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**Richard L. Ward, CPA/PFS, CFP®**

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- July 2014 started my own practice – Capital Configuration, LLC
- 2014 Five Star Wealth Manager
- 2014 PICPA (Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs) Young Leader Award
- 2015 Pittsburgh's 50 Finest
- AICPA Leadership Academy Alumni Class of 2016
- 2017-2019 PICPA Board Member
- 2017-2019 Inaugural Board Member for newly formed Pennsylvania CPA Foundation
- 2019 P. Thomas Austin Scholarship
- Vice President of PICPA Greater Pittsburgh Chapter – Executive Committee
- AICPA Financial Literacy Commission (2019 new member)

**What are you doing to make a difference in the profession, your community, the world?**

Participated in state society (PICPA), Accounting Career Day, program for high school students. It's a free program held on a college/university and provides the students a chance to learn more about diverse career opportunities in the accounting profession. Initiated the 'Inspire Future CPAs' financial literacy program at a high school where I visited once a month and presented a series of presentations to high school students combining financial literacy lessons and discussions about life as a CPA. Joined Sewickley School Academy's Breakthrough Pittsburgh Committee, a tuition-free academic enrichment program committed to getting high potential, academically motivated, and under-resourced students to meet the expectations for a college-bound student and enroll in a four-year college.

**Favorite books/websites/speakers that you find influential:**

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- AICPA ENGAGE

**What websites/magazines do you use to keep up on news of the accounting profession?**

- *CPA Letter Daily; Journal of Accountancy; PA CPA Journal; CPA Practice Advisor; Tax Practice Advisor*

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