

# meet members



## Heather Stumpf

**Job:** Vice president/controller with GreenState Credit Union in North Liberty

**Hometown:** Kalona

**Alma mater:** University of Iowa

**Professional/community activities:** ISCPA Career Awareness Committee, Board of Directors for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program

**I was inspired to become a CPA:** When I started college, I knew I wanted to explore a career in business but didn't have a direction. After taking the Introduction to Accounting course, I fell in love with debits and credits and the challenge of balancing transactions. It was the first time I really felt like I had a plan for my future.

**Your message for young people considering a career as a CPA:** Accountants have a reputation for being number crunchers, but being a CPA is so much more than that. Yes, you need to have a solid understanding of the technical aspects, but you also need exceptional communication skills. Put in the time to develop both and the opportunities are endless.

**How has being a member of ISCPA helped you?** Being a part of ISCPA has provided so much value to my career. The quality educational opportunities allow me to stay up to date on everything from regulation changes to leadership development. Being a part of the Career Awareness Committee has allowed me to expand my network and share my passion for the profession with accounting students across the state.

**What is your favorite thing about your job?** I love the variety that each day offers. There are no two days that are ever the same and there is always opportunity to learn something new.

**First job as a youth:** I babysat almost every weekend throughout junior high and high school; then once I could drive, I made pizzas and was a cashier at the local gas station.

**Tell us about some of your philosophies and principles toward work and life:** Treat others as you would want to be treated. Kindness can go a long way towards building relationships.

**How has your background shaped who you are today?** Growing up on a farm, I learned at an early age that the day doesn't end until the work is done. That work ethic has helped me navigate the demands of my career.

**When I have free time:** You will find me enjoying a good book or hanging out with my family, especially my nieces and nephews!

**I never leave home without:** This is a tough one ... I am notorious for always forgetting something!

**What I wanted to be when I grew up:** A teacher

**I am passionate about:** My faith

**Favorite food:** Pizza

**Three words that describe me best:** Kind, dependable, positive

**Last book I read:** "The High Five Habit" by Mel Robbins

**Favorite movie:** Any Hallmark Christmas movie

**Favorite app:** Kindle - I always have a book ready to read when I have downtime.

**Favorite vacation spot:** Lake of the Ozarks with family and friends

**Best advice I ever received:** Never stop learning

**Favorite quote:** "With God, all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

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