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Employment News

Please contact [Bob Shapiro](#) if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

Dear Akron IMA,

Have a great holiday season!

Check out the Tax Webinar we are offering in January 2020.

Please forward newsletter items to: [IMA Newsletter](#).

Thanks!
Kelly Heil

Follow us on Twitter!

Did you know... you can follow the chapter on Twitter [@AkronChapterIMA?](#) Follow us and keep up to date on news and events for your chapter!

President's Message

Happy Holidays, Akron Chapter! I want to wish you all a wonder-filled holiday season. I hope you all get time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future over the next several weeks. I want to thank you all for being a part of the IMA community and I look forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on January 15th.

Joe Richards
IMA President
2019-20



Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Position
11/25/2019	Mr. Michael Anthony Miller, CPA	Student
10/16/2019	Evan Scheel	
11/12/2019	Tommy Donahue	Student
11/15/2019	Mr. Derik Swinderman	

Congratulations to a New CMA!

Congratulations to Mr. Daniel R Sanchez on his CMA certification!

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2019/2020 will be the following:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – CMA/CSCA/CFM Night
 - Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Students' Night (Location TBA)
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Guest Night
 - Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – Social Networking Night (no pre-tech session)
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – Past Presidents' Night
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Tax Update Lunch and Learn Webinar on Wednesday, January 8

On Wednesday, January 8, 2020, join Akron chapter member Russ Tietz, CPA, for a webinar from noon to 1 pm as he gives a tax update for 2019 taxes. Topics he will be covering include:

Final regulations on charitable contributions and state and local tax credits

Ohio bill retains \$250,000 Business Income Tax Deduction (BID) for owners of some pass-through entities

Important income tax changes in Ohio

401(K) contribution limit increased for 2020

Four important IRS income tax credits for 2020

Status of the SECURE Act

You will be able to attend the tax update webinar from a computer or mobile device. Register [here](https://akron.imanet.org/events/) (or go to <https://akron.imanet.org/events/>). You will receive login details via email the day before the webinar.

This webinar will qualify for 1.0 CPE hours if you attend during the entire time and answer all the polling questions throughout the webinar. You must register by January 6, 2020, to attend this webinar.

Program Book Link

The program book is in the works for the 2019-2020 year. Stay tuned!

Open Board of Directors Positions for 2019-2020

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: we are now looking for additional Board members for the next fiscal year. Note that if you serve on the Board for five years, you will qualify for reduced dues as an ELM (Emeritus Life Member) when you retire. Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. If interested in volunteering, please contact Joe Richards at akron@imachapter.org.

CMA Mentoring Program

The IMA Akron Chapter is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The IMA Akron CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are encouraged to enroll.

The CMA Designation - The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter at akron@imachapter.org

Internet References

Dinner Reservations, Newsletter articles, Employment service, IMA insurance: akron@imachapter.org

Akron chapter website: akron.imanet.org

IMA Global website: www.imanet.org

 Login: enter user name (your IMA account number)

 Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

 Contact the chapter board members at akron@imachapter.org