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**TSCPA Member Mark K. Rich Presented with AICPA's Maximo Mukelabai Award**  
*Texas CPA Honored for Service to Profession and Community at AICPA's E.D.G.E. Conference*

**DALLAS (Aug. 13, 2014)** – The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) named Mark K. Rich, CPA, director of investments at the Kimbell Art Foundation, winner of the Maximo Mukelabai Award. Rich was honored at the AICPA's E.D.G.E. Conference in New Orleans for his work with the Fort Worth Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA) and his service to the local community.

The Maximo Mukelabai Award recognizes a young CPA who displays an unwavering commitment to the accounting profession through their successful practices and community involvement. The award was presented to Rich by last year's honoree Jeremy Dillard, CPA, Partner, Rivera, Jamjian & Dillard, LLP.

A member of AICPA and TSCPA, Rich is active in his profession. In 2011, he designed the "Pathway to CPA" program to raise student awareness on the benefits of starting an accounting career through community college. Expanding on this outreach, Rich and TSCPA volunteers crafted personalized presentations to educate students about the variety of career opportunities available with a CPA license.

"One of the hallmarks of a CPA is their willingness to volunteer their time to give back to their profession," said [Cheryl Reynolds](#), AICPA Vice President, Communications, Advertising & Brand Management. "Mark's impressive success spearheading programs to promote accounting careers to students in the Fort Worth area serves as an inspiration to others and made him a fitting selection for the Maximo Mukelabai award."

Rich has continued to expand his outreach in the community, serving as chair of TSCPA's Fort Worth Chapter Accounting Career Education (ACE) Committee from 2012-2013. Rich was honored by the Fort Worth Chapter of TSCPA as Young CPA of the Year 2012-2013. He was also named a TSCPA Rising Star in 2014, an award given to a select group of CPAs under 40 who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and active involvement in their community.

“Being honored with the Maximo Mukelabai award validates the work we are doing in Fort Worth as we reach out to students and encourage them to earn the CPA license. It has been a team effort and I’m excited for us to continue to look for new ways to attract students of all backgrounds, educate them about the great opportunities available in the accounting profession, and facilitate their path in becoming CPAs” said Rich.

The AICPA established the award in 2011 as a tribute to Maximo Mukelabai, a member of the inaugural class of the AICPA Leadership Academy and the youngest chair of the North Carolina Association of CPAs board of directors, whose life tragically ended at the age of 36.

#### **About TSCPA**

TSCPA (<http://www.tscpa.org>) is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 local chapters statewide and has more than 27,000 members, one of the largest in-state memberships of any state CPA society in the United States. TSCPA is committed to serving the public interest with programs that advance the highest standards of ethics and practice within the CPA profession.

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