impact on the lives and careers of literally thousands of Ole Miss accountancy students and graduates.

Dale and Tonya have a daughter, Felicity, who is a graduate student at UCLA. Their son, Flynn, and his wife, Katie, both lawyers, have two children, Falkner (8-years-old) and Fia (6).

*By: Patterson School of Accountancy, The University of Mississippi*



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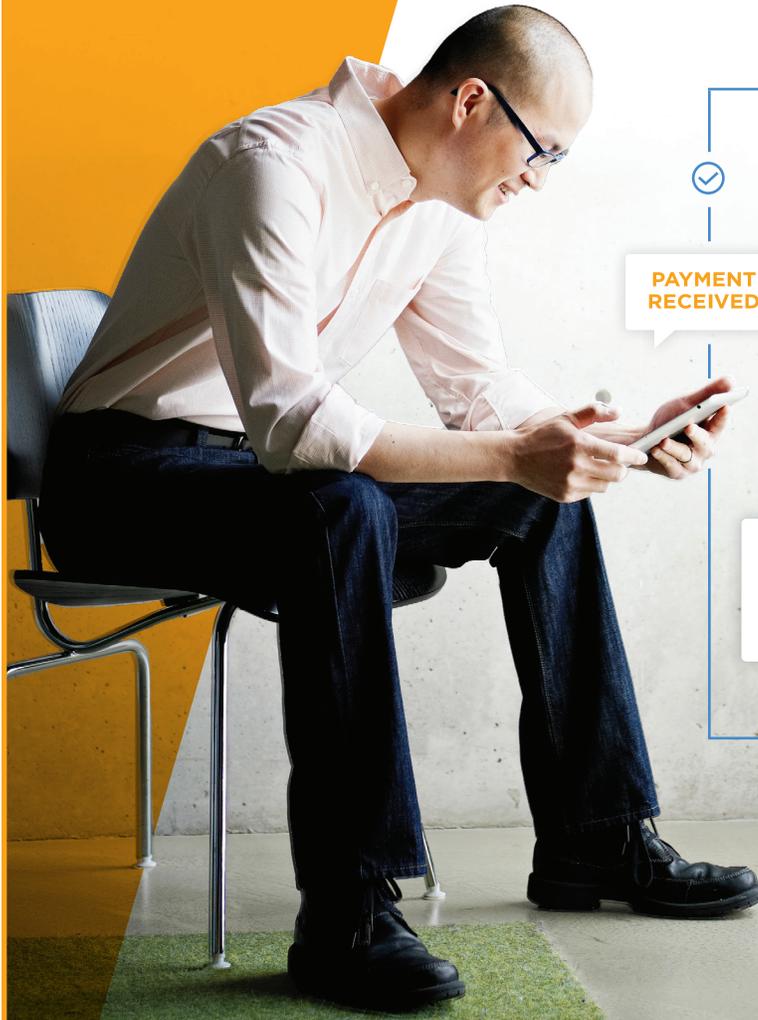
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His dedication to service extends to his community and his church. Ed was chosen as the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year and is the past Chairman of the Pascagoula Civil Service Commission, past Chairman (5 years) of the Budget and Allocations Committee of the United Way of Jackson and George Counties, and a past Trustee (15 years) of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. He also chaired the Resolutions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He has served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club and been a volunteer with the Jackson County Youth Court. He is a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula, past Chairman of Deacons, and has been a Bible teacher for 32 years. He uses his voice not only to stand in for the preacher when needed but also singing in the choir and solos and duets when requested. Pastor Matt Mitchell said that Ed is intentional about his church family, loves and truly cares about how they are doing, and how he can pray for them. In the aftermath of devastating hurricanes that have hit the Gulf Coast, Ed canvassed the neighborhoods to help his church family and friends.

Ed's friends, colleagues, clients, and employees describe him as compassionate, caring, generous, honest, respectful, trustworthy, and loyal. Royce Cumbest, Chairman of Merchants & Marine Bank, said, "Ed embodies and elevates the character, ethics, and professional ability of his profession and inspires those around him to achieve these same qualities." Dr. Steve Demetropoulos added, "Ed has a passion for serving others, and his passion involves serving the whole person both spiritually and emotionally, as well as physically. Ed views his work and service to others as an act of worship to God so he does them with excellence and with his whole heart. He is a great example of one whose focus is serving others."

Ed and his wife Mary have two children, Brandon and Mary Etta, and six grandchildren. His oldest granddaughter Ellen, age 16, wrote, "My grandfather has taught me many things from how to handle myself in the world to how to treat others with kindness and respect. He has taught me many life lessons that have helped me to become the person I am today. The love and care he has shown me and my siblings has shown me how to love and care for others. I know he has touched the lives of many, and for this reason, I am not at all surprised that he is being presented with the Public Service Award. He is the most deserving person of this award I know, and I could not be more proud to call him my grandfather."

## DR. SHEREE CORKEN *continued from page 1*

Dr. Billy Morehead describes Sheree as a highly motivated individual who expects the same from her students. He says she constantly encourages them to excel in their course work, their social activities, their employment during school, and ultimately their life and careers. She takes an active role and is instrumental in placing graduates in excellent career opportunities.

In addition to her dedication to her students, Sheree also mentors and collaborates with her colleagues. She has encouraged others to pursue their doctorates in Accounting and helped navigate the process with careful encouragement. Those who have worked with her on various publications credit her for success and say she is a dedicated perfectionist to anything she commits to. She has written numerous articles and papers and developed questions for the Uniform CPA exam in her work for education and the profession.

Sheree has also served Mississippi College on numerous School of Business and University committees as a faculty member during her tenure. She is determined to move the Accountancy program forward and not allow anything to detract from the program. She is also actively involved in the profession having served on a number of committees in professional organizations, including the MSCPA, as well as being actively involved in her church. Until recently, she has represented MC for many years on the MSCPA Awards, Education and Scholarships Committee.

Dr. Brooks Poole, Assistant Professor of Accountancy at MC, sums up Sheree's accolades as Outstanding Educator with this: "Sheree has dedicated her life to serving Christ in many ways; one of those avenues has been through teaching at MC. By serving as a professor at MC, she changed and bettered so many lives of students and colleagues; and, she bettered our profession."

Sheree is married to fellow CPA Richard Corkern and they have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Ridgeland.

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His practice is concentrated in income tax preparation and planning, business accounting and advisory services, and non-profit audit and review services. He has extensive experience in working with a wide array of clients including individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, and non-profit organizations.

Ed has been active in the MSCPA for many years. His commitment includes serving on the Young CPA Network Board of Directors, the Awards, Education and Scholarships Committee, and currently as the Millennial Chair of the Firm Administration and Development Committee. He is also a member of our Northwest Chapter and represents the Chapter on the MSCPA Board of Governors.

Ed is also actively involved in the Oxford community. He is a graduate of the 2017 Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lafayette program and is a member of the Oxford Rotary Club serving as Treasurer. He is also the current Chair of the Oxford University United Methodist Church Finance Committee. Additionally, Ed gives back to the community by participating in the MSCPA Day of Service.

He and his wife Nicole, who is also a CPA for HORNE, have two young children, Miller (age 3) and Edward Allen Maxwell IV (age 1).

# AICPA Spring Council Report

By Cheryl Sykes



Sykes

The AICPA 2022 Spring Council Meeting was held on May 16th - 18th, 2022 in Austin, Texas at the Omni Creek Resort. This was the first meeting held in person

since the pandemic started in spring of 2020. The meeting was well attended in person, with a virtual option available. A Pre-Council virtual meeting was also held in preparation for the spring meeting on March 23, 2022. I was joined by Ricky Bullock, outgoing member, Scott Christian, incoming member, and Karen Moody, President/CEO. Scott attended a session for incoming members prior to the reception on Monday night.

Bill Pirolli, AICPA Chair, allowed Tracey Golden to open the meeting, since her entire year of chairmanship was virtual. The meeting was turned over to Barry Melancon and Sue Coffey. Their main topic of discussion was "Inspiration in Uncertainty." From the AICPA perspective, the world has no trust in most areas, but the CPA profession is trusted. Of course, we make a living doing this, but we still must remain inspired by the trust held in our profession. We need to inspire the future, by rethinking and reshaping and reimagining. There were several areas focused on during this discussion that were their ideas of how CPA's can be inspiring:

1. Integrity should be our business plan to deliver value to businesses and people. CPAs should continue to raise the bar for our profession by providing relevant CPE and information to our members.
2. There is an evolving tax and planning landscape in which the tax system is a public/private partnership. One example of this would be collaboration between the public sector and CPA's on changing due dates of returns. Another would be an alternate extension system for current due dates.
3. Client accounting services is the fastest growing area in CPA firms today, with 80% planning to expand their services. Firms have a 20% growth in this area.
4. Assurance and Advisory services are the second largest growth area in CPA firms,

especially in the single audit area, with its relevant issues.

5. Even though ESG is a politically driven area, the market has begun to be the leading driving here and we are seeing more regulations and standards related to the topic. AICPA feels we need more global standards in this area, with controls, measurement, decision making, 3rd party production and reliability.

The AICPA is still seeing growth in firms, tied to transformation of firm culture by the following ways: digitally, with new service lines, by outsourcing, hiring and retention, mergers and acquisitions, involvement of private equity, and changing business models.

Sue Lord, a member of the Auditing Standards Board Committee (ASB), and Jim Burton with the Assurance Services Executive Committee (ASEG) made a presentation regarding the joint efforts of these two committees to bring quality and innovation to the profession. From the ASB, they are looking at strategic initiatives to develop a work plan dealing with quality management, risk assessment, audit evidence and attestation standards. The ASEG is looking to the future and assisting the ASB with needed standards in the areas of ESG, cybersecurity, blockchain and digital assets, and artificial intelligence. We should see some communication of the collaboration of these two committees later in this year.

Our next presentation was made by the Tax Executive Committee regarding the appearance before the Senate Finance Committee by our very own Jan Lewis. We are so proud and fortunate to have Mississippi representation by someone so very competent and respected! Thank you, Jan! This presentation was made in panel style, with Jan, Blake Vickers and Ed Karl. There were several questions presented during the presentation time. As Jan reported, we presented many examples and ideas regarding the IRS issues that the profession has faced in the last several years, not just pandemic issues, but issues that certainly were highlighted due to the pandemic. As Jan stated, we presented ideas on how to mitigate issues, specifically in the backlog at the IRS, received a lot of attention from Senate, but did not win on

much. There were also some input made on the Schedule K-2 and K-3, trying to advocate for the taxpayers and practitioners due to the confusion on completion of the forms, and lack of ability to efile. Again, there was no immediate win in this area, but our points were heard and made! There was also some communication regarding the Build Back Better Plan, specifically in the due date areas. Stay tuned for future developments.

The last part of the first day was filled with breakout sessions in the following areas:

**Future of Finance:** Just briefly, there is a change in the need of professionals with emphasis placed on competencies and digital abilities. We must continue to create value, and the interpretation of data will be extremely important in this area. Critical thinking skills are a must for the future of the professional in the finance area.

**Emerging Firms:** Again briefly, there is a high demand for assurance services that is being driven not only by client needs and the market, but the regulatory system and threats from outside sources. Firms need to be prepared to deal with quickly changing environments. Technology skills are going to be of utmost importance. Also, client accounting services will continue to grow and the needs for CAS services will greatly increase.

**Taxation:** Technology is expected to reshape tax practices, and clients are going to demand more from their tax professionals, including wealth management and non-CPA services. We also must continue to expect IRS service deficits and learn to operation within that reality.

The next day's meeting was presided over by Anoop Mehta, the new AICPA Chairman. He was presented and honored at a luncheon on the previous day, attended by his family members and friends.

Sue Coffey began discussion for the day in the area of the pipeline, which was a topic heavily covered at the pre-Council meeting in March. The AICPA is spending a lot of time in this area as we all are. Most of us have already experienced the decrease in students in accounting, along with the decrease in accounting students that are choosing to qualify to sit for the exams or choose to sit for the exams. There is also an increase in exams

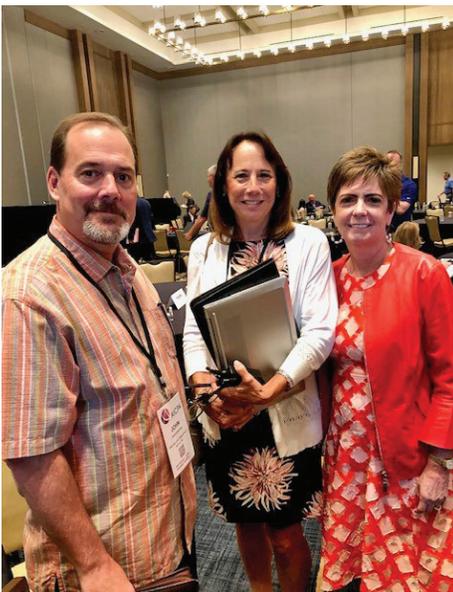
that are given internationally, which means some of our exam takers are not even in the US. With the decrease in birthrates, decrease in immigration and number of retiring baby boomers, we have a perfect storm trying to fill vacant employment spots in the US in the CPA arena. Employers are looking for more depth and breadth with their hires and are having to look past our traditional paths for competent employees and work partners.

According to Sue, firms need to look to be the employer of choice and try to improve the profession perception around work hours and pay. There has been a decrease in the emphasis on the CPA certification which needs to be

promoted in firms again. She encouraged members to increase their outreach in the high schools, promote internships, and to use University Advisory Boards to influence at the University level. The AICPA will continue to promote the STEM measures to add accounting in that area, to execute the CPA Evolution curriculum, to develop and provide resources to high schools and universities, and to develop more internship programs. Sue charged the state societies to engage with high schools and universities, connect the dots between employers and students, highlight and track scholarships, and to share "good stories" with their members. (I want to

commend Karen and the MSCPA for doing a good job in this area for many years!) The role of NASBA/State Boards should be to shepherd the CPA exam candidates, provide candidate data to other stakeholders, and drive uniformity to state board rules. Colleges and universities should look to bring engaging practitioners into the classroom, use CPA ambassadors, change the messaging around the weeding out programs, and support dynamic instructions at the beginner 101 level.

The next Council meeting will be in October, scheduled for Chicago. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your state representative.



Featured speaker Jan Lewis, as Chairman of the AICPA Executive Tax Committee, with Scott Christian and Cheryl Sykes.



MSCPA delegation with AICPA Chairman Bill Pirolli. Scott Christian, Cheryl Sykes, Karen Moody, and Ricky Bullock.



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## THE FRED T. NEELY GOLD MEDAL:

### Nicholas W. Fenske

Nicholas Fenske of Hernando, MS graduated summa cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy. While at Ole Miss, Nicholas was a Taylor Medalist, Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors Scholar, AICPA Associate Member, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies. He also worked as a graduate assistant during the master's program. He completed his internship with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company in Ridgeland and is now a Staff Accountant for them in the Audit Department. Nicholas is a member of the MSCPA and a lifelong Mississippian who is proud to be working in his home state.



### Caroline McLeod

Caroline McLeod of Highlands Ranch, CO graduated from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics. Caroline was a Taylor Medalist, Beta Alpha Psi member, University of Mississippi Columns Society member, on the Legislative Council of the Vice President for the Ole Miss Associate Student Body, and Treasurer of Phi Mu Fraternity. She completed a financial reporting internship with Amazon Inc., as well as, an audit internship during her undergraduate and graduate years with KPMG. Caroline currently lives in Houston, TX and works for KPMG as an Associate.



## THE T.E. LOTT SILVER MEDAL:

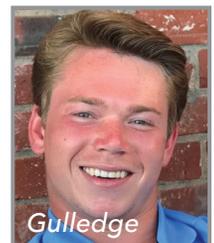
### Austin Daher

Austin Daher of Baldwyn, MS graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics. While at Ole Miss, Austin was a Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors Scholar, Phi Kappa Phi honor society member, Collegiate DECA UM Chapter President, Collegiate DECA Mississippi President and Vice President, and volunteered with Big Event and RebelThon. He completed both an oil and gas audit internship and a tech MADA audit internship in 2019 and 2020 with KPMG before joining the firm. Austin had been working from Oxford for KPMG in Tampa as a Senior Audit Associate but recently transferred to Nashville, TN and now works as a Senior Advisory Associate in KPMG's Financial Due Diligence group. He is also a KPMG Audit Tech Star (top 10 in Coastal Business Unit) and an AICPA member.



### Connor Gullede

Connor Gullede of Sugar Land, TX graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics. Connor was on the Chancellors Honor Roll and had a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the master's program. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the Financiers Club where he and five others managed a portion of a \$500,000 TVA fund competing against 24 other universities to return the highest % against the S&P 500. Conner previously interned in the audit department with Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP (now FORVIS) and works in their Fort Worth, TX office.



## THE SILAS M. SIMMONS BRONZE MEDAL:

### John M. Rogers

John Rogers was born in Morgantown, WV and now resides in Gulfport, MS. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics Management in 1996. Twenty-one years later John received his Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Connecticut in 2017 where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. In his career he has held various positions at Thoughtfulness, Inc. which operated a chain of card and gift shops in four states, most recently serving as Executive Vice President and Controller. John and his wife Catherine relocated to the Gulf Coast where he now works as an Auditor for the Mississippi Department of Revenue in Biloxi.



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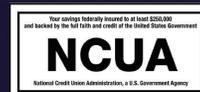
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# COMMITTEE DAY & LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

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## Young CPA Network Board Meeting and Committee Day Set

The Young CPA Network incoming Board will meet in person with a virtual option on Thursday, July 28th, to discuss key topics for 2022-2023 and to elect new officers for the upcoming year. YCPA Committees will meet that afternoon virtually. The YCPA Network is seeking volunteers for their YCPA Network Events, Day of Service, and Conference Committees for 2022-2023. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org](mailto:msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org).

## MSCPA Recognizes Phillip Chu, Outgoing YCPA President



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The MSCPA would like to thank Phillip Chu, outgoing YCPA Network President, for his time and dedication to leading and growing the Network this past year. Phillip is a Level 3 Supervisor at the Office of the State Auditor. He will represent the YCPA Network as Immediate Past President on the Board of Directors for the coming year.



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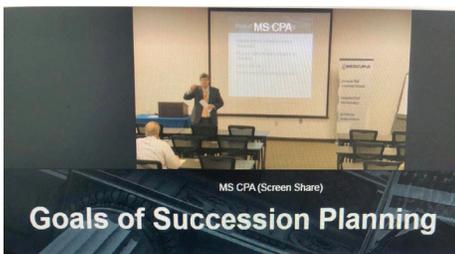
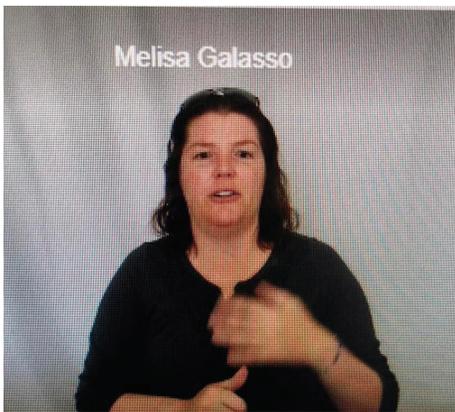
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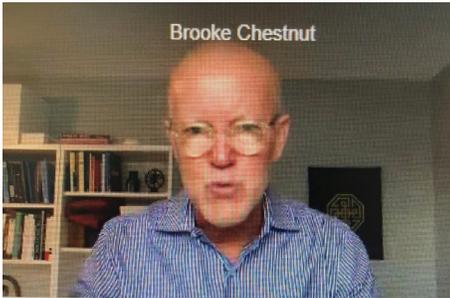
# CONFERENCES

## Business & Industry Conference

MSCPA hosted the annual Business & Industry Management Development Conference Thursday and Friday, May 19-20, with over 50 industry decision-makers attending in person or via livestream at the MSCPA training center in Ridgeland. We heard from nine speakers: Kevin Cross, Tommy Stephens, Wilkins M. Crawford, Micah McCullough, Scott Waller, Trey Clark, Mike Gregory, Melisa Galasso and Brooke Chesnut. These speakers covered topics including sexiest frauds, Power BI, succession planning, commercial real estate, MEC/Mississippi's future, Covid court rulings, the role of finance, audit update for industry, control assessments, and the great resignation.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and to the Industry Committee chaired by Kimberly Williams for organizing the conference. Special thanks to Committee members Daniel Wright, Megan Tidwell, and Stuart Yarbrough for leading the conference.

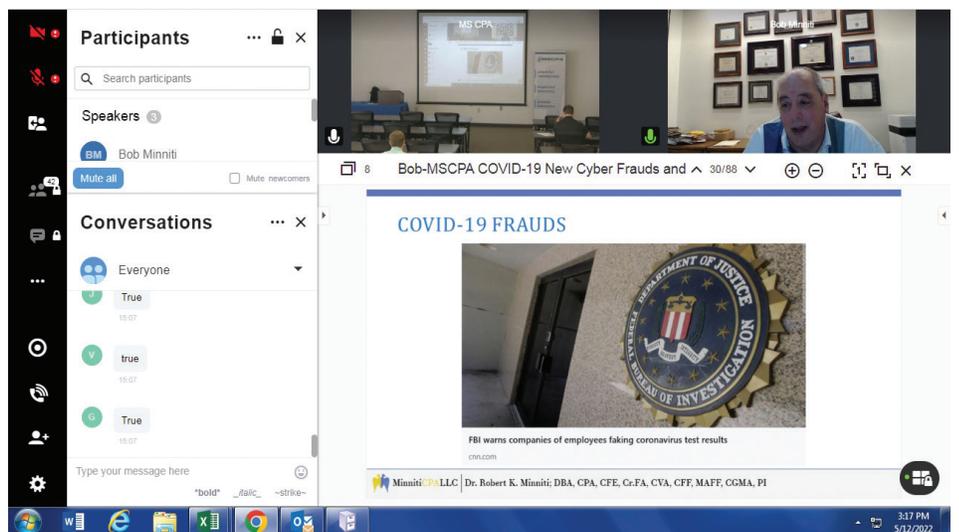




# Accounting and Auditing Conference

MSCPA hosted the annual Accounting & Auditing Conference Thursday, May 12, in person and via livestream at the MSCPA training center in Ridgeland. Popular speaker Don Minyard traveled from Birmingham to deliver the morning keynote A & A Update, while Natalya Yashina and Bob Minniti discussed Audit Quality and Improving Audit Efficiency and COVID-19 New Frauds & Scams in the afternoon.

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