

# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF



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#### September 5, 2024

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## Spotlight Feature

## Did They Really Just Say That?—A Workshop to Encourage Inclusive Language

October 8 | 12:30-3:30 p.m. | TXCPA Houston Training Facility | 1233 West Loop South, Suite 1425 Houston | Member and nonmember fee: F | 3 CPE Hours

In various faith traditions, we often hear the following message: "Be careful what you say. You can say something hurtful in seconds, but years later, the wounds are still there." Words have the power to include or exclude, empower or deflate, comfort or hurt. In a professional membership organization such as TXCPA Houston, using language that offends or makes others uncomfortable, even unintentionally, is extremely damaging.

On October 8, TXCPA HOUSTON'S Diversity + Inclusion Committee is offering a free 3-hour interactive workshop to develop our mindsets and skill sets around the impact of language on others. Learn how the words we choose can help shape positive environments or be harmful. Cherry Steinwender, co-executive director and co-founder of The Center for the Healing of Racism, and Christine Harrison, Ph.D, human and organizational consultant, will guide us through a powerful journey to examine language that may be perceived as innocuous by some, yet the impact can cause harm. We'll also discuss how to respond when we, a co-worker, friend, or family member says or does something that reflects our racial, sexist, or homophobic conditioning.

Thanks to **DWG CPA** and **Jimerson Advisory Group** for cosponsoring this event. Through their generous support, all TXCPA Members, colleagues, family members, and friends are invited to participate in this event free of charge.

Contact <u>Mark Allen</u>, TXCPA HOUSTON Executive Director, for more information.



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#### New!

Two New Webinars Help You Better Help Clients

Members: FREE: Nonmembers: \$10 each

#### Potential/Due Diligence Checklist

Presenter: George A. Kurisky, Jr Thursday, Sept. 26 | Noon - 1:00 p.m. Virtual 1 CPE Hour

In this session, you will obtain an overview of the logistics of the pre-purchase/sale due diligence process. Learn to identify and organize the proper team to best serve buy/sale side clients, as well as gain insights into successfully advising clients on potential pre-transaction pitfalls.

Register

#### **Scholarships, and Common FAFSA Errors**

Presenter: Chris Liebum, LUTCF®, NSSA® Friday, Oct. 11 | Noon - 1:00 p.m. Virtual 1 CPE Hour

In the past, about 74 percent of FAFSA's have had errors on them. This webinar can provide you with knowledge of how to guide your clients through the process and the importance of filing, as well as other scholarship and financial aid information.

Register

# This November is TXCPA Month of Service and Accounting Opportunities Month!

Mark your calendars! This November, TXCPA is hosting BOTH Month of Service and Accounting Opportunities Month. Members, chapters and organizations are encouraged to give back through community service and outreach to schools and students to share resources about careers in accounting. It's easy to participate! Watch your TXCPA and TXCPA HOUSTON member communications for volunteer details and make plans to help build the CPA pipeline and raise the profile of CPAs in the Houston Chapter.



**Inaugural Conference Offers** 

New Learning and Networking Experiences to All Accounting Professionals

**The 2024 Fall Accounting Conference** 

and Technology Symposium (FACTS) Launches In November

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 (FACTS)!

This year, join for insightful presentations as well as discussion-based CPE. Each day of the event will feature a **Key Takeaways Session**. Join this interactive CPE hour to exchange insights from the conference with your peers and new connections. It's a great opportunity to discuss your key takeaways and learn from sessions you couldn't attend. Don't miss this chance to connect and deepen your understanding of this year's wide range of topics.

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

**Conference Agenda** 

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### **TXCPA On-Demand CPE Passport**

Looking for convenient access to quality CPE courses at a great value? The TXCPA Passport is for you! This one-year subscription to on-demand programs is available at a special low price of just \$199 for members. CPE hours are offered through programs of varying length. Topics include tax, accounting, assurance, not for profit, fraud and more.

Purchase a Passport

# **Upcoming Events**

Events Calendar

View all upcoming CPE and networking events

## **Social and Networking Events**

 September 20
 New Member Lunch | Email Carol Spencer to register

 October 18
 New Member Lunch | Email Carol Spencer to register

 October 19
 Volunteer Day at Rescued Pets Movement | Register

 October 29
 Halloween Pumpkin Decorating with Young Professionals | Register

 November 15
 NEW! TXCPA Houston Tour of the Holocaust Museum | Register

 November 17
 NEW! TXCPA Houston Memorial Park Outing | Register

#### **CPE Events**

| September 12 | LAST CHANCE! HBA and TXCPA Houston Joint Event: Panel Discussion and Networking Happy Hour Member In Person Registration   Member Virtual Registration |
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| September 13 | Advanced Strategies to Combat Rising Health Plan Costs webinar   Register  |
| September 23 | CFO/Controllers Peer Group 3rd Qt. Discussion Roundtable   Register  |
| September 26 | NEW! Preparing for the Sale: Pitfalls and Potential/Due Diligence Checklist  Register  |
| October 8    | NEW! Did They Really Just Say That? A Workshop to Encourage Inclusive Language Register  |
| October 10   | Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   Information and Registration   |
|              | NEW! Late-stage College Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Common FAFSA Errors   |

| October 11                                | Registration  |
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| October 31-<br>November 21<br>(Thursdays) | Accelerate Leadership Development Program   Application Form                                |
| November 8                                | Final DISE ASU and Its impacts on Financial Reporting for Public Companies webinar Register |
| November<br>20-21                         | Fall Accounting Conference & Technology Symposium   Information and Registration            |
| December 5                                | Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   Information and Registration                  |
| January 23                                | Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   Information and Registration                  |
| March 6                                   | Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   Information and Registration                  |
| May 8                                     | Ethics: It's a Matter of Choice (In Person)   Information and Registration                  |
| Multiple Dates                            | Excel-based CPE with Flat Fee Consulting   Explore sessions                                 |
| <b>Multiple Dates</b>                     | In-Person Goodman Financial Seminars   Register   |

# **Member Resources and Notices**

# **Important Deadlines**

| September 30 | Application deadline for the 2024 Two-Teal Bridge Symposium on Nov. o Apply |
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# **Resources for All Members**

| ACAN                        | Accountants Confidential Assistance Network   Information   (866) 766-ACAN   |
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| Career Center               | Post or seek job openings   Employers   Job Seekers                          |
| Chapter Leader<br>Rosters   | Executive Committee   Board of Directors   Past Presidents   Staff           |
| Chapter<br>Podcasts         | Professionals share information with TXCPA HOUSTON members   Browse episodes |
| Committee<br>Engagement     | Engage with a TXCPA HOUSTON committee   Explore Committees                   |
| <b>Current News</b>         | IRS News   |
| Disaster Relief             | <u>Disaster relief resources</u>   |
| Discounts on Publications   | Exclusive discounts on Wolters Kluwer CCH publications   Browse publications |
| Protect Your<br>CPA License | Help the Houston Chapter pull its weight   Donate to PAC                     |
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# **Resources for Students and Candidates**

| September 6    | LAST CHANCE! Student Auxiliary: Welcome to TXCPA Houston Opening Night Register             |
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| September 20   | Student Auxiliary Program: Pause, Resume: How to Optimize Your LinkedIn & Resume   Register |
| September 30   | Deadline to apply for AICPA's CPA Exam Scholarship   Visit <u>ThisWaytoCPA.com</u>          |
| November 8     | 2024 Two-Year Bridge Symposium   Apply (Deadline: Sept. 30)                                 |
| Various Dates  | TXCPA HOUSTON Candidate Study Hall   See Dates and Register                                 |
| Free Resources | Student and candidate resources and Student Membership                                      |

# **Chapter Governance and Committee Meetings**

**Explore committees** | Sign up for a committee

| September 6  | Tax Committee   Contact <u>Nicole Lartigue</u>                             |
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| September 6  | Energy Committee   Contact Nicole Lartigue                                 |
| September 9  | Financial Planning & Wealth Management Committee   Contact Nicole Lartigue |
| September 9  | CPE Unification Task Force   Contact Mark Allen                            |
| September 10 | Young Professionals Committee   Contact <u>Carol Spencer</u>               |
| September 17 | CPAs Helping Schools Committee   Contact Carol Spencer                     |
| September 18 | CFO/Controllers Committee   Contact Nicole Lartigue                        |
| September 18 | Forensics & Valuation Services Committee   Contact Nicole Lartigue         |
| September 19 | Strategic Planning Committee   Contact Mark Allen                          |
| September 20 | Membership Committee   Contact <u>Carol Spencer</u>                        |
| September 20 | Accelerate Committee   Contact Carol Spencer                               |
| September 23 | Diversity and Inclusion Committee   Contact Mark Allen                     |
| September 24 | CPE Committee   Contact <u>Mark Allen</u>                                  |
| October 22   | Business & Industry Committee   Contact Nicole Lartigue                    |
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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 <u>Mark Allen</u>, TXCPA Houston Executive Director, to learn more about joining the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

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