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AICPA'S MINORITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE 2009 AMERICAN ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION DIVERSITY SECTION SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

New York (Aug. 19, 2009) -- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Minority Initiatives Committee was named the recipient of the 2009 Diversity Section Excellence Award from the American Accounting Association.

The AAA Diversity Section Award for Excellence recognizes section members whose service has been exemplary. The award is given to individuals and organizations who have made sustained and significant contributions to the productivity and success of the Diversity Section. Candidates are evaluated based on the achievement and high level of success that may include public service in an area related to the individual's professional area and responsibilities, professional service, and/or service activities to AAA and the Diversity Section.

The AICPA Minority Initiatives Committee has demonstrated a long-standing commitment in the effort to assist underrepresented minorities in becoming certified public accountants through a myriad of programs including student scholarships, leadership development programs, advertising campaigns and the support of efforts by strategic partners, including the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. and the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting. The committee's commitment to supporting and encouraging diverse representation in academia includes its ongoing financial support of the AAA Diversity Section and The PhD Project, as well as its Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students.

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The Committee is comprised of the following AICPA members:

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Catherine Garcia, CPA, COO, Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, Los Angeles

Kim Griffin-Hunter, CPA, partner / national sector leader, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Miami

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