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Illinois CPA Society Rewards 31 Accounting Students with Scholarships

CHICAGO – The Illinois CPA Society has awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to 31 accounting students as part of the Society’s Accounting Scholarship Program funded by the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois. The scholarship recipients are from multiple institutions around the state and will receive assistance for the 2015-2016 academic year. Each student plans to pursue the CPA licensure and demonstrate a course of study that reflects this goal.

Supported solely by contributions to the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, the Society’s scholarship programs are helping students pursue a career in accounting with aid for tuition, textbooks, the CPA Exam and more. In addition to financial assistance, outreach programs, such as the Student Ambassador Program, make it possible for students to enhance their business skills and develop connections as they progress and transition into the profession.

The 2015-2016 academic year tuition and textbook scholarship recipients are:

Name	Hometown	School
Nicole Ayres	Bartlett, IL	Northern Illinois University
Elizabeth Balkan	Northbrook, IL	University of Illinois
Jennifer Bowley	Belvidere, IL	University of Illinois
Kristen Cantieri	Cary, IL	University of Illinois
Susan Chun	Chicago, IL	DePaul University
Guadalupe Cotto	Chicago, IL	Roosevelt University
Angela Dyson	Chicago, IL	DePaul University
Jaelyn Eiselt	Pekin, IL	Bradley University
Ashley Epping	Peoria, IL	Bradley University
Jacqueline Fayne-Knox	Chicago, IL	Olivet Nazarene University
Justin Fox	Somonauk, IL	Augustana College
Nicholas Gaston	Washington, IL	Northern Illinois University
Brandi Jackson	Granite City, IL	Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville
Kendall King	Monticello, IL	University of Illinois
Brian McKeown	Bloomington, IL	University of Illinois
Meghan Meyering	Palos Park, IL	University of Illinois
Shirley Paredes	Chicago, IL	University of Illinois – Chicago
Alexandra Paslieva	Franklin Park, IL	Loyola University
Kambria Pavich	Chicago, IL	DePaul University
Kristen Rohrer	Petersburg, IL	Eastern Illinois University
Montserrat Sanchez-Garcia	Grayslake, IL	Illinois State University
Kimberly Schrepfer	LaGrange, IL	University of Illinois
Elizabeth Schwindenhammer	Peoria, IL	Eastern Illinois University
Gabrielle Skor	Barrington, IL	DePaul University
Karina Stoicheva	Schiller Park, IL	Dominican University

Jolanta Strama	Burbank, IL	DePaul University
Deon Taylor	Chicago, IL	Southern Illinois University
Mayra Tirado	Des Plaines, IL	DePaul University
Brittany Troline	Macomb, IL	Western Illinois University
Wladyslaw Tylka	Norridge, IL	DePaul University
Jessica Winkler	Aviston, IL	Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

“On behalf of the Illinois CPA Society, I’m proud to honor this impressive group of accounting students who are leaders on campus and in their communities,” says Todd Shapiro, President and CEO of the Illinois CPA Society. “Their potential for success in the accounting profession has no limit. We are proud to be able to play a role in recognizing their achievements, and we are grateful to those donors who make this possible.”

For more information about the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, or to invest in the future of the accounting profession, visit www.icpas.org/annualfund.htm.

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The Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS), with over 23,000 members, is one of the largest state CPA societies in the nation. For more than a century the Society has advanced the highest ethical and financial standards of the profession, and remains a leader in educating the public on financial issues. The Society focuses on four key initiatives in serving its members and the public: advocacy, information, education and connections. Twitter: [@IllinoisCPA](https://twitter.com/IllinoisCPA).

About the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois

The CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1998 by Illinois CPA Society members. Its mission is to assure a strong, talented and diverse CPA profession by encouraging individuals to choose accounting as a career choice and become a CPA and supporting students, particularly those in need, in achieving the CPA through scholarships and other programs.