



September 19, 2024

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## Spotlight Feature

**November is TXCPA Month of Service – Plan to Volunteer!**  
**Help Those In Need and Build Community**  
Young Professionals Invite You to Volunteer  
at the Houston Food Bank

Saturday, November 2 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | 535 Portwall St. | Houston

YOU can help your community at the Houston Food Bank on November 2. Participate in TXCPA Month of Service and give back to your local communities alongside other young professionals! Most of the projects at the warehouse involve inspection, sorting, and repackaging of donated food items for community distribution.

Click on the blue box below to create a volunteer account (required by the Houston Food Bank) and register for the November event. You'll receive a QR account that must be presented to enter the facilities.

Watch for other volunteer opportunities in future issues of *Weekly News Brief*.



Young Professionals volunteering at the Houston Food Bank

Create a Volunteer Account and Register

## New!

**Free In Person Seminar**  
**ESG Reporting: Sure, but Where Is the Data and Can You Trust It?**

Wednesday, September 25 | 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. | Hotel ZaZa Memorial City | Houston | 1.5 CPE Hours

As part of its "Changing the Face of Finance" breakfast seminars, Holland Parker invites TXCPA HOUSTON members to participate in a free breakfast seminar on ESG. Explore the critical challenges of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) reporting in today's financial reporting landscape. An expert panel will discuss where to find reliable ESG data, how to verify it, and the role of technology and regulation in ensuring its accuracy.

Email fellow member **Arthur Forbus** for more information at [arthur.forbus@hollandparker.com](mailto:arthur.forbus@hollandparker.com).

Register

**Back by Popular Demand**  
**Blaise Bender Tax Seminars**

Multiple In-person and Virtual Events | TXCPA Houston Training Facility | 1233 W. Loop S., Suite 1425  
8 CPE Hours each

Blaise Bender's highly anticipated Tax Update seminars return to provide you with the essential updates and key information you need to know going into 2025. Choose the date that works best for you as well as whether to attend in-person at the TXCPA Houston Training Facility or virtually on Zoom for these informative, day-long sessions covering the latest in income tax information.



**Seminar Schedule**

- **Individual Income Tax Update** (In Person or Virtual)--Dec. 12, Jan. 15 and Feb. 4
- **Business Income Tax Update** (In Person or Virtual)--Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 5

**Seminar Schedule &  
Registration**



*Creating Value in Your CPA Practice and a  
Look at the Concerns with the Buying and  
Selling Process*



**Wade Holmes**  
Business Broker with  
Accounting Practice Sales



**Fall  
Accounting  
Conference &  
Technology  
Symposium**

**The 2024 Fall Accounting Conference  
and Technology Symposium (F.A.C.T.S.) Feature: Exit Strategies**

November 20-21 | Norris Conference Center--City Centre | Up to 20 CPE Hours

Accounting professionals in every specialty will assemble on Nov. 20-21 at TXCPA HOUSTON'S inaugural Fall Accounting Conference & Technology Symposium (F.A.C.T.S.)!

Have you thought about what you can implement now in your CPA practice so when it's time to exit, you're able to have the strongest amount of buyer interest and receive the greatest value? Join **Wade Holmes**, Business Broker at **Accounting Practice Sales**, as he shares insights into some of the key factors driving a practice's value and what concerns buyers and sellers have during the purchase and sale process. Thank

you to Accounting Practice Sales for being a **Gold Sponsor** of this event.

Watch for more F.A.C.T.S spotlight features in upcoming issues of Weekly News. **Sessions will cover topics such as:** the impact of the Election Year, Federal Income Tax Updates, Year-End Checklists for CFOs and Controllers, AI, and many more topics that will help you and your business thrive!

The full agenda is live now! Click blue box on the left below to view the topics. Bookmark this page to see future agenda announcements. Secure your spot at this one-of-a-kind Houston event!

[Conference Agenda](#)

[Register](#)

### Morning Masterclass: R & D Tax Credit

Friday, October 25 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | In-person or Virtual | TXCPA Houston Training Facility | 1233 W. Loop S., Suite 1425 | Fee: \$25 for Members | 1 CPE Hour

Start your Friday off right with a morning presentation on the R&D Tax Credit, complete with breakfast refreshments! It's the perfect chance to close the week, step away from the office, and gain valuable insights into how you can help your clients in industries that qualify for the R&D Tax Credit.

Join **Gabriel Florentino** of [Engineered Tax Services](#) to learn more about this credit. If you have clients in Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing, Automotives, Agriculture, among many more, your clients may qualify. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from experts and network with fellow accounting professionals.



[Registration for In Person Participation](#)

[Registration for Virtual \(via Zoom\) Participation](#)



### TXCPA's ACAN Program Offers a Lifeline Support for Alcoholism, Chemical Dependency, and Emotional Distress Is Available to You

There is help! It's not too late to live the good life you deserve. Trained volunteers are ready to assist CPAs, CPA candidates, and students who need help with substance dependency or mental health. ACAN will locate the professional resources you need to improve your life. Call the Accountants Confidential Assistance Network at 866-765-2226 or [click here](#) to learn more.

### Free Webinars to Help You Pass the CPA Exam Attention CPA Candidates and College Students

Gleim will host webinars in October (repeated in November) describing the CPA Evolution changes and providing tips and tricks for sitting for the CPA Exam. If you are preparing to take the CPA Exam, you do not want to miss these webinars that can give you a head start.

#### 2024 CPA Evolution Changes

Wednesday, October 23 | 4 - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 20 | 4 - 5 p.m.

[Register for Oct. 23](#)

#### Tips and Tricks for Sitting for the CPA Exam

Thursday October 24 | 4 - 5 p.m.

[Register for Oct. 24](#)

Register for Nov. 20

Register for Nov. 21

## University Connections Needed

Do you know someone on a university campus who can help TXCPA HOUSTON raise the visibility of the CPA profession and the benefits of membership? We need help getting the word out that memberships are available for student and faculty ambassadors. Please [share this link](#) with any prospective new ambassadors.

## TXCPA Houston Member Appointed to the State Board of Public Accountancy

Houston's **James "Jim" Trippon**, CPA, is one of two people recently appointed to the State Board of Public Accountancy by Governor Greg Abbott. He is scheduled to serve until Jan.2025. The Board protects the public by ensuring that persons issued certificates as certified public accountants possess the necessary education, skills, and capabilities to perform competently in the profession of public accountancy.

Congratulations, Jim!



## Upcoming Events

[Click Here to View All Upcoming Events](#)

## Social, Networking & Community Service Events

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|--------------|--|
| September 20 | <b>LAST CHANCE!</b> New Member Lunch   Email <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a> to register                                       |
| October 17   | <b>NEW!</b> Happy Hour with Young Professionals at Cactus Cove   <a href="#">Register</a>                                    |
| October 18   | New Member Lunch   Email <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a> to register   |
| October 19   | Volunteer Day at Rescued Pets Movement   <a href="#">Register</a>  |
| October 29   | Halloween Pumpkin Decorating with Young Professionals   <a href="#">Register</a>   |
| November 2   | <b>NEW!</b> Young Professionals Volunteer Day at Houston Food Bank   <a href="#">Create Volunteer Account &amp; Register</a> |
| November 15  | TXCPA Houston Tour of the Holocaust Museum   <a href="#">Register</a>  |
| November 17  | TXCPA Houston Memorial Park Outing   <a href="#">Register</a>  |

## CPE Events



September 13	Advanced Strategies to Combat Rising Health Plan Costs webinar   <a href="#">Register</a>
September 23	CFO/Controllers Peer Group 3rd Qt. Discussion Roundtable   <a href="#">Register</a>
September 24	Goodman Financial Seminar - Investment Pitfalls: Learning from the Mistakes of Others + Tax Efficient Investing   <a href="#">Register</a>
September 25	<b>NEW!</b> ESG Reporting: Sure, but Where Is the Data and Can It Be Trusted? breakfast seminar   <a href="#">Register</a>
September 26	Preparing for the Sale: Pitfalls and Potential/Due Diligence Checklist  <a href="#">Register</a>
September 27	Why CPAs and Their Client Need to Challenge Their Property Taxes Every Year and What To Look For   <a href="#">Register</a>
October 8	Did They Really Just Say That? A Workshop to Encourage Inclusive Language <a href="#">Register</a>
October 10	Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   <a href="#">Information and Registration</a>
October 11	Late-stage College Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Common FAFSA Errors <a href="#">Registration</a>
October 22	Goodman Financial Seminar - Financial Planning A to Z   <a href="#">Registration</a>
October 25	<b>NEW!</b> Morning Masterclass: R & D Tax Credits seminar   <a href="#">Register for In Person</a>   <a href="#">Register for Virtual</a>
October 22	Goodman Financial Seminar - Financial Planning A to Z   <a href="#">Registration</a>
October 31	Nonprofit Seminar   <a href="#">Registration</a>
October 31- November 21 (Thursdays)	Accelerate Leadership Development Program   <a href="#">Application Form</a>
November 8	Final DISE ASU and Its impacts on Financial Reporting for Public Companies webinar <a href="#">Register</a>
November 12	Goodman Financial Seminar - Market Update + Investment Planning from ages 55- RMD Age   <a href="#">Register</a>
November 20-21	Fall Accounting Conference & Technology Symposium   <a href="#">Information and Registration</a>
December 3	Goodman Financial Seminar - Financial Planning Roadmap-Course Correction + Charitable Gifting & Giving Strategies   <a href="#">Registration</a>
December 5	Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   <a href="#">Information and Registration</a>
December 12	Individual Income Tax with Blaise Bender (In Person or Virtual)   <a href="#">In Person Registration</a>   <a href="#">Virtual Registration</a>
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February 4	Individual Income Tax Update with Blaise Bender (In Person or Virtual)   <a href="#">In Person Registration</a>   <a href="#">Virtual Registration</a>
February 5	Business Income Tax Update with Blaise Bender (In Person or Virtual)   <a href="#">In Person Registration</a>   <a href="#">Virtual Registration</a>
March 6	Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   <a href="#">Information and Registration</a>
May 8	Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   <a href="#">Information and Registration</a>
Multiple Dates	Excel-based CPE with <a href="#">Flat Fee Consulting</a>   <a href="#">Explore sessions</a>

## Member Resources and Notices

### Resources for All Members

ACAN	Accountants Confidential Assistance Network   <a href="#">Information</a>   (866) 766-ACAN
Career Center	Post or seek job openings   <a href="#">Employers</a>   <a href="#">Job Seekers</a>
Chapter Leader Rosters	<a href="#">Executive Committee</a>   <a href="#">Board of Directors</a>   <a href="#">Past Presidents</a>   <a href="#">Staff</a>
Chapter Podcasts	Professionals share information with TXCPA HOUSTON members   <a href="#">Browse episodes</a>
Committee Engagement	Engage with a TXCPA HOUSTON committee   <a href="#">Explore Committees</a>
Current News	<a href="#">IRS News</a>
Disaster Relief	<a href="#">Disaster relief resources</a>
Discounts on Publications	Exclusive discounts on Wolters Kluwer CCH publications   <a href="#">Browse publications</a>
Protect Your CPA License	Help the Houston Chapter pull its weight   <a href="#">Donate to PAC</a>
Your TXCPA Member Profile	<a href="#">Check your member profile</a>   Assistance: (800) 428-0272 option 1

### Resources for Students and Candidates

September 20	<b>LAST CHANCE!</b> Student Auxiliary Program: Pause, Resume: How to Optimize Your LinkedIn & Resume   <a href="#">Register</a>
September 30	Deadline to apply for AICPA's CPA Exam Scholarship   Visit <a href="#">ThisWaytoCPA.com</a>
October 4	<b>NEW!</b> Student Auxiliary Program: The Oops and Downs of Tallying Totals: Your First Years in Professional Accounting   <a href="#">Register</a>

October 18	<b>NEW!</b> Student Auxiliary Program: CPAsk Me All About It with Becker   <a href="#">Register</a>
October 23	<b>NEW!</b> 2024 CPA Evolution Changes webinar   <a href="#">Register</a>
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November 21	<b>NEW!</b> Tips and Tricks for Sitting for the CPA Exam   <a href="#">Register</a>
Various Dates	TXCPA HOUSTON Candidate Study Hall   <a href="#">See Dates and Register</a>
30% Discount	<a href="#">Gleim CPA Premium Pro Course</a>
Save \$400	<a href="#">UWorld's 2024 Elite Unlimited CPA Review Course</a>   Use discount code BG1999
Free Resources	<a href="#">Student and candidate resources</a> and <a href="#">Student Membership</a>

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## Chapter Governance and Committee Meetings

[Explore committees](#) | [Sign up for a committee](#)

September 20	Membership Committee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>
September 20	Accelerate Committee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>
September 23	Diversity and Inclusion Committee   Contact <a href="#">Mark Allen</a>
September 24	CPE Committee   Contact <a href="#">Mark Allen</a>
September 24	Young Professionals Planning Subcommittee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>
September 26	CPAs Helping Schools Fundraising Subcommittee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>
October 7	Financial Planning & Wealth Management Committee   Contact <a href="#">Nicole Lartigue</a>
October 8	Young Professionals Committee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>
October 9	Auditing & Accounting Committee   Contact <a href="#">Nicole Lartigue</a>
October 1	Energy Committee   Contact <a href="#">Nicole Lartigue</a>
October 16	CFO/Controllers Committee   Contact <a href="#">Nicole Lartigue</a>
October 21	CPE Unification Task Force   Contact <a href="#">Mark Allen</a>
October 22	Business & Industry Committee   Contact <a href="#">Nicole Lartigue</a>
October 22	CPAs Helping Schools Committee   Contact <a href="#">Carol Spencer</a>

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**CPE**

**NETWORKING**

**SOCIAL**

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### TXCPA Houston's Diversity Statement

TXCPA Houston values the diverse contributions and talents of all its members. We are committed to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and a sense of belonging in the workplace, in membership, and in the accounting profession. Diversity includes, but is not limited to, race, gender, generations, abilities, orientation, and religious beliefs.

Contact [Mark Allen](#), TXCPA Houston Executive Director, to learn more about joining the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

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