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BRIDGET KAIGLER NAMED CHAIR OF STATE CPA ASSOCIATION BOARD

Bridget Kaigler, CPA, CGMA, was named the 2024-25 Chair of the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA), the premier organization of accounting professionals in the state. The announcement was made at LCPA's Annual Meeting & Election of Officers on August 16 at The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans.

An LCPA board member since 2021, Ms. Kaigler becomes the first woman of color to lead the non-profit association in its 113-year history. As she begins her one-year term in LCPA's top volunteer position, she sets forth on a state-wide tour promoting her theme: *The Power of Inspiration—Share Your CPA Story.*



As a central focus of her message, Ms. Kaigler encourages LCPA members to talk about why they became CPAs and those who encouraged them to advance in their careers. "The words we speak have power. Inspiration is a force that moves us beyond mere action; it sparks transformation, instills courage, and propels individuals and organizations toward greatness. It drives meaningful change and growth within our profession and community."

Ms. Kaigler holds several national and state board of director seats for professional associations. She is a trustee for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Benevolent Fund and AICPA Designated Member of Council. She is also a former governor for the Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT) and a former trustee for the AICPA Foundation, serving 2017–20 and 2020-23, respectively.

Organizations, honors, and awards recognize her contributions to professional success. In 2023, Ms. Kaigler was named to Diversity MBA's 17th annual list of Top 100 under 50 Executive leaders. Additional honors include, but are not limited to, Top Entrepreneurial Woman to Watch 2023 by *Career Mastered Magazine*, 2023 Woman of Inspiration by Capital Area United Way of Greater Baton Rouge, 2021 Top 50 Women in Accounting by Ignition, and 2021 Society of Louisiana CPAs Distinguished Public Service Award.

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Ms. Kaigler founded and is president of Bringing Leadership Back (BLB), an organization dedicated to aiding aspiring leaders with professional growth and assisting organizations to achieve strategic goals. Amongst other objectives, BLB encourages others to demonstrate what leadership looks like while maintaining character and integrity.

A Past President of LCPA's Baton Rouge Chapter, she has a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Ms. Kaigler is the Senior Director of Tax and Regulatory Reporting at Amedisys, Inc. in Baton Rouge. She is a frequent speaker and freelance writer on business, leadership, career strategy and words of inspiration.

About the LCPA

The Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) is the premier association of accounting professionals in the state. It represents more than 6,000 CPAs and future CPAs.

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