

**Matthew Oscar Faircloth, CPA from Berg Faircloth & Company
Selected to Attend AICPA's 2020 Leadership Academy**

Matthew Oscar Faircloth, CPA was one of only 30 CPAs honored by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) as a member of the Leadership Academy's 12th graduating class. Matt was selected based on his exceptional leadership skills and professional experience for the four-day Leadership Academy program, which will be held October 5-8.

Matt is a tax manager and has over 10 years of experience with Berg Faircloth. He graduated with a degree in Accounting and minor in Finance from the University of Virginia's College at Wise. While at college, Matt received the prestigious Napoleon Hill Achievement Award, which is awarded to the senior who most embodies Napoleon Hill's principles for success. Matt is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

The AICPA Leadership Academy was designed to strengthen and expand the leadership skills of promising young professionals while they network with a peer group of talented and motivated CPAs. The Leadership Academy features career-development workshops and sessions with some of the accounting profession's most prominent influencers, including Tracey Golden, CPA, CGMA, chairman of the American Institute of CPAs and Barry Melancon, CPA, CGMA, American Institute of CPAs president and CEO, Association of Certified Professional Accountants CEO.

Participants were selected from public accounting firms of all sizes, business and industry, academia and consulting firms.

The 2020 Leadership Academy attendees were recommended by their employers, state CPA societies and/or volunteer organizations. Candidates submitted resumes and a statement explaining how participating in the Leadership Academy would impact them personally and professionally. They also wrote an essay on the topic "The future will bring significant changes to the accounting profession. What do leaders have to get right in order to successfully lead?"

To date, more than 385 CPAs have participated in the AICPA Leadership Academy, many of whom have gone on to take on leadership positions in their firms, businesses and volunteer organizations.

For more information about the AICPA Leadership Academy, visit [AICPA.org/Leadership](https://aicpa.org/Leadership).