



MISSISSIPPI 15-YEAR-OLD BECOMES WORLD'S YOUNGEST TO PASS CPA EXAM And Broke An 8-Year World Record

James "Jimmy" Chilimigras is just like any other CPA candidate. He has a Master's in Accounting and met all the education, age, and citizenship requirements to sit for the exam with just ONE big difference.

Jimmy is only 15 years old!

The previous record holder for passing the CPA exam was held by Belicia Cespedes, who passed when she was 17.

However, on June 17th, 2023, 15-year-old Jimmy Chilimigras passed the CPA exam, breaking this 8-year record and setting a new World Record for the youngest CPA in history!

Jimmy's story starts in Bay Saint Louis, MS, where he is the oldest of six. Parents (John & Erin) and siblings (Clare 11, Azelie 8, Peter 5, Eleanor 3, and newborn Gemma)!

He graduated from Western Governors University (WGU) with his Bachelor's and Master's in Accounting before his 15th birthday. WGU worked with Jimmy to

allow him to complete 60 credit hours per semester(!!) which allowed him to earn his Bachelor's in just one year and earn his Master's in Accountancy by the age of 14 as he shared with the Journal of Accountancy.

Jimmy has also accepted a full-ride

scholarship to Loyola University Law School in New Orleans, where he began classes in August of 2023. He is currently on pace to become the second youngest lawyer in history, according to oldest.org.

His goal is not to break this record but to absorb everything he can and become the best tax lawyer in the United States.

Jimmy's other

accomplishments include holding the highest LSAT score in 23 states, and having a 30+ ACT score at only 12 years old.

*Source: Bryan Kesler, CPA,
Kesler CPA Review, June 18, 2023
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NOMINATE AN Outstanding Educator

The MSCPA Awards, Education & Scholarships Committee is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Educator Award for 2023-2024.

Each year the Committee requests nominations for selection of an educator who has made significant contributions as an accounting instructor. That individual is honored during the MSCPA Annual Business Meeting at Convention in June.

Nominations should be submitted in writing by **October 1, 2023** to be considered by the Committee. Send your nominations to Outstanding Educator, c/o MSCPA, 306 Southampton Row, Ridgeland, MS 39157 to the attention of Shawn Mauldin, Committee Chairman, or email kmoody@ms-cpa.org. Please include nomination letter(s) and vitae.

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MSCPA Legislation Committee Member Caroline Gilbert Wins Election to Remain Rankin County Tax Collector



MSCPA would like to congratulate Caroline Gilbert on being re-elected as the Rankin County Tax Collector on August 8, 2023.

Caroline has 20 years experience in management and non-profit and governmental accounting. She received her

Bachelor's degree in Accountancy from Mississippi State University and her Master's degree in Accountancy from Millsaps College.

Caroline and her husband Scott have two children, Garrett and Anna Claire.

TMH PLLC Merges With Wright-Morris PLLC



TMH PLLC and Wright-Morris PLLC recently merged firms on July 1, 2023. This merger brings together two Hattiesburg firms that share an emphasis on providing outstanding service, superior talent, industry specialization, and a focus on providing the services clients need to succeed, thrive, and grow in the

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The combined firm will operate under the TMH brand headquartered in Hattiesburg, with additional offices in Columbia and Gulfport.

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Randy "Bubba" Pierce Honored by Mississippi Bar Association & Ole Miss School of Law

Randy "Bubba" Pierce was recently inducted as a Fellow in the Mississippi Bar Foundation, an honor for which only 10% of attorneys in the state are eligible. Randy was also awarded the Public Service Law Alumnus of the Year by the Ole Miss School of Law.

Randy began his law practice in 1997. While practicing law in Greene County, in 1999 he was elected to the state legislature and re-elected in 2003. During his second term, Governor Haley Barbour appointed him to be a Chancery Court Judge for the Sixteenth Chancery Court District (Jackson, George and Greene Counties). After being elected without opposition for a full term as a chancery judge, in 2008 Randy was elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Randy served on the Supreme Court until he was named Director of the Mississippi Judicial College in 2016. While serving on the Supreme Court, he taught adjunct at the University of Southern Mississippi and the Mississippi College School of Law.

Randy, a published author, also taught at the University of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi School of Law during his tenure at the Mississippi Judicial College. Law school classes taught were Mississippi Civil Practice and Mississippi Judicial Practice. Undergraduate classes taught included Family Law, Wills & Estates, Child Abuse and the Law, and Introduction to the Legal Environment.

Randy received his undergraduate degree in accounting and his MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi. He graduated law



school from the University of Mississippi. Randy is a Certified Public Accountant and frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars and at continuing judicial education conferences. Randy was recognized for his leadership by receiving the Chief Justice Award in 2020. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, American Bar Association, Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Randy recently retired from the Mississippi Judicial College and currently serves as Assistant Dean of Advancement at the Mississippi College School of Law and is Partner at Bordis Danos Pierce.

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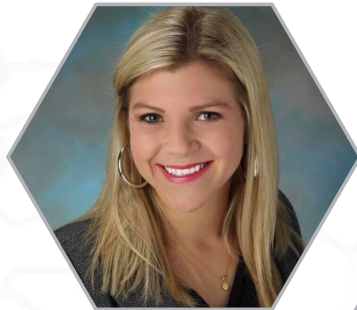
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YCPA NETWORK HOLDS BOARD MEETING & COMMITTEE DAY

The MSCPA Young CPA (YCPA) Network held its annual Board Meeting and Committee Day on July 27, at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland and virtually. YCPA Committee members discussed their YCPA Network Events, Days of Service, and Conference Committees for 2023-2024. They also elected new officers.



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CHAPTER NEWS

CENTRAL CHAPTER

The MSCPA Central Chapter held a Lunch and Learn Meeting on August 3, at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. CPE topics and speakers were: **Federal Tax Updates & Current Developments** by Jan Lewis of Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC; **State Upcoming Elections & Legislative Updates** by Stephen Clay of the Clay Firm, and Karen Moody of MSCPA; and **Pregnancy Resource Act** by Erin Kate Goode and Angel Jennings of the Center for Pregnancy Choices. MSCPA Central Chapter members also elected new Officers and Board of Governors representatives.

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- Penny Godwin, Watkins & Co., CPAs
- Virginia Morris, Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC

Outgoing President Ed Simmons was recognized during the meeting for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Central Chapter. Ed served as Vice-President of Membership from 2020-2022 and as President from 2022-2023. Ed also represented the Central Chapter on the MSCPA Board of Governors for the past two years.



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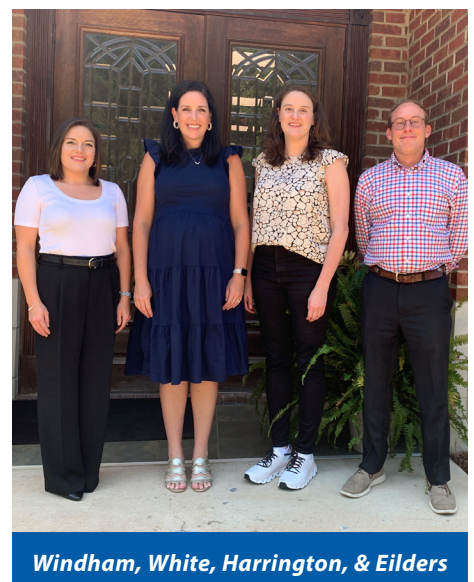
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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

The MSCPA Southwest Chapter held its annual CPE Day on July 18, at the Natchez Grand Hotel. Attendees heard the following CPE topics and speakers:

- **Distribution Options for Workplace Transitions, Small Business Retirement Plans, Qualified Business Income Deduction, and Maximizing your Social Security Benefits** — Forrest A. Johnson III, CFA, CFP, Private Wealth Advisor, Ameriprise
- **Current Fraud Cases and How to Avoid Being the Next Victim** — Donna M. Ingram, CPA, CFE, CFF
- **Tax Update** — Peyton C. Cavin, CPA, Partner, Silas Simmons, LLP

We would like to thank Caitlin Goodman for her leadership as President and Board representative of the Chapter for the past two years.



MSCPA Hosted MBS Blood Drive

MSCPA hosted a Blood Drive on the Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) Donor Coach on Tuesday, July 25, at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. Donors received a \$15 VISA gift card and were entered into a drawing to win a 12' x 28' shed from Shivers Buildings. MSCPA and MBS would like to thank the members and others who donated blood to save lives.



L-R: MBS Staff Members, Lydia Carlisle, MSCPA CPE Registrar, and Noma Gillis, MSCPA Membership Coordinator



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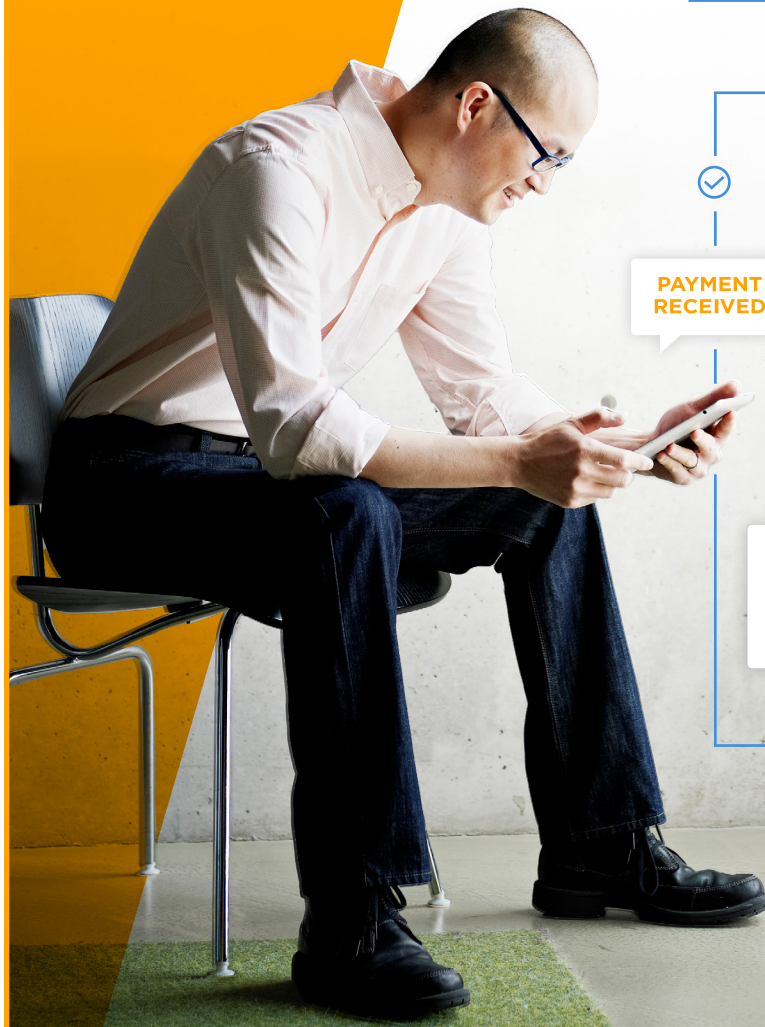
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8:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

8:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: HFMA NATIONAL UPDATE

Shawn Stack, Director of Perspectives & Analysis, Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)

9:30 a.m.

MISSISSIPPI ECONOMY UPDATE PANEL

Rep. Becky Currie, Mississippi House of Representatives; Corey Miller, State Economist, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; Scott Waller, President & CEO, Mississippi Economic Council; and Moderator: Allison Simpson

10:45 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m.

MEDICAID UPDATE

Drew Snyder, Executive Director, Mississippi Division of Medicaid

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

12:45 p.m.

HOSPITAL BASED NURING HOME PANEL

Gregg Gibbes, CEO, South Central Regional Medical Center; Dr. Patrick Chapman, CEO, Tippah County Hospital; Robin Mixon, Administrator, North Mississippi Medical Center Eupora & Hamilton (NMHS); and Moderator: Paul Black

2:15 p.m.

POLITICS & POLICY: DIFFERENTIATING FACT FROM FICTION

Gerard Gibert, SuperTalk Mississippi

3:15 p.m.

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3:30 p.m.

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Richard Roberson, President & CEO, TrueCare

4:30 p.m.

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- 7:45 – 8:25 a.m. **Breakfast & Networking**
- 8:30 – 10:10 a.m. **A & A Update and Lease Accounting Refresher**
Melisa Galasso, Galasso Learning Solutions, LLC
- 10:20 – 10:45 a.m. **Lease Accounting Practical Examples**
John T. Williams, LeaseCrunch
- 10:45 – 11:35 a.m. **Internal Controls: A Checkup for Nonprofits**
Steven Mulhollen, Mississippi College
- 11:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 12:30 – 1:20 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Nonprofit Hot Topics**
Ellen Collins, Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy; Charles R. Lindsay, Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A.; Bob Mims, Financial Consultant; and Ricky Rayborn, Reformed Theological Seminary
- 1:20 – 2:10 p.m. **Change Management**
John Kmiec, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. **Budgeting & Strategic Planning**
Allison B. Rooker and Angela Sumrall, Canopy Children's Solutions
- 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. **Not-for-Profits Competing in a For Profit World: Four Sources of Revenue & Benchmarking**
Bob Mims, Financial Consultant
- 4:00 – 4:25 p.m. **Updates from the AICPA & Discussion of Recent Mississippi Secretary of State's Not-for-Profit Audit Changes**
Charles R. Lindsay, Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A.
- 4:25 p.m. **Adjourn & Door Prizes**

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- Montgomery, AL CPA grossing \$340K *New*
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- Pensacola, FL Enrolled Agent grossing \$130K *Available*

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