

2008-2009 AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship Award Winners

Joshua Anderson – The Ohio State University



Joshua Anderson graduated with high honors from Swarthmore College in 2004 where he majored in linguistics and minored in math and Mandarin Chinese. After completing his undergraduate degree, Joshua received a one-year scholarship to study as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan.

Upon his return to the States, Joshua worked at SunTrust Bank where he discovered his passion for accounting while helping customers understand their financial situations. Joshua is now a university fellow at The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business where he plans to focus on international accounting, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations.

Sarah Bartholomew – The University of Texas at Austin

Sarah Bartholomew graduated with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Hispanic Studies. While at UT Austin, she also completed the Business Foundations Program and discovered an interest in accounting. Sarah worked as a legal assistant for two years after leaving the university. She has now returned to the University of Texas to pursue a Masters in Professional Accounting.



Sarah plans to complete the Financial Reporting and Assurance Track in graduate school and pursue her CPA certification shortly after graduation. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Barton Bradshaw – The University of Texas at Austin



Bart Bradshaw graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.A. in Comparative Literature with a focus on the English and Korean literary traditions. As an undergraduate, Bart worked as a peer mentor at BYU's Freshman Academy, spent a semester abroad in London, and completed an internship in corporate finance in Chicago.

After graduating, Bart and his wife moved to Austin, Texas, where he worked in Dell's Small & Medium Business Division as a development account manager. He is now enrolled in the Master in Professional Accounting program at the University of Texas and plans to graduate in the summer of 2009.

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Lawrence Chow – The University of Texas at Austin

Lawrence Chow graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2004 with a degree in Business-Economics. After graduation, he began working at a small law firm where he was exposed to a variety of legal issues affecting minorities. He went on to research the problem of discrimination and published an article in his undergraduate school's law journal on the problems and effects of racial profiling after 9/11 to criticize and condemn the practice.



Even with his interest in law, Lawrence's passion is accounting. He credits the accounting courses he took at UCLA for stimulating his interest in the field. Lawrence is now pursuing a Master's in Professional Accounting at the University of Texas at Austin in the Financial Reporting and Assurance Track.

In his leisure time, he enjoys learning foreign languages and about different cultures, travelling, cooking, and watching baseball.

Blayne Lowary – The Ohio State University



Blayne Lowary graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. Prior to graduation, he spent two years as a full-time volunteer representative in inner-city Chicago where he spent most of his time teaching and performing service projects. Upon his return to the University of Oregon, Blayne took a few accounting classes and realized how much he enjoyed accounting.

Blayne was awarded a University Fellowship to attend The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business and is pursuing a Masters of Accounting with a concentration in taxation. After completing his program, he plans to take the CPA Exam and join the tax practice of a public accounting firm.

In his free time, Blayne enjoys spending time with family, jogging, watching movies, and playing soccer.

Kirkland Lynch – The University of Southern California



Kirkland Alexander Lynch graduated in May 2008, with honors and distinction, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree in public health. He first became interested in accounting while interning for the Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Health Administration Office of Compliance and Business Integrity in Washington, D.C. Kirkland was interested in the relationship between accounting in healthcare organizations and their compliance with proper billing and revenue cycle procedures and regulations.

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Kirkland attends the University of Southern California's Leventhal School of Accounting where he is pursuing a Master of Accounting degree. He plans to prepare and sit for the CPA exam following graduation in May 2009. In the future, Kirkland would like to work in the compliance and legal regulations department of a financial service firm or continue to pursue his interest in the healthcare field, with the future goal of becoming a CFO or CEO of a major hospital or healthcare organization.

Brian Morgan – The University of Texas at Austin



Brian Morgan received his Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from American University in May 2004 and his Master of Arts in International Development Studies from George Washington University in May 2006. During his graduate studies, Brian worked for a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. to promote food science and nutrition research. More recently, he worked for Transparency International-USA, the U.S. chapter of an international coalition addressing corruption.

Brian is now pursuing his Master in Professional Accounting degree at the University of Texas at Austin. His focus is in financial reporting and assurance. Upon completing his program, Brian plans to begin a career in forensic accounting and fraud investigation. His goal is to combine his knowledge of accounting and international development to combat fraud and corruption around the world and address global poverty.

Michele Perry – The University of Texas at Austin



Michele Perry graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 with a degree in Psychology. Since then, she has worked in research laboratories studying cognition and aging and completed a Master of Science degree in Cognitive Science at the University of California, San Diego in spring 2008.

Michele became interested in the accounting profession after taking introductory accounting courses and networking with local CPAs. She is now enrolled in the Masters in Professional

Accounting program at the University of Texas at Austin where she plans to complete the Financial Reporting and Assurance track and prepare for her future career as a CPA.

Michele was a competitive gymnast during high school and college. In her spare time, she enjoys sailing, gymnastics, softball, salsa dancing, and watching college football.

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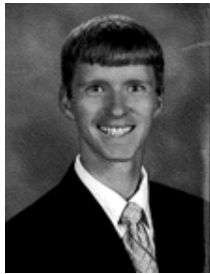
Kelly Schleppi – The Ohio State University

Kelly Schleppi graduated cum laude in 2004 with a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism from Ohio University where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Seeking something different after working as a copy editor for a newspaper, she decided to move to the business world and pursue accounting. Kelly is enrolled in the Master of Accounting program at The Ohio State University with plans of working in public accounting and becoming a CPA.



When she's not studying, Kelly likes running with her dog and cheering on the Buckeyes.

Justin Shults – Vanderbilt University



Justin Shults graduated Magna Cum Laude from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Economics. He is pursuing his Master of Accountancy degree at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. Justin has interned the past two summers at Citizens National Bank where he worked in both the finance and loan departments. Upon completing his graduate degree Justin plans on taking the CPA exam and beginning a career in audit at a public accounting firm.

Outside of work, Justin enjoys listening to country music, playing tennis and basketball, and spending time with friends and family. He also volunteers in Vanderbuddies, a Vanderbilt-sponsored group that provides mentoring and tutoring to Nashville elementary school students.

Darin Styles – The University of Texas at Austin



Darin Styles completed his undergraduate studies in economics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He is now pursuing his Master of Accounting degree at the University of Texas at Austin. Darin plans to complete his graduate degree in August 2009 and then begin working at a public accounting firm and obtain his CPA license.

In his spare time, Darin is an avid cyclist and weightlifter and loves playing sports of all kinds.

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Michelle Wiggins – Binghamton University



Michelle Wiggins graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University in May 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Economics and Psychology. She achieved high honors for the psychological research she conducted on materialism.

During her years at Colgate, Michelle participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, filing taxes for low income families in the local area. She was also a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Michelle is now working toward her Master of Science degree in Accounting at Binghamton University and plans to attain the CPA designation following graduation.

Michelle enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, dancing, jet skiing, reading, and watching movies.