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## **Accountants Pass ACAT Exams and Earn New Professional Credentials**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, August 3, 2009 — More than two dozen accountants passed the ABA Accredited Business Accountant<sup>®</sup> (ABA) and Accredited Tax Preparer<sup>®</sup> (ATP) examinations offered during the May-June 2009 testing window by the Accreditation Council on Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT).

Twelve people earned the ABA designation by passing the Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy, a full-day, 200-question exam that tests the technical proficiency of candidates in financial accounting, financial reporting, financial statement preparation, taxation, business consulting services, business law, and ethics. Candidates must also complete a three-year experience requirement. The people earning the ABA include:

William R. Silzer, ABA, ATP, Sterling, VA  
Christine Pinheiro Silva, ABA, Sacramento, CA  
Christal Artree Anderson, ABA, Minneapolis, MN  
David Anthony Felix, ABA, Colton, CA  
Paula Ann Leavitt, ABA, Dixmont, ME  
Nikita O. Walker, ABA, Swansea, SC  
Lynn A. Versteegt, ABA, Penrose, CO  
Gina Weller, ABA, ATP, Alpharetta, GA  
Lisa L. Bomhoff, ABA, Norman, OK  
Shannon Dalton Byrd, ABA, Anderson, SC  
Robert D. Ogg, Jr., ABA, Zanesville, OH  
Nadine Crystal Pikula, ABA, Saint Francis, MN

Accredited Business Accountant<sup>®</sup> is ACAT's trademarked designation for Accreditation in Accountancy. In states where use of this designation is not permitted, individuals use Accredited Business Advisor<sup>®</sup>.

An additional 11 people passed the ABA exam and will qualify for the ABA designation once their three-year experience requirement is met. They include:

Sherry Blasko, Moore, OK  
Jamie Lee Rarick, Cold Spring, MN  
Tara B. Thorson, Sheldon, IA  
Jacob Anthony Borash, Rice, MN  
Matthew Breitbach, Waite Park, MN  
Jaime Lee Hanson, Princeton, MN  
Terry James, Pine City, MN  
Shelley Green Robinson, Honea Path, SC  
John P. Vogel, Upper Sandusky, OH  
Jeffrey Alan Ward, Andover, MN  
Diane Yantz, Sedalia, MO

Individuals who pass the exam but who have not met the experience requirement may market themselves as having "passed the ACAT Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy," but are not entitled to use the ABA designation.

The two highest scores on the ABA exam were registered by Jacob Anthony Borash of Rice, MN, and Robert D. Ogg, Jr. of Zanesville, OH.

The ABA is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations and programs.

Four people earned the ATP designation by passing the ATP exam, which is a 100-question exam testing knowledge of the tax code and the preparation of individual tax returns with an expertise in comprehensive 1040 issues including supporting schedules, self-employed returns, and ethics. Candidates must also complete a three-year experience requirement.

The people earning the ATP include:

Maria Juega, ATP, Princeton, NJ  
Joshua L. Kelly, ATP, Raleigh, NC  
Carrie Sekelsky, ATP, Mount Morris, MI  
Greg Yokell, ATP, Houston, TX

The next testing window for the ABA and ATP exams is November 22, 2009 – December 13, 2009. For more information and to register, visit [www.acatcredentials.org](http://www.acatcredentials.org) or call 800-966-6679.

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