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summers I interned at two different firms, but was drawn to the culture at SC&H in Sparks, MD and started there in 2009. After passing the CPA exam, I was promoted to Senior. It was shortly after that I took both the Gallup and VIA strength assessments and realized that I was working outside of my “sweet spot”. So I left public accounting to work *for* the profession rather than *in* it. At MACPA/BLI, I am able to combine my knowledge and passion for the profession with my strengths. My goal now is to help this great profession be future ready.

I believe that the accounting and finance profession is strong and full of talented, honest, hardworking people who are the backbone of the economy. I also believe that the profession will undergo major transformation in the next 5-10 years. That's why I invest a lot of my time talking about the opportunities and helping to develop future and young CPAs. I am blessed to have found my “sweet spot” and I want to help others find theirs as well. I am also very passionate about my faith and am an active member and volunteer at my church.

### **Favorite influencer(s) (authors, bloggers, mentors, speakers, etc.)**

I am beyond blessed to work with some of the most amazing, generous and visionary people. I am constantly inspired and encouraged by the entire team at MACPA. Tom Hood has been an incredible mentor and source of inspiration for me. Through his “gentle nudging” I have been able to grow and do things (like speak at national conferences) that I would have never dreamed possible. Some of my favorite influencers, in no particular order, are [Tom Hood](#), [Bill Sheridan](#), [Daniel Burrus](#), [Kelly McGonigal](#), [Gretchen Pisano](#), [Joey Havens](#), [Simon Sinek](#), [C.S. Lewis](#) and [Tim Keller](#).

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