



Connecting Future Leaders 2023 Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Instructor	Location	Topic
10/25	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Networking Mixer		TXCPA Houston 1233 West Loop S., Suite 1425, Houston 77027	
10/26	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 1	Mike Goodfriend	Zoom	Teamwork Skills (create understanding of the role of personality and communication on team performance)
11/02	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 2	Donny Shimamoto	Zoom	Personality and Self-awareness; Review of Birkman Assessment (To create understanding of self)
11/09	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 3	Jamie Belinne	TXCPA Houston	Conflict Management (Create understanding of how to prevent conflict with others)
11/16	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 4	Mike Goodfriend	TXCPA Houston	Interpersonal Communications (Create understanding of how to effectively communicate)
TBD	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner	Roundtable Discussion	Restaurant to be determined	

Accelerate

To acquaint and familiarize up-and-coming leaders with a range of mentoring, networking, and leadership prospects in both the profession and the community. This will be achieved through a professional development and networking program tailored to refine and amplify effective and necessary critical skills.

In 2013 the Houston CPA Society introduced a **four-week initiative focused on professional growth and networking**, aiming to bolster essential skills needed to excel in both your career and community. The 2023 program places a strong emphasis on executive leadership qualities, specifically targeting self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management.

Program overview: Each session will progressively delve deeper into these competencies. It will kick off with a personalized assessment utilizing The Birkman Method, fostering self-awareness. This will be followed by sessions on conflict management and refining interpersonal communication skills.

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Accelerate = “Connecting Future Leaders” Professional Development & Networking program

Cost: \$525 TXCPA Members; \$625 Nonmembers

Membership available: [TXCPA Membership](#)

CPE Credit: 12 Hours (three hours per session instruction)

Class Size: Limited to 20 current and future leaders of the accounting, legal, and finance professions

Who can participate:

- Certified Public Accountants, with at least six years of post-graduate, full-time work experience in public accounting or industry.
- Non-CPAs with a minimum of six years of post-graduate, full-time work experience may also apply.
- CPA participants should be a current member in good standing of TXCPA Houston.

If you or someone in your firm is interested in participating, email Membership Manager Carol Spencer at cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa

Accelerate format:

The one-month program consists of one session each week of the operating month. In 2023, enjoy an in-person happy hour to connect with Society leadership and fellow session members on the evening preceding the program’s initial session. Each Thursday morning session (7:30 – 10:30 a.m.) will begin with dedicated networking time before discussions. The program culminates with a dinner and roundtable discussion.

Program Alumni Benefits include:

- Inclusion in an alumni directory that all alumni members will receive after each session (listing to include name, company, and email address)
- Access to a private, alumni-only LinkedIn sub-group
- Invitation to periodic, alumni-only events
- Enhanced exposure to leadership opportunities at area not-for-profits, including TXCPA and TXCPA Houston.

*For more detailed information on this revised program, contact Membership Manager **Carol Spencer** (cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa, 832.831.9232).*



To apply for Accelerate 2023, use the online link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVJBRW3>

Or complete the following and email applications to Carol Spencer no later than October 21.

Email: cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa

Name _____

Firm/ Company _____

Current work title or position _____

Home address _____

City/ zip _____

Email (work) _____

Email (personal) _____

Phone (work) _____ (cell) _____

Who referred you to the program? _____

_____ Permission to access and use my LinkedIn profile to review my work experience & qualifications

Or provide a current resume

Are you a CPA? _____ Are you a member of TXCPA/ TXCPA Houston? _____

Why do you want to participate in Accelerate?

What do you expect to get out of the program?

For future planning:

_____ Virtual sessions preferred _____ In-person sessions preferred

_____ Combination of in-person with virtual option is acceptable