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EAST TENNESSEE RESIDENTS PASS CPA EXAM

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - The Tennessee State Board of Accountancy recently announced that 139 candidates passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination.

Among these successful candidates are: **Kellie N. Simpson** of *Church Hill*; **Minika A. Biddix**, **Ashley W. McQueen**, **Bobby R. Potter Jr.** and **Weichuan Zhong** of *Johnson City*; **Leslie E. Berry** and **Amanda C. Tipton** of *Kingsport*; and **Beth A. Lillycrop** of *Telford*.

The Uniform CPA Examination is one of the nation's most comprehensive examinations. The exam is delivered in a computer-based format eight months of the year at test centers throughout the United States. Sections covered in the computer-based test include auditing and attestation, financial accounting and reporting, regulation and business environment and concepts. To be eligible to sit for the exam, candidates must have completed a minimum of 150 semester hours, which include a baccalaureate or higher degree from an academic institution recognized by the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy, with a minimum of 24 semester hours in accounting and 24 semester hours in general business subjects.

Upon passing the exam, these successful candidates were inducted as members of the Tennessee Society of CPAs (TSCPA) and its Appalachian Chapter.

TSCPA (www.tscpa.com) is the state professional organization of CPAs with more than 8,500 members in all areas of public practice, government, education, business and industry. The Appalachian Chapter is one of eight chapters across the state and has more than 350 members in seven Upper East Tennessee counties. TSCPA is headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn.