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Career highlights:

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- Prior to obtaining her PhD and moving into academia, Holly worked in public accounting and industry internal audit
- **What are you doing to make a difference in the profession, your community, the world?**
 - Holly volunteers a majority of her time with various AICPA and AAA committees. In addition to the committee involvement, Holly has mentored numerous accounting students through the AICPA Legacy Scholars Mentor Program and during her time in academia. Holly teaches a variety of courses but annually teaches more than 1,300 students. Her hopes are that her coaching and mentoring provided during her student's college journey helps make a difference for the student and the profession.
- **Favorite books/websites/podcasts/speakers/bloggers:**
 - Speakers – Without a doubt, Tom Hood has been one of the most influential.
 - Books – With two little ones, *God Gave Us You* has been one of our all-time favorites.
 - Websites – CPA Practice Advisor, AICPA, Journal of Accountancy
- **What do you like best about the accounting profession?**
 - The true variety of opportunities it offers. Being a CPA can mean so much more than one may initially think, not to forget the people I've met within the profession are truly inspiring. As an example, I am consistently teaching in a classroom but others with a CPA are consultants, tax partners, forensic specialists, etc. – the opportunities are endless.

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