

# meet members



## Patrick Meyer

**Job:** Sr. tax accountant with Athene USA in West Des Moines

**Hometown:** Camanche

**Alma mater:** UNI

**Professional/community activities:** Bondurant booster club, coach youth soccer and basketball, Lutheran Church of Hope – Bondurant, and voice for streaming Bondurant sports. Former chair of LEAP Committee and Financial Literacy Committee for ISCPA.

**I was inspired to be a CPA:** I have two aunts that have been pretty vocal advocates for the CPA profession so I would say Patti Bell and Julie Meyer Kroll probably get that honor.

**First job as a youth:** Briefly delivered newspapers before several years delivering Paul Revere's pizza and breadsticks. Everyone loved the breadsticks.

**Your message for young people considering a career as a CPA:** The CPA opens doors to a lot of different types of organizations and is basically a universal qualification wherever you go. Plus, we are a lot more fun than the stereotype.

**How has being a member of ISCPA helped you?** The greatest benefit has been the people I've met. I started in a smaller CPA office and the Society was a way for me to meet other people in different phases of their career. Then getting involved with ISCPA committees gave me opportunities to lead a group of my peers by serving as chair.

**What are some of the biggest changes you've seen in the profession?** The remote work was definitely a huge change for a lot of us recently, but also something I think you might see a lot more of because it was more efficient than many thought possible.

**Philosophies and principles toward work and life:** My kids are only going to be home for a short time (hopefully), so I coach their teams, attend their band concerts, and get to almost everything they do. It may not always make everyone else happy, but it is the most important job I have.

**What is your biggest achievement to date?** I'm not sure if it is the biggest achievement, but it is definitely the longest achievement. In June, I completed

the Des Moines Half Ironman after a year of delays. For someone who had never done a 5K before signing up, it was a major stretch goal. Some people at work were wanting to do it, but I wasn't super interested. Then I learned Ironman has a program with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation to raise funds. With my son having Crohn's, I felt like I was getting a nudge in the direction that I needed to take on the challenge. Essentially, I trained for a race to take place in June of 2020, was postponed, then trained again for a race in June of 2021. I finished the race and raised over \$3,000 for Crohn's research.

**Who you'd swap places with for a day and why:** Joe Buck because he might have the best job ever.

**Currently obsessed with tv:** The Olympics – who doesn't wake up at 4 a.m. to watch gold medal wrestling, softball, or baseball games?

**Favorite app:** Mozzarella sticks – may not be the answer expected, but still true.

**I'd want to be famous for:** Calling a World Series winning home run by the Chicago Cubs.

**People don't know this about me, but:** I was a judge for the Hardacre Film Festival in Tipton.

**Most memorable face palm moment:** Being a Raiders fan when I was young. I blame Bo Jackson.

**Currently watching on your device:** Hamilton

**Something important to you outside of work?** I led youth group for several years at church and still try to help out where I can.

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*Patrick, his wife Jenn, and children Caleb and Bailey live in Bondurant with their two dogs and cat.*

**What I wanted to be when I grew up:** Anything that had to do with sports.

**I never leave home without:** My phone.

**Favorite food:** I could eat pizza for every meal.

**Best concert:** Garth Brooks.

**I am passionate about:** I'm a big fan of sports.

**Favorite vacation spot:** I want to visit all of the MLB stadiums, so any of those cities.

**Favorite band:** Eric Church lately, but next week it could be 90's rap.

**Go-to karaoke song:** Anything from Friends in Low Places to Ice Ice Baby.

**Fictional family I'd like to be a member of:** The Incredibles.

**Secret or special talent:** I can ripstick.