



ILLINOIS CPA SOCIETY.



## Illinois CPA Society Awards Scholarships to College Accounting Students

**CHICAGO**, June 11, 2019 – The Illinois CPA Society is pleased to provide \$77,000 in scholarships to 36 accounting students as part of the Society’s Accounting Scholarship Program. Supported by contributions to the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, the Scholarship Program recognizes accounting students at Illinois colleges and universities who demonstrate strong academic performance, leadership qualities, and financial need.

Annually, the Fund contributes approximately \$200,000 toward scholarships as well as outreach programs for more than 170 diverse and deserving accounting students across the state. In addition to these scholarships, initiatives such as the Society’s [Jumpstart to Accounting Program](#) and [CPA Exam Award Program](#) make it possible for students and CPA candidates to transition into the profession, through enhancing their business skills and paying for their CPA exam fees.

“It’s a proud honor to support such an impressive group of students determined to succeed as future leaders in the accounting profession,” said Todd Shapiro, President and CEO of the Illinois CPA Society. “The scholarships wouldn’t be possible without generous support from our donors who help eliminate financial barriers so these recipients may achieve their goals.”

The 2019-2020 academic year scholarship recipients are:

Name	Hometown	School
Morayma Barron	Joliet	University of St. Francis
Guadalupe Belmonte	Wood Dale	Dominican University
Carissa Boerboom	Rock Island	Augustana College
Paige Cosgrove	Chicago	Northern Illinois University
Joshua Coyle	Aurora	Northern Illinois University
Christine Crews	Sugar Grove	Northern Illinois University
Indira Escalante	Hoffman Estates	Trinity Christian College
Timothy Fell	Lindenhurst	DePaul University
Zohra Firdose	Pingree Grove	Northern Illinois University
Diego Gonzalez	Elgin	Northern Illinois University
Samson Hailu	Chicago	Northern Illinois University
Katelyn Heinz	Chillicothe	Bradley University
Carson Kriemelmeyer	Palatine	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Johnny Longo	Addison	DePaul University
Grant Losper	Peoria	Bradley University
Jordan McQuade	St. Charles	Illinois State University
Maggie Mei	Darien	University of Illinois at Chicago
Jay Militello	Elmwood Park	Elmhurst College
Dylan Mizaur	Sherrard	Western Illinois University
Bryanna Morris	Belvidere	Rockford University
Emily Ness	Sandwich	Augustana College
Elena Ochoa	Vernon Hills	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Vanessa Renteria	Elgin	Bradley University
Joaquina Santo Domingo	Chicago	DePaul University
Jaclyn Shan	Olney	Eastern Illinois University
Lucas Simon	Chicago	Augustana College
Braylen Stevens	Chicago	DePaul University
Brenda Tang	Streamwood	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Maria Tranchina	Oregon	Northern Illinois University
Rachael Turffs	Dixon	Northern Illinois University
Jimena Villagomez	Chicago	DePaul University
Anthony Vruno	Sandwich	Northern Illinois University
Zaria Ward	Hoffman Estates	Southern Illinois University
Andrea Whitacre	Decatur	Olivet Nazarene University
Jesse Wilson	Berkeley	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Tyler Wong	Morton Grove	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

For more information about the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, or how to contribute, please visit [www.icpas.org/annualfund](http://www.icpas.org/annualfund).

### **About the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois**

The CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1998 by Illinois CPA Society members. Its scholarship and outreach programs are geared toward attracting a strong, talented and diverse CPA profession by encouraging individuals to choose accounting as a career choice and supporting them on their journey to become CPAs.

### **About the Illinois CPA Society**

The Illinois CPA Society, with more than 24,600 members, is one of the largest state CPA societies in the nation. Our mission is dedicated to enhancing the value of the CPA profession through the strategic initiatives of advocacy, information, education and connections.

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