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Texas Society of CPAs Names 2017 Rising Stars Honorees

State Accounting Organization Recognizes 24 Up-and-Coming Young CPAs

DALLAS (May 30, 2017) — The Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) recently announced its 2017 Rising Star honorees. This recognition highlights CPAs under 40 years old who have shown innovative leadership qualities within his or her profession and community. A panel of judges has selected these 24 up and comers for this year's recognition:

- Sara Averett, CPA—Fort Worth, Averett Financial
- Jacob Briggs, CPA—Fort Worth, Gigi's Cupcakes
- Sarah Caldwell, CPA—Fort Worth, J Taylor & Associates, LLC
- Steven Cannon, CPA—San Antonio, Gardner Law Firm
- Rachel Day, CPA—East Texas, Curtis Blakely & Company PC
- Sarah Elliott, CPA—Austin, Ellivate Advisors
- Kristin Ferguson, CPA—Southeast Texas, City of Beaumont
- Daniel Gomez, CPA—El Paso, Randall Smith, PC
- Justin Lauderdale, CPA—Fort Worth, Admire Sanford & Associates, PC
- Elena Levario, CPA—Permian Basin, Cisco Equipment
- Misty Mata, CPA—Corpus Christi, Jennings Hawley and Co. PC
- Stephanie McCasland, CPA—Houston, Briggs and Veselka Co.
- Stephanie Morgan, CPA—East Texas, Gollob Morgan Peddy PC
- Jeremy Myers, CPA—Austin, Atchley & Associates LLP
- Carrie Reese, CPA—Dallas, Huselton Morgan & Maultsby PC
- Edgar Rosillo, CPA—Dallas, Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Michael Shimanek, CPA—Dallas, BKM Sowan Horan LLP
- Kellie Shipley, CPA—Corpus Christi, Flusche Van Beveren Kilgore PC



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- Travis Skinner, CPA–Central Texas, BKD LLP
- Tyler Smith, CPA–El Paso, SBNG PC
- Su Wah, CPA–Houston, Mohle Adams
- Brandon Wenzel, CPA–San Antonio, Wenzel & Associates
- Joshua Willson, CPA–Fort Worth, The Walton Group LLC
- Karen Zhu, CPA–San Antonio, Oroian Guest & Little PC

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The [Texas Society of CPAs](#) is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 local chapters statewide and 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.