

CPA NOVA SCOTIA

# CPA

*Convocation*

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DINNER AND DANCE  
FEBRUARY 17, 2024



**Opening Remarks**

Patricia Towler, JD LLM  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Greetings From CPA Canada**

Pamela Steer, FCPA, FCA, CFA  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Toast to Graduates**

Michael Hurley, CPA, CMA  
Chair, Board of Directors

**Dinner**

**Announcement of Graduates**

Patricia Towler, JD LLM  
Michael Hurley, CPA, CMA

**Student Address**

Ethan Vincent, CPA

**Closing Remarks**

Michael Hurley, CPA, CMA

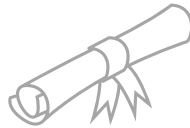
**Group Photo**

**Dance**



## 2023 CFE TOP THREE NOVA SCOTIA WRITERS

Isabel Gaube  
Ethan Vincent, CPA  
Miranda Crawley



## CPA ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

Megan Atkinson  
Luke Bilodeau, CPA  
Tyler Brown  
Spencer Hickey  
Nicole Holmes  
Natasha MacLeod  
Joshua Nicholl, CA  
Natalie Toulany

Hanna Barrett  
Gabriel Blumberg  
Isabel Gaube  
Ashley Hill, CPA  
Genesis Lacs  
Allison Murphy  
Keith Oland , CPA  
Ethan Vincent, CPA

Callum White



Welcome to our convocation program, where we proudly showcase bios from graduates who chose to share their journey, alongside the collective achievements of all the graduates.

**Agnihotri, Darshitkumar**, I am working as a Senior Financial Analyst with TD Bank. I completed my degree in Commerce in India and CMA from the USA. CPA has provided me with a platform to impact the world of accounting and finance. I love photography and travelling. Finally, I would like to thank my partner, who encouraged and believed in me, and my parents, who supported me throughout my journey.

**Ali, Sanjina Hafsa**, Currently works with MNP LLP in Assurance. Becoming a CPA is like a dream come true for her. She is immensely grateful to her study buddies, mentors, co-workers, friends and family for all their support!

**Amir, Uroosa**, I am a joyful extrovert who embraces life's adventures and has a passion for connections and cuisine. I have explored six countries and counting. Professionally, I've thrived as an Audit Manager at Ernst & Young, where nine years of dedication have shaped my expertise. Grateful for my family and EY's unwavering support, I now stand on the brink of achieving my CPA designation. Cheers to new possibilities and continued growth!

**Bezanson, Isaac**, Born and raised in Prospect Bay, Isaac is the first person in his family to graduate from St. FX, a proud first-generation CPA, and the first person to pass the CFE as a Management Consultant at KPMG Halifax. He could not be here without his supportive parents, Carol and Kevin, his inspiring sister, Giselle, his optimistic girlfriend, Kaleigh, and his devoted mentor, Lou Velocci.

**Bilodeau, Luke, CPA**, Graduated from Saint Mary's University in Fall 2019 (summa cum laude) with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance). I have since worked with the Emera group of companies, taking on progressively senior roles. I am excited to see what the future holds, in both my career and in life, and I want to take the opportunity to thank my fiancé, my parents, and my siblings for everything. Cheers!

**Blumberg, Gabriel**, Graduated from the Bachelor of Business Administration program at Acadia University, majoring in Accounting in May 2021. After graduation, he started working at PwC in Assurance. He lives in Halifax and is excited about what the future holds as a soon-to-be CPA!

**Boolakey, Megane, CPA**, Born and raised in Mauritius and calling Kijipuktuk/Halifax home for the past seven years, I feel very grateful for the support and teachings I received in both places from my family, friends, community, professors, mentors, managers and coworkers, who contributed to making this achievement possible.

**Boutillier, Alexis**, Thank you to JDI and my friends & family for supporting me throughout the program!

**Brennan, Liam, CPA**, Graduated from SMU in 2021 and currently employed at Nova Scotia Health Authority. What I love most about becoming a CPA is the opportunities it provides, and that it will provide me with a career I'll always enjoy. I want to thank both my parents and girlfriend, Stephany, for always supporting me and helping me get to this point in my career.

**Brown, Tyler**, Graduated from Nipissing University in 2021 and have worked with KPMG Halifax in the Audit and Tax service lines ever since. CPA has been a tough but personally rewarding two-year journey. I couldn't have done it without the love and support from my mother, Donna, sister Maridith, Aunt Debbie, Uncle John, and my coworkers. All the best to the other grads as they move forward in their careers!

**Butler, Lauren, CPA**, Born and raised in Sydney, NS, and I'm a proud graduate of Cape Breton University. I work in Halifax at Deloitte in Audit & Assurance. I want to thank my family, friends, and coworkers for their continuous support and encouragement throughout my CPA journey.

**Carruthers, Nicholas, CPA**, Thank you to Megan, Mom, Dad, Pat, Alex & Nicole. Your unwavering support, tough love, and wisdom made this designation possible. I am lucky to have had you all as my pillars of strength during this journey. Thanks to the rest of my family, friends, and mentors.

**Chisholm, Emily, CPA**, I must share my success with those without whom I could not have completed this journey. To my parents, Holly & Paul, sister Hannah, partner Cody, mentor Jen, and my two bosses, Rob & Alex – I thank you all so much!

**Churchill, Cassidy**, Hailing from Yarmouth, NS, Cassidy graduated from Acadia University in 2021 and currently works at Deloitte LLP in Halifax. She would like to thank her family, friends and colleagues for their continuous support.

**Crawley, Miranda**, Graduated from Acadia University in 2021 and currently works at Deloitte LLP in Halifax. She would like to thank her parents, Marie Mullally and Wayne Crawley, who also started their careers at Deloitte and inspired her to pursue the CPA designation.

**Crowe, Mathew**, Growing up on the family farm outside of Springhill, NS. Mathew graduated from StFX in 2021 with an Advanced Major in Accounting and has worked with a strong team at Oxford Frozen Foods since. He would like to thank his family, mentors, and coworkers for their unending support as he progressed through the CPA program.

**Deveau, Joshua**, Graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's University in 2021. Joshua joined White Perkins Associates Chartered Professional Accountants in his hometown of Yarmouth, NS, later that year and has been with them ever since. He would like to thank his family, friends, and coworkers for their ongoing support. A special thank you to Jennifer White, Andrew Perkins, and Anna Stewart for filling the role as mentors and to his fiancé, Kennedy LeBlanc, for her patience and understanding during his studies.

**Doiron, Michaila**, Financial Controller for Ad Astra International Inc., Michaila has been passionate about accounting since her first Intro to Accounting course. She completed her Bachelor of Commerce at Saint Mary's University in 2018 and quickly started her accounting career. She would like to thank her parents, Gary & Lisa Doiron, and her partner, Jack Mallett, for their unwavering support during her accounting degree and CPA studies. Michaila would like to acknowledge her Mentor, Katherine VanTassel, for setting an amazing example of what it means to be a CPA. Michaila is extremely grateful to the CPA program staff, the facilitators, and fellow CPA candidates who provided encouragement and emotional support during the ups and downs of the program and is so thankful to have completed such a big accomplishment.

**Donovan, Lauren**, Raised in Hammonds Plains, NS and attended Acadia University, where she completed her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting. After graduation, Lauren began her career with Deloitte, where she continued pursuing her CPA designation. Lauren would like to thank her friends, family and co-workers for supporting her along this journey.

**Fernander, D'Maria**, Grateful for God's steadfast support alongside my family, empowering me through my CPA journey and CFE triumph. Onward with faith and gratitude, and ready for the next chapter!

**Ferreira, Illa**, Being an accountant in Brazil, I immigrated to Canada six years ago and pursued professional development with the CPA program. It has opened doors for my professional life here.

**Fraser, Lara, CPA**, Graduated from SMU in 2020 and have since worked at PwC throughout my journey through the CPA program. I want to thank my family for the continuous support and my mentors and colleagues at PwC for the invaluable knowledge and opportunities they provided me over the last three years. I can't wait to see what's next!

**Gaube, Isobel**, Graduated from Acadia University with a Bachelor Degree in Accounting in 2021. She started at Deloitte upon completing her degree and continues to work in the Audit practice. She would like to thank her colleagues, family, friends and boyfriend for their continuous support throughout the program, as she couldn't have done it without them.

**Harvey, D'Azure**, Born and raised in the beautiful islands of the Bahamas with a passion for problem-solving and numbers. The journey to becoming a CPA has been extremely challenging yet incredibly rewarding, made easier with the love and support of my wonderful family, friends and co-workers at BDO.

**Higgins, Owen**, Graduated from StFX in 2021 and started working at Grant Thornton in its Assurance service line the same year. Owen credits Jesse Knox, CPA, as his mentor throughout the CPA PEP program.

**Hill, Ashley, CPA**, Born and raised in the Annapolis Valley, where she still resides with her husband Nick and their two children, Lucas and Lauren. She has been employed with Kent & Duffett since 2010. Ashley is joined here by her family, friends and colleagues as she recognizes she wouldn't be here tonight without the love and support from each of them.

**Holmes, Nicole**, Graduated from Acadia University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Co-op) and began working in Audit at Grant Thornton LLP, Halifax. Nicole would like to thank her family, friends, co-workers, and mentors for supporting her throughout her journey of becoming a CPA.

**Hoskins, Julie**, Thank you, Steve, for caring for the kids and ensuring I was fed during the four-year commitment. Thank you, Mary, for staying with us for months at a time to help with the kids and ensure I had time to complete school and work. Thank you, HBA, for providing flexibility at work so that I could complete the program.

**Huang, Shiwei**, Committed to achieving professional excellence, I value BDO's mentorship and my parents' unwavering encouragement on this challenging journey. I am grateful for the guidance propelling me towards success.

**Kaulbach, Ryan, CPA**, From Bridgetown, Ryan graduated from Dalhousie University with his Bachelor of Commerce in 2020. He is currently an Account Administrator with Marsh Canada.

**Kidney, Laura**, Graduated from Saint Mary's University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Commerce. She works as a Domestic Tax Analyst at Grant Thornton LLP, Halifax, and is enrolled in the CPA In-Depth Tax program. Laura would like to thank her friends, coworkers, and family for supporting her through her CPA journey.

**Kilgour, Clare**, Originally from Toronto, Clare fell in love with the east coast after she graduated from Dalhousie University. She also has a Graduate Diploma in Accounting from Queen's University and has started her career in Auditing at Deloitte. Clare's goal is to leverage the skills learned through CPA to work in the women's sports industry.

**Kuttikkat, Manu Thomas**, Inspired by a passion for business, I transitioned from nursing to accounting. Originally from India, I became a nurse, dedicating five years to the profession before pursuing this new path. My entrepreneurial spirit, fostered by an interest in stock trading, led me to embrace accounting. I'm also an avid travel enthusiast who believes life is too short to live in one place.

**Lacsa, Genesis**, Originally from the Phillipines, Genesis moved to Halifax five years ago. She finished a Bachelor of Commerce Major in Accounting at Saint Mary's University. She now works at Ernst & Young Halifax as a Senior Accountant.

**Lorenzen, Kathleen, CPA**, I successfully passed the May CFE while pregnant with my first child. I am a Junior Associate Director on the Fund of Funds team at MUFG Investor Services. I have a diploma and a degree in Business Administration with Honours in Accounting. I'm excited to start this next chapter as a CPA. I want to thank my fiancé, family, friends and co-workers for their constant support.

**MacDonald, Colin**, Graduated from StFX University with a degree in Accounting. He now works for Grant Thornton LLP in New Glasgow.

**MacDonald, Chelsea**, Graduated from StFX University in 2021 with a degree in accounting. Upon graduating, she began working as a Tax Analyst for Grant Thornton LLP in Sydney, NS.

**Macdonald, Rebecca, CPA**, As a proud MSVU alumnus, I graduated with a BBA in May 2021. Special thanks to my parents, Ross & Lisa, for their continued encouragement. Shoutout to my Aunt Angelia & Uncle Stephen, constant cheerleaders of mine. Thank you to the Bluenose Accounting team for everything I have learned thus far. Throughout my CPA studies, I looked forward to my Wednesday golf league, where I could relax and laugh with my friend and colleague Kayla, who always reminded me that I could pass the CFE, which is much appreciated.

**MacIntyre, Kyle**, Graduated from StFX University in 2021 with a degree in Accounting. Upon graduating, I began working for Grant Thornton LLP.

**MacLeod, Natasha**, Graduated with distinction from Mount Saint Vincent University in 2019 with a BSc in Applied Human Nutrition, minoring in Chemistry and Business Administration. She then completed a Certificate in Accounting at MSVU in 2021 before entering the CPA program. Natasha is employed at Emera Inc. in Halifax and would like to thank her family, friends & co-workers for their support.

**McNeill, Julia**, As an Accountant at Harding & Associates Inc., I hold a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from Saint Mary's University. I am grateful to my supportive parents, family, and inspiring friends and mentors who helped shape my path.

**Miller, Alexander**, I am a Saint Mary's University alumni and am currently employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers as a Tax specialist. I want to thank my family, friends and colleagues for their support. I also want to give a special thank you to the late Michael Dockrill, who was my CPA mentor throughout this journey.

**Muchena, Tashinga**, Assistant Controller at Integrated Staffing Limited, with a BComm in Accounting from SMU ('18). I am excited about continual growth & community impact once a CPA. I value quality time with family and loved ones. I am a Manchester United fan. I am grateful for parental support in coming to NS. This milestone is dedicated to late friend and mentor Arthur Mataure, CPA.

**Muise, Samuel, CPA**, Originally from Clare, NS, Samuel graduated with his Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting at Saint Mary's University in 2021. Currently, Sam is a Senior Accountant in Assurance at Grant Thornton. I want to thank my wife, Effie, family, friends and colleagues for all their support. I would not be where I am today without them.

**Nicholas, Nicole, CPA**, Employed by Roach Perry Anderson. I want to thank my boyfriend Blake, mom, dad, and sister Courtney.

**Noujaim, Laila**, Born to Lebanese immigrants, I chose this profession because I grew up seeing how important financial literacy is, especially to those who are new to the country.

**Oland, Keith, CPA**, A Global Strategist working for IceCap Asset Management in Halifax, NS, Keith has experience in Global Banking and Markets with Scotiabank and holds the CFA charter and a CPA designation. Keith graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saint Mary's University in 2014 with a double major in Finance and Accounting and a Certificate in Financial Instrument Analysis. Always passionate about education, he has worked as a tutor for the Athletics Departments of Dalhousie and Saint Mary's University, been a Student Ambassador for the TMX Group's Montréal Exchange promoting financial literacy with a focus on derivatives and spent a year teaching in Korea.

**Olivar, Ephraim**, Originally from Leyte, Philippines, and moved to Halifax as a permanent resident in 2014. I studied Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Accounting and a Minor in Management at Mount Saint Vincent University while doing three jobs to support my studies. I graduated in 2017 with distinction and have worked at Smith and Touesnard Inc. from the same year until today.



**Pisani-Rossi, Joe**, Graduate of Acadia University, Audit & Assurance accountant with Baker Tilly Nova Scotia, and future member of CPA Nova Scotia. I am particularly grateful to my wife, Kim, for her patience and support in making this CPA journey possible and to my BTNS colleagues for their ongoing guidance.

**Richard, Emily, CPA**, Thank you to JD Irving, my friends, family, and my boyfriend for supporting me throughout the program.

**Robinson, Christiana**, Born and raised in Barbados, I graduated from Saint Mary's University with a Major in Accounting and a Minor in Psychology. I've been working in Risk Services at Grant Thornton since 2021. In my free time, I love to read, go for long walks, go to the beach and spend quality time with loved ones.

**Robinson, Timothy**, I want to take this time to thank all the people who helped me reach this milestone. First and foremost, thank you to my family (Mom & Dad, Stephanie, Caroline, Chad, Kieran and Darko). Without your support, I would not have made it through. To my mentor, Mary Sue Radford, for her guidance, and finally, my employer, Dalhousie DoM, for giving me time off to study for the CFE.

**Sagoo, Charanpreet, CPA**, I want to thank my father, Amrik Singh, who dreamed about this; my mother, Dalwinder Kaur, who always prayed for it; and my Father-in-Law, Harbans Singh, who always proudly mentioned that his daughter-in-law is a Chartered Professional Accountant. It's a proud moment for me, my husband, my children, and my whole family that I accomplished such a professional designation.

**Smith, Olivia**, Born in Halifax, Olivia graduated from the Halifax Grammar School in 2017 and Acadia in 2021 before starting at Deloitte. Olivia would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Aunt Judy, and Uncle Bruce for their love and support. Olivia would also like to thank her friends from Acadia and Deloitte for all their help. With her newfound free time, Olivia plans to travel and get her handicap back down.

**Thomas, Jennifer**, I work at Belliveau Veinotte in Shelburne. I have always been a numbers person, graduating from Acadia, returning to NSCC for Business and Accounting, and taking some courses at Mount Saint Vincent before entering the CPA program. I would like to thank my loved ones, family and everyone at Belliveau Veinotte for your support and encouragement as I pursued this CPA journey.

**Thompson, William**, Began his CPA in Prince Edward Island and finished in Halifax. Thankful to be done and for all the support he's received from family and friends who have helped him along this path.

**Toulany, Natalie**, I grew up around accounting. With the loving support of my family, I graduated with a BComm from SMU and am completing the CPA program. I've gained a wealth of experience by working for over ten years in my family business, PBC, and two years in public practice at HBA. I am passionate about tax optimization and aspire to manage and grow PBC while sharing my knowledge with others.

**Trevors, Terry, CPA**, Graduated from Dalhousie University and works for Emera Inc. with the Audit Services SOx team. Terry takes great pride in earning the CPA, as it has been his goal from a young age. Terry would like to thank all his mentors, coworkers, professors, friends, and family for their support and guidance.

**Upham, Isaac,** Grew up in North River, NS. Graduated from SMU in 2020. Currently working at Grant Thornton in Truro, NS.

**Verma, Karan, CPA,** I am a Chartered Accountant (FCA) and Cost Accountant (ACMA) from India, qualified in 2017. I came to Canada in January 2023, then started registration in CPA CFE and cleared my CFE on the first attempt in September 2023.

**Vincent, Ethan, CPA,** Graduate from Saint Mary's University, currently working as a Senior Financial Analyst for Nova Scotia Power. I want to thank my wife, family, and mentors at Nova Scotia Power for assisting and supporting me on this rewarding journey.

**Vu, Thi Thanh Truc,** My name is Trudy and I am from Vietnam. I love using money efficiently and wisely, so I decided to study accounting. I came to Canada in 2019 and studied at NSCC. I started CPA prep courses in Sep 2020. Currently, I work for Canada Revenue Agency as an Income Tax Auditor. I love using my skills and technical knowledge to help others use their money well to have a better life.

**Wadden, James,** Senior Technology Risk Consultant at EY Halifax. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from Saint Mary's University. His journey to becoming a CPA could not have been possible without the support of his partner Max and his family: Mom, Dad, Bobbi, and Toad. Jamie is grateful for their unwavering encouragement and the instrumental role they played in his academic success.

**Walker, Ashley,** A high school accounting class initially sparked my interest in this career field, leading me to Acadia University in Wolfville where I completed my Bachelor of Business administration, Majoring in Accounting. I now work for IFTL Chartered Professional Accountants in New Minas, NS. I have been with the firm since I graduated from Acadia. In my free time, I enjoy riding my motorcycle in the summer and snowboarding in the winter. Lastly, and most importantly, I want to thank my colleagues, my partner, family, close friends, and my CPA study buddy for their unconditional support throughout this journey.

**Walsh, Liam, CPA,** Hailing from Truro, NS, and graduated from Saint Mary's University class of 2021. Liam has worked with Nova Scotia Health throughout the CPA program.

**Walsh, Brandy,** I recently graduated from the SMU MBA-CPA program before writing CFE. My first accounting professor at CBU inspired me to become a CPA. Thank you to my employer, Opus Fund Services, for supporting my educational endeavours. Special thanks to my boyfriend Alex and Dad for believing in me and encouraging pep talks during stressful times.

**Winge, William,** CRA employee, 2020 Saint Mary's University Graduate.

**Zheng, Weiwei, CPA,** As a Financial Analyst at Saint Mary's University, I'm so happy to make this progress. I want to thank Nick Parker, who's my mentor and guided me through all the CPA modules, and my Saint Mary's Finance Department team members for all the support and care. Last but not least, thanks to my husband, Dan, who's always been supportive.

<b>Aalders, Nicholas</b>	<b>Gerhardt, Nicholas</b>	<b>Morris, Matthew, CPA</b>	<b>Russell, Cara</b>
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<b>Fraser, Eamon</b>	<b>Manning, Lauren</b>	<b>Rezaei, Bit</b>	<b>Zhang, Wanqi</b>
<b>Frost, Megan</b>	<b>Mohammed, Shega</b>	<b>Roter, Zachery</b>	



## MENTOR MESSAGES

Graduates are fortunate to have the support of mentors, whether they be family, friends, or co-workers who help them grow in their careers. Below we have included messages received from those individuals, whose names were submitted by the graduates.

### **Gabriel Blumberg**

Congratulations, Gabe, on achieving this significant milestone! You made it look like no big deal – always calm & cool, sailing smoothly through each module – but I know it took a lot of hard work to get here. All of us at the firm are incredibly proud of you - enjoy tonight with your family and friends!

-Chantelle Cadeau

### **Liam Brennan**

Liam has been a significant addition to our NS Health Finance department. He has the best “get it done attitude”, excels at supporting and collaborating with our clinical departments across NS Health, and brings positive energy to every daily interaction.

We are all so proud of you, Liam, and all that you’ve accomplished! We look forward to continuing our work with you at NS Health as you continue to grow in your career as a CPA.

- Elizabeth Morrison

### **Nicholas Carruthers**

Nick's time in the program has been marked by significant professional development and deepening of his interpersonal skills. His personable nature, combined with his technical acumen, positions him as a valuable asset in any accounting team. I have no doubt that his future in the accounting profession will be marked by the same level of excellence and dedication he has shown thus far. Just waiting for the day he comes knocking on Bright Line's door so I can work with him again!!

- Stacey Thomas

### **Cassidy Churchill**

WAHOO!!! Congrats Cass!! I could not be happier or prouder to be celebrating your convocation today! I have been lucky to see all of the hard work you have put in day in and day out, and it has paid off. You will do incredible things because of the amazing person you are!

- Kyla MacDougall

### **Laura Donovan**

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lauren for this remarkable achievement. Her willingness to step out of her comfort zone and embrace new challenges has helped her to achieve this milestone. This is a well-deserved success, and I wish her all the very best for this new chapter of her life.

- Sunil Chawla

**Ashley Hill**

Ashley, in your pursuit of becoming a CPA, you've shown exceptional leadership at work while gracefully balancing the responsibilities of raising a young family. Your achievements speak volumes, confirming what we've always known - there are no limits to your capabilities. Congratulations on this well-deserved milestone; we are all so proud of you.

- Andy Forse

**Nicole Holmes**

Nicole, I've had the absolute pleasure of growing up alongside you- attending Acadia University together, working together, and now obtaining our CPA designations. I'm incredibly proud of you. I'm so happy for you and thrilled to see what is next for you!

- Karlee Hunt

**Kyle MacIntyre**

Congratulations Kyle! The hard work and dedication have paid off. It's been a pleasure to witness your growth as you've gone through the CPA program, and I'm looking forward to seeing what you will accomplish as a CPA. I know you'll do great things!

- Matthew Jessome

**Tashinga Muchena**

Congratulations, Tashinga. We are all so proud of you for achieving this significant milestone. You navigated through the CPA program with finesse and decorum despite all the trials and tribulations you encountered. You have been a great Friend, Mentor, and Executor, and now a Chartered Professional Accountant can be added to that list. You most definitely have a bright future ahead of you, and I wish you nothing but the best in your career.

- Tapiwa Paradaza

**Laila Noujaim**

This profession needs more aspiring CPAs like Laila Noujaim. I first met Laila in my cost management course while she was in her third year at Dal. I then taught her both IFA2 and AA2 during her fourth year, and we stayed in touch throughout her CPA studies. I have worked with thousands of CPA PEP candidates over the years, and I know that many CPA candidates experience challenges throughout their journeys. Laila is no different. This road hasn't been easy for her between work, life, and PEP. But she made it, and she is here. Laila is evidence that a good attitude, hard work, and grit contribute to a successful CPA candidature.

Today, we welcome Laila Noujaim, to the profession. Pura Vida Laila and CPA Nova Scotia!!!

- Sam Taylor

**Ephraim Olivar**

Ephraim is the rare accountant who can recite the CPA Handbook, dressed in a Harry Potter costume, and then sing a ballad while strumming his guitar after running a marathon... A truly one-of-a-kind individual. We are richer for having him as part of our team. Focused and determined, kind and warm, Ephraim's positive qualities are evident at first glance. He brightens every room he enters and brings a smile to everyone he meets—a true gem.

The path to becoming a CPA differs for everyone, from short and direct to long and winding. Ephraim's has been the latter, but his journey has not ended; it has just begun, and great things will follow on his CPA adventure.

- Joshua Touesnard

**Bitia Rezaei**

Bitia has turned every challenge on her CPA journey into a triumph of resilience. Her unwavering perseverance in adversity is not just inspiring, but a beacon of how dedication shapes success.

- Wayne Pittman

**Terry Trevors**

Terry, a warm congratulations on your achievement of becoming a CPA- a major career milestone. Your dedication and drive throughout the process were admirable. We are lucky to have you as a teammate and future CPA mentor. Wishing you even more success in the future!

- Nicole Howatt

**Liam Walsh**

Liam joined our NS Health Finance Department as a CPA student in our pre-approved route. We were fortunate to have him contribute to a number of our finance teams during a time of great transition for our department. Liam was a positive addition to every team throughout his rotations - he learned quickly, adapted to change well, and was a true team player who was always happy to help. Our whole NS Health Finance department wishes Liam all the best as he continues his career as a CPA!

- Elizabeth Morrison



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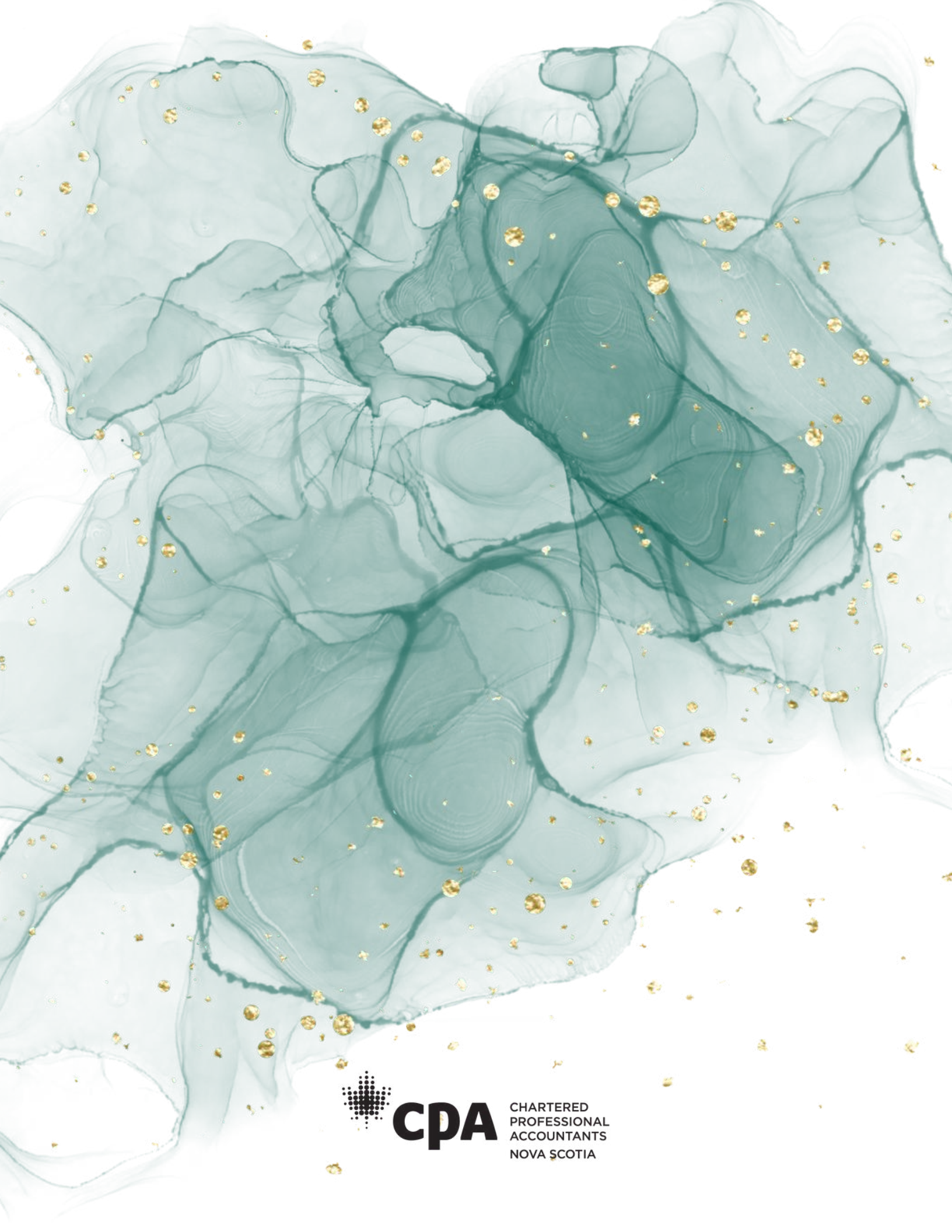
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