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#### **Editor's Note**

#### You Ought to Be in Pictures!

As CTCPA membership events kick into high gear each spring following the end of busy season, Assistant Editor **Caitlin Bailey O'Neill** and I fire up the Nikon to snap photos of hundreds of members engaged in everything from CPE courses to cooking classes. Sometimes I feel like maybe we should change my job title from Communications Manager to "that girl with the camera."

This year, fresh off of a three-day digital photography bootcamp, Caitlin and I were excited to test out some new skills and specialized equipment, and thanks to the wide variety of events planned by our volunteer leaders and CTCPA staff, we had plenty of photo ops!



This issue is packed full of members striking poses at recent events:

- The Essential Event: Adding Up to a Richer Future (page 6)
- The brand-new Educators of Excellence: "The Eddys" (page 8)
- Recognition of accounting's next generation with Educational Trust Fund scholarships (page 10) and our CPA certificate ceremony (page 13)
- A celebration of diversity at the NABA Night of Stars (page 12)
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#### **See Photos Faster**

The rise in social networking means we're able to share these shots of members doing great things faster than ever. Follow us as we tweet (<a href="www.twitter.com/ConnecticutCPAs">www.twitter.com/ConnecticutCPAs</a>), "Like" us on Facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/ConnecticutCPAs">www.facebook.com/ConnecticutCPAs</a>) to see our photo albums in your newsfeed, or check out the photo gallery on our website (<a href="www.ctcpas.org/photos">www.ctcpas.org/photos</a>).

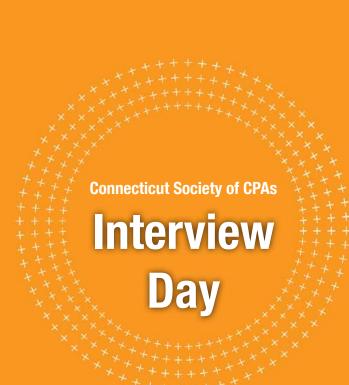
#### Want to Be in Pictures?

Don't worry – you haven't missed out! There are always member events on the horizon. Whether you'd like to relax and unwind at a social event, lace up your sneakers for a friendly day of athletic competition, or meet up with fellow members for technical discussion and continuing education, we have a place for you! Check out this issue or go to <a href="https://www.ctcpas.org/calendar">www.ctcpas.org/calendar</a> to see what's coming up, or go to <a href="https://www.ctcpas.org/NYP">www.ctcpas.org/NYP</a> to see programs specifically geared toward new and young professionals.

See you next issue (or maybe through the camera lens!),

Kirsten

Kirsten Piechota, Managing Editor



## Looking for Quality Interns and New Hires?

CTCPA's new "Interview Day" event will connect you with a hand-selected group of Connecticut's best and brightest accounting majors.





#### **How Does it Work?**

- Reserve your space at <u>www.ctcpas.org/InterviewDay</u> by July 31.
- You'll receive student information packets (including resume, essay, and areas of interest) in mid-September to review and give us your top picks.
- **3.** Students will confirm their interest in your opportunity.
- We'll schedule interviews in 40-minute increments at the CTCPA Education Center in Rocky Hill.

## Thursday, September 26, 2013 CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### What is Interview Day?

Interview Day is a new initiative developed by the Connecticut Society of CPAs to help match accounting majors at Connecticut colleges and universities with employers in public accounting and private industry seeking interns or full-time hires. Students must meet eligibility requirements and will be hand-selected by accounting faculty at colleges and universities across the state.

#### Cost: \$250 per company.

Includes interview cubicle (accommodates up to two company representatives) for up to 10 interview slots, lunch, and access to resumes and contact information for all student participants. You may add one additional representative to serve as a greeter in the student lounge for \$50.

Space is limited! Learn more and register by July 31 at <a href="https://www.ctcpas.org/InterviewDay">www.ctcpas.org/InterviewDay</a>.

## the **Essential Event**

## Adding Up to a Richer Future

he fifth annual CTCPA Essential Event: "Adding Up to a Richer Future" drew a record 230 registrants! We thanked outgoing president **Noelle Taddei**, welcomed current president **Camille Murphy**, honored **Richard Gesseck** with the Jack Brooks Leadership Award, enjoyed our first-ever teacup raffle, and heard from some fabulous speakers!

## Read Live Tweets from

#### the #EssentialEvent!

CTCPA Communications Coordinator Caitlin Bailey O'Neill "live tweeted" the event under the hashtag (identifier) #EssentialEvent, sharing memorable quotes and thoughts from the day in real time via Twitter. The next two pages highlight some of those tweets.



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Connecticut's CPAs are rolling into the Aqua Turf ... here we go! Did you see our raffle prizes? Fun new teacup auction! #EssentialEvent

James Robbins: "You're paid to produce results, but it's your people who produce the results. Focus on helping your people be successful." #EssentialEvent





Great quote from Primacy: "'A' players want to work with 'A' players. You attract good people when you have good people." #EssentialEvent

Miller: "99% of politicians are good people who run for the right reasons, but the pressures and the system get in the way."
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Incoming President Camille Murphy: "I have an open mind, and an open door." Lots to do this year! #EssentialEvent



This year's Jack Brooks
Leadership Award goes to
Richard Gesseck. Thank you,
Dick, for all you do for us
and our profession!
#EssentialEvent



Fun fact: This year's #EssentialEvent was planned for the first time by the CTCPA New and Young Professionals.

Essential Event Planning Committee members (from left) Joanna Purtell, Michael Maksymiw, Amber Tucker, Stephanie Barone, Donna Figueiredo, and Kristen Palombizio. Not pictured is Kathleen E. McKeon.

Check out more photos from the day at <a href="https://www.ctcpas.org/photos">www.ctcpas.org/photos</a>.

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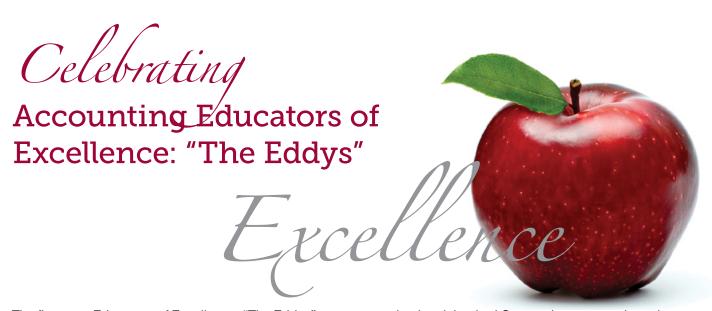
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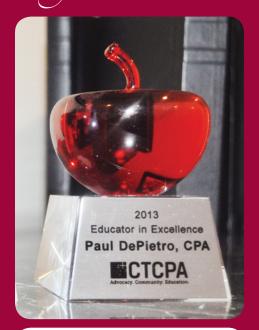
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The first-ever Educators of Excellence: "The Eddys" event recognized and thanked Connecticut accounting educators for the vital work they do in preparing the next generation of CPAs and CTCPA members. Full-time, part-time, and adjunct professors representing 19 of Connecticut's two- and four-year colleges and universities gathered at Cascade in Hamden for a fun evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and mingling. The evening's highlight was the presentation of the Educator of Excellence awards to outstanding accounting professors.

## Congratulations to the Eddy Award Winners!



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Adjunct Professor

Paul DePietro, CPA

Housatonic Community College

"He uses real-life examples to help us understand the accounting terms described in the book. When we have a hard time comprehending, he always finds better ways to explain and always ensures we learn the material."

The Educators of Excellence awards ("The Eddys") were created to recognize Connecticut accounting professors who have had a positive influence on the lives and careers of their students by excelling in teaching and/or mentoring, inspiring students to reach beyond the ordinary, and making a difference by going the extra mile for their students.

Current and former students nominated their favorite professors online. Winners were selected by a panel representing a cross-section of the CTCPA membership and the Connecticut business community via blind review (see panelists on next page). Excerpts from each winner's nomination appear below.



Two-Year College Professor

Edwin R. Muenzner, CPA

Three Rivers Community College

"The stories he shares in class of making a difference for his clients has enabled me to visualize what it means to be an accountant and inspire me with a passion to do the same."



Four-Year College Professor Marie G. Kulesza, CPA University of Saint Joseph

"She has a clear passion and excitement for teaching in general, but also for the accounting industry as a whole. This comes out in every class as she lectures with enthusiasm, energy, and a smile on her face."





The panel of judges included (from left) Erum Randhawa (BlumShapiro), CTCPA Past President Marcia Marien (O'Connor Davies), Anne Comer (Connecticut Underwriters), and long-time CTCPA member Ed Taddei. Not pictured are Greg Bordonaro (Hartford Business Journal) and John Higham (Stanley Black & Decker).



CTCPA Past President John Turgeon of CohnReznick served as master of ceremonies.

"I was so happy that I could celebrate the evening with so many fellow educators and members of the accounting profession. I applaud the Society for having the vision to create this wonderful venue to celebrate excellence in education, but also for all the Society's work in recognizing, supporting, and encouraging educators and promoting the accounting profession."

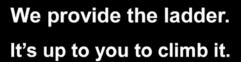
Eddy Award Winner Marie Kulesza, University of Saint Joseph





CTCPA Past President John Evanich checks out his "Trust Me, I'm a Professor" t-shirt, a special thank-you gift for all professors in attendance.







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#### **Educational Trust Fund News**

#### Trustees Recognize Outstanding Community College Accounting Students

On May 10, some of Connecticut's finest community college accounting students gathered at the CTCPA Education Center for the annual Community College Accounting Scholarship Luncheon. Trustees presented each student with a \$750 (renewable) scholarship for full-time students or \$375 (renewable) scholarship for part-time students. Congratulations to the winners!



Xiuying Tan Gateway Community College



Eliza Cudakiewicz Housatonic Community College



Wilton Jimenez Housatonic Community College



Georgette Kapetaneas Housatonic Community College



Baotram Tran Manchester Community College



Liljana Sassa Middlesex Community College



Melissa Samuel Naugatuck Valley Community College



Regene Abandula Three Rivers Community College



Neemapreety Gunesh Tunxis Community College

Not pictured are:

Dana Fraychak Asnuntuck Community College

Michael Farrell
Northwestern Connecticut
Community College

Nelia Pager Norwalk Community College

#### Trustees Present Connecticut High School Accounting Scholarships

On June 6, trustees presented scholarships to outstanding high school students from around the state. Special thanks to **Stephen Pedneault** of Forensic Accounting Services, who generously sponsored one of the awards to make 16 total awards possible.



Standing (from left) are Joseph Paparelli (Norwich Free Academy), Zaneta Subernat (Berlin High School), Melanie Morenz (O.H. Platt High School), Michelle Zheng (Metropolitan Business Academy), Carmen Bligh (East Granby High School), and Sanah Vorachith (New Britain High School). Seated (from left) are Emily Spinelli (Bristol Eastern High School), Kevin Mitchell (Cheshire High School), Jason Abate (Notre Dame High School), Sarah Krysiuk (Norwalk High School), Nicholas Elia (Somers High School), and Louis Santa Barbara (Holy Cross High School). Not pictured are Yanashley Bures-Ortiz (New London High School), Catherine Lafreniere (Bristol Central High School), Dillon Mayotte (Killingly High School), and Sean Ogden (Masuk High School).



## ETF Scholarship Winners Where are they now?

#### **Edward LaMarre**



#### **Colleges and Majors**

Accounting – Manchester Community College (May 2011) Accounting - University of Saint Joseph (May 2013)

#### **Educational Trust Fund Scholarships**

Outstanding Community College Accounting Student Award (2011) Junior Award (2012)

#### Where are you doing right now?

I just graduated from the University of Saint Joseph and started working for Futurity First Insurance Group in Rocky Hill as a staff accountant.

#### How did your ETF scholarships impact your academic career?

They gave me confidence as well as pride that all my hard work had paid off. It validated all that I worked so hard for.

#### What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

I graduated high school in 1993 and quit my job of eight years to go back to college after being out of school for 15 years. I was an average student at best in high school and didn't see the importance of an education.

#### What unique work or life experiences did you bring to your studies?

I was able to appreciate school and the opportunity it would give me if I could succeed at a high level. I knew it was the only way I could change my future. I would have been stuck in dead-end jobs for the rest of my life, and I wanted to change that for me and my family. I wanted to be proud of what I did in college, and that is what drove me to succeed. I wanted to do something I loved for the next 25 years. I knew if I could be an accountant, it would not feel like work but a career.

#### Have you had any influential professors?

I have had several! Professor Georgia Buckles taught me to work hard even when things get hard. Professor Marie Kulesza was always willing to listen and help me with any problem. Professor Eric Chen only expected the best from me and nothing less. Professor Steven Jarett taught me to just be me and everything would work out.

#### Have you had any work/internship experience?

I have had three internships. At ESPN, I was a tax intern and the experience showed me what it was like to work in the corporate world. America Business Telephone taught me how hard it is to run a small company in this economy and all that is needed to succeed. BlumShapiro opened my eyes to how hard you must work and pay attention to details in a public accounting firm.

#### What is your five-year plan?

I would like to study for and pass the CPA Exam, and then return to school to get my master's degree.

#### What advice do you have for other accounting majors/aspiring CPAs?

Network with people. It is an important tool that people must learn. It has opened up so many opportunities for me.

"I would have been stuck in dead-end jobs for the rest of my life, and I wanted to change that for me and my family."



LaMarre recently gave the keynote address at the 2013 Community College Accounting Scholarship Luncheon (see more on opposite page), encouraging awardees to continue on to obtain their bachelor's degrees in accounting.

#### Apply for ETF Scholarships!

Get in on the action! Download application forms for these scholarships after August 15 at www.ctcpas.org/ETF:

**Frank Frago Community Service Award Scholarship** 

Candidate's Award

Children of CTCPA **Members Scholarships** 

**Diversity Scholarship** 

CTCPA Past President and CohnReznick Director of Human Capital John Turgeon addresses the crowd at NABA's Night of Stars.



CTCPA Advisory Council member, NABA Greater Hartford Secretary, and CohnReznick Manager Tobias Freeman presents the Diversity Scholarship to Jaleesa Carter.

## **Embracing Diversity**

the fifth consecutive year, the Educational Trust Fund (ETF) presented a Diversity Scholarship. This year's \$1,000 award was presented to Jaleesa Carter at the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Hartford chapter "Night of Stars" gala on May 1.

Carter, a junior at the University of Saint Joseph, is heavily involved in her school, serving as president of Diversity in Action, treasurer of the Student Government Association, and vice president of the accounting and business societies. Following her May 2014 graduation, she plans to obtain her master's degree and become a CPA.

CTCPA Past President and CohnReznick Director of Human Capital John Turgeon is delighted to see the CTCPA's continued focus on diversity - a tenet he championed during his 2008-2009 presidency. Turgeon was honored when NABA asked him to be one of the kevnote speakers at this year's Night of Stars event, held at Aetna's Rogers Auditorium.

Turgeon's keynote address, entitled "Building Your Competitive Advantage," focused on networking, putting yourself out there, and building trust.

"Embracing the diversity of our people and our thoughts is perhaps the single greatest competitive advantage we can build for ourselves and as organizations," Turgeon said. "It is about every one of us taking the time to truly learn about each other - who we are, what we believe in, what is important to us – and doing so in an open and inclusive manner. From there, diversity becomes less of the programmatic activity it once was and simply becomes woven into the culture of who we are today."



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## It's Ladies' Night!

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Chef's Emporium in Berlin hosted two cooking classes in May and June where CPA chefs noshed on treats including shrimp tempura, hummus, and a parfait with fresh whipped cream – all of which they made themselves, naturally!

Almost 60 ladies turned out on May 29 for a fun night of fashion, food, and friendship at the wear-to-work styling event. After libations and appetizers at Max Fish in Glastonbury, attendees were treated to dessert and styling advice at Ann Taylor. Participants also donated gently used clothing and accessories to benefit Dress for Success.

Check out more photos of the fun at www.ctcpas.org/photos.









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If you've always wanted to learn how to play golf so you can play in a company outing or with family and friends, or just want to give it a try, this event is for you. If you joined us last year, come back for a refresher!

#### **Tunxis Plantation Golf Course**

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4:30-5:00 p.m. Registration 5:00-6:30 p.m. Golf Lesson

6:30-7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

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## State Tax Update, Across the Borders Tax, and E-Commerce Thursday, August 22, 2013

Speaker: Attorney **Felicia Hoeniger**, Counsel. Robinson & Cole

#### Coming up:

September 26, 2013 October 24, 2013 December 19, 2013



#### The Friday Focus for Members in Industry

CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2

## Health Reform: What's Next and Preparing for 'Pay-or-Play'

Friday, August 16, 2013

Speakers: **Andrew S. Lattimer**, CPA, Tax Partner, BlumShapiro and **Pia Brown**, CEBS, Practice Leader, Ovation Benefits Group

#### Coming up:

September 20, 2013 October 18, 2013 November 15, 2013 December 13, 2013 January 17, 2014



#### **Torrington CONNection**

Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Torrington 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2

## The Six Things You Need to Know About Social Security

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Speaker: Thomas E. Brown,

Associate, Social Security Associates

#### Coming up:

September 18, 2013 November 20, 2013



#### Rocky Hill CONNection

CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2

## Medicaid and Protection of Assets: Keeping the Home

Friday, July 26, 2013

Speaker: **Michael Lynch**, Senior Financial Planner, Barnum Financial Group – MetLife

#### State Tax Update for Connecticut Businesses

Friday, August 23, 2013

Speaker: Milo Peck III, J.D., Manager, CohnReznick

#### Coming up:

September 24, 2013 November 22, 2013 October 25, 2013 December 19, 2013

### **New!** Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee Social



Thursday, September 12, 2013 • 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Following the 3:00 p.m. committee meeting and speaker.

All CTCPA members working in the governmental accounting and auditing arena are invited to attend.

There is no cost to attend. R.S.V.P. to Lisa Bugryn at <a href="mailto:lisab@ctcpas.org">lisab@ctcpas.org</a> or 860-258-0232.



#### Technology Breakfast Roundtables

Get some expert advice from members of the Technology Committee in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. No registration necessary. Members purchase their own breakfasts.

CPE credit not available.

#### Thursday, July 18, 2013

New York Pickle Deli, Rocky Hill • 8:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, August 15, 2013

#### New Location!

Parthenon Diner, 809 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook • 8:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, September 19, 2013

Riverdale Diner, Shelton • 8:00 a.m.



#### Personal Financial Planning Group of Fairfield

Easton Public Library, Easton 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2

#### Don't Leave Probate to Chance: The Importance of **Understanding Probate in Your Client's Overall Financial Plan** Thursday, July 25, 2013

Speaker: Julie Jason, JD, Principal, Jackson, Grant Investment Advisers

#### Coming up:

November 21, 2013



#### Valuation, Forensic, and Litigation Support Group Dinners

CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill Wine and Mingling: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25; includes dinner CPE Credits: 1

#### **Forensic Examination of Questioned Documents and Imprint/Impression Evidence**

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Speaker: James L. Streeter. Owner and President. North East Forensics; retired Forensic Science Examiner, Connecticut State Police Forensic Science Laboratory

#### Coming up:

November 6, 2013



conversation

TCPA technical committees offer fantastic opportunities to discuss timely topics with peers who share your areas of interest and expertise, all while building your network and often earning free CPE.

You don't need to join the committee or sign up for responsibilities. Just come, learn, and meet other members! View a listing of upcoming meetings at www.ctcpas.org/membermeetings.

#### **Accounting and Reporting Standards Committee**

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. Weinstein & Anastasio, Hamden

#### **Federal Income Taxation Committee**

International Reporting Update Speaker: Richard LeVine, Withers Bergman Thursday, July 18, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

#### **Accounting and Reporting Standards Committee**

2014 Conference Planning Wednesday, August 7, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. Weinstein & Anastasio, Hamden

#### **Not-For-Profit Organizations Committee**

2014 Conference Planning Thursday, August 15, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

#### **Federal Income Taxation Committee**

3.8% Net Investment Income Tax Speakers: Ryan Leichsenring and Maggie Solis, Shipman & Goodwin Thursday, October 17, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

#### **Federal Income Taxation Committee**

#### L3C for Nonprofits

Speaker: John Horak, Reid and Riege Thursday, November 14, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

## New and Young Professionals Upcoming Events





#### Thursday, July 11, 2013 **Bowling Night**

6:00 p.m.

Revolutions Bowling and Lounge, South Windsor

Join us as we check out Revolutions Bowling and Lounge, a high-tech, upscale alley with a nightclub feel.

Cost: \$15

Includes two games, shoes, and pizza



### Saturday, August 17, 2013

Kickin' 4 Kids Charity **Kickball Tournament** 

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Norton Park, Plainville

Don't miss our fourth annual tournament! Put your best foot forward for a great cause and enjoy a cookout lunch. Proceeds benefit a local charity.

Cost: \$20 per person \$200 per team (10 people)



#### Thursday, December 12, 2013 **Mingling & Merriment Holiday Party** 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Society Room of Hartford

Mingle with other new and young professionals over drinks and light hors d'oeuvres. Dress to impress for a fancy night out on the town! Cocktail attire. You must be 21 or older to attend.

Learn more and register at <a href="https://www.ctcpas.org/NYP">www.ctcpas.org/NYP</a>.

Join the New and Young Professionals Group at www.ctcpas.org/NYP to stay in the loop on upcoming events and opportunities.



#### New and Young Professionals Walk Like MADD

On Saturday, May 4, nearly 50 CTCPA new and vound professionals took to the streets for the annual Walk Like MADD charity walk. Team CTCPA raised \$1,695 for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and its victim services before

donning their "Team CTCPA" shirts and walking three miles through West Hartford. View more photos from the day at www.ctcpas.org/photos.



## Fourth Annual Kickin' 4 Kids Charity Kickball Tournament

Saturday, August 17, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Norton Park, Plainville

## Pre-registration is required.

\$20 per person, \$200 per team (10 people) A lunchtime cookout will cap off the event.

## Register at www.ctcpas.org/NYP.



Special thanks to the Plainville Recreation Department for donating the fields and picnic area.

## Welcome, New Students!

Heather L. Bolduc of Naugatuck

Jason T. Collura of East Hampton

Central Connecticut State University

Central Connecticut State University

Mallory L. Croce of Wallingford





Kristin Rogozinski of Watertown Post University

Julia Slyaktina of Waterbury Post University

Kathryn H. Vance of Fairfield **Emory University** 



#### Colleen Maller of Terryville

Post University

Central Connecticut State University

#### Ryan Marinelli of Portland Bentley University

Justin C. Martin of Oakville Central Connecticut State University

#### Anh D. Nguyen of Bridgeport

Western Connecticut State University

#### **Student News**

Vanesa Dougherty was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service for her service with the SPEC (Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication), VITA (volunteer Income Tax Assistance), and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) programs.





www.ctcpas.org/CPAMix

## Get in the mix – the CPAMix!

Introducing CPAMix – the brand-new social media component of www.ctcpas.org! Whether you think of it as your interactive member directory or Facebook for CPAs, this is the place to keep tabs on your committees, pose questions or offer advice to CPAs in specific areas of specialization or expertise, or send private messages to other members.

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You're on Facebook and LinkedIn. Why do you need another social media website?

Because this one's different. This one is **yours**. Developed for CTCPA members, CPAMix is bringing your real-life connections to the digital realm and making communication with your peers easier than ever.

1 You don't need to remember another username and password.

Who needs another password to remember? Log into CPAMix with your existing CTCPA username and password. (If you're already logged into our website, you won't even need to log in again!)

- We've done the work for you on your profile.

  We already know who you are, where you work, and your professional interests. So we started your profile for you. You can always tell us and your peers more upload a photo, share your blog, or link to your other social media profiles but we're giving you a head start.
  - Get in touch with old and new friends while keeping your privacy intact.
- You can drop any CTCPA member an email without knowing his or her email address or revealing yours. All messages are sent through the website, protecting your privacy.

#### Communicating with your fellow committee members is a snap.

- Remember the old days of listservs, when you could send an email to one email address and a copy would be sent to every member of a committee? With CPAMix, you can do the same thing ... but better. You can respond to messages both on the CPAMix website and by hitting the reply button on your email, but all messages will automatically post back to that committee's online hub, giving you a complete, permanent archive of your committees' discussions and shared documents.
  - Finding people who share your interests has never been easier.
- We've got committees for major areas of specialization like federal taxation and not-for-profits. But what if you're looking for a study buddy for the CPA Exam, or struggling with a complex specialized issue? Look for a group. Groups are a great way to bounce ideas off of other people and get answers. If you can't find a group to meet your needs, you can create one!

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# August-November 2013 CPE Calendar

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| Date      | e Title  | Code         | Location             | CPE           | Standard/Early             | Through            |
| Account.  |  |              |                      |               |                            |                    |
|           | OCPOA Financial Statements, Proposition and Populing   | CTD          | Dealer Hill          | 0             | \$285/\$250                | 7/28/2013          |
| 12<br>12  | OCBOA Financial Statements: Preparation and Reporting  | CTB<br>ARU-B | Rocky Hill           | <u>8</u><br>8 |                            | 7/28/2013          |
| 13        | Loscalzo's 2013 FASB and AICPA Update Risk Assessment Standards  |              | Groton               |               | \$285/\$250                |                    |
| 19        | Fraud and Abuse in Not-for-Profit Entities and Governments:  | RANA         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 7/29/2013          |
| 19        |  | FANG         | Doolay Hill          | 0             | \$20E/\$2E0                | 0/4/2012           |
| 20        | Stealing from Everyone Occupational Fraud: The Top 50 Tips on How to Prevent Executives,                         | FANG         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 8/4/2013           |
| 20        |  | OCFR         | Doolay Hill          | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 8/5/2013           |
| 26        | Managers, and Employees from Stealing and Not Getting Caught The Best Federal Tax Update Course by Surgent McCoy | BFTU-B       | Rocky Hill<br>Groton | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 8/11/2013          |
| 27        | Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client   | PMIC         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 8/12/2013          |
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| September |  |              |                      |               |                            |                    |
| 19        | Loscalzo's Step-by-Step Guide to Compliance Auditing:  |              |                      |               |                            |                    |
| 19        | A Gateway to Efficiency  | HGCA         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 9/4/2013           |
| 23        | Loscalzo's 2013 FASB and AICPA Update  | ARU-C        | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 9/8/2013           |
| 24        | Loscalzo's Frequently Asked Questions in Employee Benefit Plan   | AITO-C       | TOOKY TIIII          | 0             | ψ203/ψ230                  | 3/0/2013           |
| 24        | Accounting and Auditing  | FAQEBP       | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 9/9/2013           |
|           | Accounting and Additing  | IAQLDI       | TOOKY TIIII          | 0             | ψ203/ψ230                  | 3/3/2013           |
| October   |  |              |                      |               |                            |                    |
|           | 8 Professional Staff Growth Level 2  | PSG2         | Rocky Hill           | 24            | \$585/\$550                | 10/1/2013          |
| 17        | Accountant's Liability: No Good Deed Goes Unpunished (Morning Session)   | AL           | Meriden              | 4             | \$170/\$150                | 10/2/2013          |
| 21        | Loscalzo's Professional Ethics for CPAs (Morning Session)  | ETH1021      | Rocky Hill           | 4             | \$170/\$150                | 10/6/2013          |
| 22        | Loscalzo's Deceptive Revenue Recognition and Other Accounting Techniques:  | LIIIIOZI     | 1 tooky 1 iiii       |               | ψ170/ψ100                  | 10/0/2010          |
|           | Recognizing the Warning Signs  | DAT          | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/7/2013          |
| 28        | Larry Stein's Getting Ready for Tax Season: Individual Tax Clients   | D/ (I        | 1 tooky 1 iiii       |               | <i>Ψ</i> 200/ <i>Ψ</i> 200 | 10/1/2010          |
| 20        | (Including Self-Employed Schedule C)   | GRTI         | Norwalk              | 8             | \$310/\$275                | 10/13/2013         |
| 29        | Larry Stein's Getting Ready for Tax Season: Self-Employed Business   | ORTI         | Norwan               |               | φοτοιφέτο                  | 10/10/2010         |
| 20        | Tax Clients (Form 1120S, Form 1065, Form 1120, and Schedule C)   | GRTF         | Norwalk              | 8             | \$310/\$275                | 10/14/2013         |
| 29        | IRS Working Together Conference  | IRSWT        | Meriden              | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/14/2013         |
| 30        | Larry Stein's 1040 Solutions and Strategies (Fall 2013 Edition)  | ITYE         | Norwalk              | 8             | \$310/\$275                | 10/15/2013         |
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| November  |  |              |                      |               |                            |                    |
| 4         | Advanced Form 1041 Practice Workshop   | AP41         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/20/2013         |
| 5         | Federal Estate and Gift Tax Returns: Forms 706 and 709 Workshop  | GIFT         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/21/2013         |
| 6         | Loscalzo's Improve Your Accounting and Finance Teams' Effectiveness  | AFT          | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/22/2013         |
| 6         | The Top 50 Mistakes Practitioners Make (and How to Fix Them!):   | 7.1.1        | r tooky r iiii       |               | ΨΕσσιφΕσσ                  | 10/22/2010         |
| Ŭ         | Individual Tax and Financial Planning  | INBB         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/22/2013         |
| 7         | Comprehensive Accounting Issues of Estates and Trusts:   | INDD         | 1 tooky 1 iiii       |               | <i>Ψ</i> 200/ <i>Ψ</i> 200 | 10/22/2010         |
| •         | Fiduciary Accounting and Tax Issues  | FACT         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/23/2013         |
| 7         | Loscalzo's Disclosure: The Key to Financial Statements   | DKFS-B       | Norwalk              | 8             | \$310/\$275                | 10/23/2013         |
| 8         | 2013 Federal Tax Update with Walter Nunnallee  | TUPP         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/24/2013         |
| 11        | Audits of HUD-Assisted Projects  | HUD          | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/27/2013         |
| 12        | Fraud in Small Business: Concepts, Requirements, and Case Studies  | ARWF         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/28/2013         |
| 12        | How to Settle an Estate for a Client – From A to Z   | SEAZ         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/28/2013         |
| 13        | Surgent McCoy's Handbook for Mastering Basis, Distributions, and   | ) L, \L      | r tooky r iiii       |               | ψεσσίψεσσ                  | 10/20/2010         |
| 10        | Loss Limitation Issues for S Corporations, LLCs, and Partnerships  | HMBI         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/29/2013         |
| 13        | Studies of Deficiencies on Single and Yellow Book Audits   | SAYB         | Rocky Hill           | 8             | \$285/\$250                | 10/29/2013         |
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#### Ready to register?







#### **Member News**

#### **Professional Activities**

James Mahoney, managing partner of Mahoney Sabol & Company in Glastonbury, has been elected chairman of the board of directors for the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain. He will also serve as vice chair for Center of Special Care, its parent corporation.

Melinda Smith, an audit manager at Mahoney Sabol & Company in Glaston-bury, has been appointed to the board of directors for Community Health Charities of New England, whose mission is to unite donors in the workplace with trusted health charities.

Stephen A. Kolenda, professor of business administration and accounting and acting department chair at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, presented his paper "China's Economic Incursion into Laos" at the 21st Annual ASIANetwork Conference in Nashville. Kolenda, who has led two recent business programs to China, spent three months in the Far East in 2012.

Jay Rasmus, a partner at Mahoney Sabol & Company in Glastonbury, moderated a banking and finance panel discussion to more than 200 attendees at the Connecticut Economic Outlook Forum. Mahoney Sabol & Company was a co-sponsor of the event.

Kenneth J. Pia Jr., partner in charge of business valuation services at Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, spoke at the 2013 XPX (Exit Planning Exchange) Summit in Boston, MA on the topic of "Valuation Inaccuracies and What to Do About Them" on May 3.

John DelGrego, a managing director in the Business Valuation and Litigation Assistance Group at Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, presented a seminar on "What You Can Learn From a Tax Return and Where to Find It" to the Fairfield County Bar Association on May 15.

**Mark Harrison**, managing partner at Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, spoke at the American Academy

of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) New England 2013 Regional Symposium in Boston, MA on May 4 on "The Evolution of Business Valuation in the Courts: Issues and Considerations for the Valuation Expert and Trial Lawyer."

#### **Honors and Awards**

Citrin Cooperman was ranked number six on the *Hartford Business Journal*'s "Best Places to Work in CT 2013" list in the large company category. **Pullman & Comley** was ranked number six on the list in the small/medium company category.

**Alan J. Clavette**, member of Clavette & Company in Newtown, was recently honored by the Newtown Democratic Town Committee for his longstanding community service.

#### **Public Service**

**Scott A. Trenholm**, managing partner of Grant Thornton in Glastonbury, was elected treasurer of The Hartford Club.

Carrie A. Zimyeski and Ryan Taranovich from Zackin Zimyeski Sullivan participated in a career fair at Crosby High School in Waterbury on May 1.

For the sixth year, **CohnReznick** served as presenting sponsor of the Travelers Championship Birdies for Charity and also established a new Birdies Bonus Bucks program of \$50,000. Birdies for Charity is a pledge-based fundraiser, similar to a walk-a-thon, where Connecticut-based not-for-profit organizations can solicit pledges based upon the number of birdies made during the 2013 Travelers Championship. CohnReznick handles the administration for the program, which includes tracking pledges, issuing invoices, and collecting payments.

**BlumShapiro** hosted its fifth consecutive 5K for Charity at the Travelers Championship along the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. All participants were able to donate \$10 of their race fee to the charity of their choice. The BlumShapiro team benefitting Hart-

ford's Camp Courant received an additional \$2,000 for recruiting the most runners, as well as an additional \$2,000 for raising the most money.

#### Members in the Media

Andrew S. Lattimer, a tax partner at BlumShapiro in West Hartford, wrote the April 8 Hartford Business Journal "Expert Corner" column "'Play or Pay' Decision Looms for Business Community." Lattimer was also interviewed about taxes on WTIC AM with Ray Dunaway on April 12.

**David M. Walker**, former U.S. comptroller general and CEO of the Comeback America Initiative based in Bridgeport, wrote the April 28 *Hartford Courant* opinion piece "Sinking as Global Economy Changes."

Mark M. Wynnick, a partner at Weinshel, Wynnick & Associates in Fairfield, appeared on "All About Commercial Real Estate" on March 4 to discuss various tax issues related to commercial real estate. The show is hosted by Ronald Czebiniak, a commercial real estate broker, on Mondays from 8:00-9:00 p.m. on WICC AM 600 in Bridgeport.

Joseph Natarelli, national construction industry leader and partner-incharge of the Marcum New Haven office, was featured in the *Construction Business Owner* article "Examining Your Financials: Ask the Experts."

**Edward E. Pratesi**, managing director at Brentmore Valuation Advisors in West Hartford, was interviewed in the May 13 *Hartford Business Journal* Q&A "Think About Exit Strategy When Starting Business."

#### Send Us Your News!

Send your news to Assistant Editor Caitlin Bailey O'Neill at caitlinb@ctcpas.org or CTCPA, 716 Brook St., Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3433.



## Welcome, New Members!

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## Congratulations to our Dues Renewal Drawing Winners!

All members who renewed their membership by June 3, 2013 were entered to win one of two iPad minis.

Congratulations to our two lucky winners!

**Neil Leonard Tremaglio Jr., CPA** Waterbury Swiss Automatics, Inc.

Richard J. Burness, CPA
Deloitte Tax LLP





#### Firm Moves and Promotions

**BlumShapiro** merged with Connecticut-based PM Evolution Inc. on May 1, 2013, making BlumShapiro a leading provider of Microsoft Project, Project Server, and cloud-based Project Online-based solutions in New England. The new practice is entitled Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) and is based out of the firm's West Hartford office.

Connecticut Wealth Management, LLC has added three financial planners to its team. The clients that are following the advisors will boost Connecticut Wealth Management's total assets under management to more than \$400 million. The new employees include CTCPA members Michael A. Tedone and Kathleen M. Christensen.

Effective April 22, **Marcum LLP** joined forces with Cornerstone Accounting Group LLP, an accounting and assurance firm focused on the real estate industry, with head-quarters in New York City. The entire Cornerstone team (consisting of five partners and 75 staff) will be joining the Marcum organization.

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## Member Snapshots

#### Zinno Leads United Way of Greater Waterbury's Capital Campaign



Pictured with John Zinno, BlumShapiro's Shelton office managing partner and United Way of Greater Waterbury 2012-2013 annual campaign chair, are (left) Kristen Jacoby, president of United Way of Greater Waterbury, and Sandra Senich, chairman of the board of United Way of Greater Waterbury.

John Zinno, BlumShapiro's Shelton office managing partner and United Way of Greater Waterbury 2012-2013 annual campaign chair, recently thanked individuals and companies for their contributions that collectively raised more than \$3,540,000 for the United Way at the 27th Annual Community Leaders Awards Dinner held on April 11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Southbury.

"It is teamwork that makes a United Way campaign a success - with countless volunteer and staff hours invested behind the scenes in order to get the message out - and the dollars in. The United Way campaign showcases teamwork at its best and what it means to 'live united,'" said Zinno.

#### Mahoney Sabol & Company Recognized By Middlesex United Way



Mahoney Sabol & Company representatives are recognized at the Annual Campaign Awards Breakfast of the Middlesex United Way. Pictured (from left) are Janet Heizman, Partner Gary Gomola, and Manager Julia Eisenhaur.

Employees from Mahoney Sabol & Company in Glastonbury recently accepted awards from the Middlesex United Way for raising more than \$12,000, increasing funds raised, and increasing employee participation at the firm. Mahoney Sabol & Company employees leading the Middlesex United Way Campaign at the firm were Janet Heizman, Partner Gary Gomola, and Manger Julia Eisenhaur. Gomola received additional recognition for serving as Honorary Campaign Chair.

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BlumShapiro Senior Consultant David Hale (foreground) and BlumShapiro Partner Andrew Lattimer (background) teach Webster Hill School students financial life skills at a recent JA in a Day, a program using Junior Achievement curricula.

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