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## **Accounting and Tax Professionals Pass ACAT Exams and Earn New Professional Credentials**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, February 24, 2010 — More than two dozen accountants and tax professionals passed the ABA Accredited Business Accountant/Advisor<sup>®</sup> (ABA) and Accredited Tax Preparer<sup>®</sup> (ATP) examinations offered during the November-December 2009 testing window by the Accreditation Council on Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT).

Eleven people earned the ABA designation by passing the Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy, a 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 meet a three-year experience requirement. The people earning the ABA include:

Jonathan Lee Augustus, ABA, Nevada, IA  
Kristi Fairbrother, ABA, Sac City, IA  
Nasir Faizi, EA, ABA, Brooklyn, NY  
Maria Rahima Harlan, ABA, Houston, TX  
Stephen K. Jackman, EA, ABA, San Diego, CA  
Debbie A. Johnson, ABA, Newport Beach, CA  
Manh Tien Pham, EA, ABA, Westminster, CA  
Cynthia R. Polley, EA, ABA, ATA, ATP, Custer, WA  
Deirdra Davine Porretto, ABA, Appleton, WI  
Dennis Richards, ABA, Indianapolis, IN  
Dirk Cornelius Taljaard, ABA, Buford, GA

ABA 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 ABA Accredited Business Advisor<sup>®</sup>.

The highest score on the ABA exam was posted by Stephen Jackman, ABA.

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.

Eighteen people earned the Accredited Tax Preparer<sup>®</sup> 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:

Linda Maria Angeles, PA, ATP, Kissimmee, FL  
Kristy Arnold, ATP, Raleigh, NC  
Bobby Joe Buchanan, ATP, Suitland, MD  
Lola A. Caraway, ATP, ARA, Liberal, KS  
Carolyn Carter, ATP, New Port Richey, FL  
George T. Duren, Jr., ATP, Covington, GA  
David R. Eichenhofer, ATP, Geneva, NY  
Dennis Ryan Kilfeather, ATP, Bensalem, PA  
Yuni Nguyen, ATP, Greensboro, NC  
Debora Dian Peters, EA, ATP, Enumclaw, WA  
Maureen Puglia Berrios, ATP, Riverhead, NY  
Mary Richman, ATP, Manalapan, NJ  
William Davis Simmons, ATP, Willow Spring, NC  
Theodore Thomas Stein, ATP, Fort Mill, SC  
Eugene Sterett, ATP, Boca Raton, FL  
John Towers, III, PA, ATP, Franklin Square, NY  
Karie Michelle Vandenhaak,, ATP, Bellingham, WA  
Terence R. Walman, ATP, Vancouver, BC

The highest score for the ATP exam was posted by Carolyn Carter, ATP.

The next testing window for the ABA and ATP exams is May 22 – June 12, 2010. Online registration will open in March. For more information and to register, visit [www.acatcredentials.org](http://www.acatcredentials.org) or call 800-966-6679.

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