



## Connecting Future Leaders 2024 Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Instructor	Location	Topic
10/23	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Networking Mixer		TXCPA Houston 1233 West Loop S., Suite 1425, Houston 77027	
10/31	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 1	Donny Shimamoto	Zoom	<b>Personality and Self-awareness; Review of Birkman Assessment</b> (To create understanding of self)
11/07	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 2	Jamie Belinne	TXCPA Houston	<b>Conflict Management</b> (Create understanding of how to prevent conflict with others)
11/14	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 3	Pauline Le	TXCPA Houston	<b>Interpersonal Communications</b> (Create understanding of how to effectively communicate)
11/21	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 4	Mike Goodfriend	TXCPA Houston	<b>Teamwork Skills</b> (create understanding of the role of personality and communication on team performance)
11/21	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Roundtable Discussion	Restaurant to be determined	

## Accelerate

*To introduce and equip emerging leaders with a variety of mentoring, networking, and leadership opportunities within the profession and the community. This will be accomplished through a professional development and networking program designed to enhance and strengthen essential critical skills.*

In 2013, the Houston CPA Society launched a four-week initiative dedicated to professional growth and networking. This program aims to enhance the vital skills required for success in both your career and community. The 2024 program emphasizes executive leadership qualities, focusing on self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management.

### Program overview:

Each session will progressively explore these competencies in depth. The program begins with a personalized assessment using The Birkman Method to promote self-awareness. Subsequent sessions will address conflict management and the enhancement of interpersonal communication skills.

# Accelerate

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

**Cost:** \$625 TXCPA Members; \$725 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 will benefit:**

- Professionals will acquire leadership skills and make lifelong contacts with like-minded future leaders.
- Employers will benefit from the training and insight that participants receive and bring back to their organization.
- TXCPA Houston will benefit by developing future leaders.

**Who is eligible:**

- TXCPA Houston members, or non-CPA accounting, finance, or legal professionals, working at the senior, manager or equivalent level and having a minimum of two years of experience.

If you or someone in your firm is interested in participating, email Membership Manager Carol Spencer at [cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa](mailto:cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa)

**Accelerate format:**

*The one-month program consists of one session each week of the operating month. In 2024, enjoy an in-person happy hour to connect with Society leadership and fellow session members in the week 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 lunch 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)
- Invitation to periodic, alumni-only events
- Enhanced exposure to leadership opportunities at local not-for-profits, including TXCPA and TXCPA Houston.

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



To apply for Accelerate 2024, use the online link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WMCLR2V>



Or complete the following and email the application to Carol Spencer no later than September 30.  
Email: [cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa](mailto: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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission to access and use my LinkedIn profile to review my work experience & qualifications, or I am providing a current resume.

Are you a CPA? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of TXCPA/ TXCPA Houston? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of experience  
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Why do you want to participate in Accelerate?  
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What are your expectations for the 2024 Accelerate?  
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