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## Meet the New Participants of the Kansas Society of CPA's 2018-2019 Leadership Program!

[Congratulations to the bright young leaders](#) that have fast-tracked their professional success and have been nominated and selected as participants of the 2018-2019 KSCPA Leadership Program! The elite program is dedicated to providing leadership development and networking opportunities to the ambitious CPA leaders of the future.



**Kati Barnhill, CPA**

Senior Associate at K•Coe Isom

Graduate of Wichita State University

*"Leadership means selflessly serving a group of people while motivating and inspiring them."*



**Rochelle Brown, CPA**

Tax Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Graduate of Towson University (Towson, MD)

*"Leadership is making a difference and paving the way for future generations. It's leading by example, and striving for the growth and development of self and those around you. It's empowerment, resilience and tenacity."*



**Chase Chastain, CPA, CGMA, M.Acc**

Accounting Manager at Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.  
Graduate of Wichita State University

*"As quoted by Jocko Willink, Extreme Ownership, leadership to me is 'On any team, in any organization, all responsibility for success and failure rests with the leader. The leader must own everything in his or her world. There is no one else to blame. The leader must acknowledge mistakes and admit failures, take ownership of them, and develop a plan to win.'"*



**Nicole Koelsch, CPA**

Senior Manager at Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd.  
Graduate of Kansas State University

*"Leadership is the action that leads people by not only words but also by example. It is setting a standard that is respected and appreciated that will challenge people to work hard and do their best daily. It is to motivate and guide others to thrive in their work and everyday life."*



**Colin Lawter, CPA, M.Acc**

Supervising Associate at Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
Graduate of Drake University (Des Moines, IA) & Wichita State University

*"Leadership, in my opinion, is someone who leads, and displays this either at the top (executive, manager, supervisor), or in the front (at the scene). Leaders are not afraid to roll-up their sleeves and work along with cohorts in the trenches, rather than hanging back behind letting others take on the brunt of the challenge ahead. It is taking responsibility, ownership of work and career/goals, family, or other endeavor."*



**Travis Marfield, CPA**

Senior Associate at Sink, Gordon & Associates, LLP  
Graduate of Wichita State University

*"Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better."*



**Jason Seaton, CPA, MBA**  
Senior Manager at BKD, LLP  
Graduate of Emporia State University

*“A true leader makes others want to follow not by fear or intimidation or obligation, but by mutual respect and admiration and excitement about the future.”*



**Jonathan Staats, CPA, M.Acc**  
Audit Manager at Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Graduate of Kansas State University

*“Leadership for me is based on the foundations of a hard work ethic, openness to learn from others, adapting to change and an ability to inspire others.”*

The Kansas Society of CPAs is proud to recognize these successful young business leaders as the Society looks forward to serving a key role in their development by providing the resources necessary to assist them in their professional journey, and by empowering them to reach their full potential!

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