

WRAPPING UP A MEMORABLE YEAR

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I'd love to hear your feedback and answer your questions. Drop me a note at jray@tx.cpa or connect with me on [LinkedIn](#).

With TXCPA's membership year ending, be sure to read the cover story in this issue of *Today's CPA* that features our successes as a professional community. You'll find updates on how our members and leaders are working to make it possible to achieve the strategic plan goals set for 2022-2023 under our three pillars of success: community and connection, professional excellence, and advocacy. With your help and support, we continued to make great strides in all these areas.

Advocacy is our most important benefit to members. TXCPA set legislative priorities for the Texas legislative session currently underway in Austin. The Capitol Interest article in this issue includes an update on the progress being made on TXCPA's priority items and other issues that are important for Texas CPAs and you can track our progress on TXCPA's [Legislative Action Center](#) on the website.

Another important area of focus is ensuring the pipeline of new CPAs is strong. TXCPA's Pipeline Task Force developed a 31-page strategy and we identified several priorities to begin our work on the plan. They include the legislative and regulatory changes we're focused on with our proposed legislation to allow students to sit for the CPA Exam at 120 hours. Our new 501c3 entity has established a task force that is evaluating our scholarship program and possible ways we can help reduce the financial burden for future CPAs. In addition, there were other efforts this year focused on our pipeline strategy. You can read more about them in the cover story.

We would like to thank our leaders and volunteers for the part you've played in our achievements. We welcome new leaders and volunteers each year at TXCPA. If you have not served in a volunteer role and are interested in getting engaged, please [visit the "Get Involved" section](#) on our website or reach out to [your chapter](#) for local opportunities.