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AICPA NAMES 2005 ELIJAH WATT SELLS AWARD WINNERS

Top Scoring CPA Examination Candidates Honored

NEW YORK (September 12, 2006) – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) has announced the winners of the 2005 Elijah Watt Sells Awards. The award is presented annually to the 10 candidates earning the highest cumulative scores on the four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination. These candidates must have completed testing during the previous calendar year and passed each exam section on their first attempt.

The 2005 award winners (in alphabetical order) are:

- Steven C. Anderson, an Ohio candidate from Shaker Heights, OH, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University who is currently employed by Howard, Wershbale & Co. in Cleveland, OH.
- Melissa Bylsma, an Illinois candidate from Chicago, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago.
- Mark Raymond Danielson, Jr., a Texas candidate who lives in Richardson, TX, attended The University of Texas at Austin and works for Ernst & Young LLP in Dallas, TX.
- Elizabeth A. Diehl, a Virginia candidate living in Huntsville, AL, is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College who works for Mason Enterprises in Huntsville.
- Adina Mitnick Hollander, a Maryland candidate from Lakewood, NJ, is a graduate of Towson University who is currently employed at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Baltimore, MD.
- William Harris Leder, a Texas candidate from Sugar Land, TX, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and is working for Ernst & Young LLP in Dallas, TX.
- Kristin Danielle St. Raymond, an Arizona candidate living in Scottsdale, AZ, is a graduate of The University of Arizona and is with KPMG in Phoenix, AZ.

- Hazel M. Tucker, a Utah candidate living in Park City, UT, is a graduate of the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, the University of South Africa, the University of Pretoria and Edinburgh Business School. She is employed by INVESTools in Draper, UT.
- Steven W. Utke, a Pennsylvania candidate from Sewell, NJ, is a graduate of Bucknell University who works for Ernst & Young LLP in Philadelphia, PA.
- Peter E. Wick, a Wisconsin candidate, from Neenah, WI, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and is employed by Virchow Krause in Appleton, WI.

The award was created in 1923 to honor Elijah Watt Sells a year prior to his death. Sells was one of the country's first CPAs under the provision of a New York State law enacted in 1896 and a leader in advancing professional education. He was active in the establishment of the AICPA and was a founder of New York University's School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance.

For more information about the Uniform CPA Examination, visit www.cpa-exam.org.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (www.aicpa.org) is the national, professional association of CPAs, with approximately 330,000 members, including CPAs in business and industry, public practice, government, and education. It sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for audits of private companies; federal, state and local governments; and non-profit organizations. It also develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination.

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