

meetmembers



Nate Beck

Job: Shareholder with MHCS P.C. in West Des Moines

Hometown: Guthrie Center

Alma mater: Iowa State University

Professional/community activities: ISCPA Taxation Committee co-chair, Adel Rotary Club

I was inspired to be a CPA because: I originally started out as a finance major but added accounting as my primary major. I always enjoyed numbers and finance, but the accounting degree and CPA provided more opportunities and diversity for me to serve different clients, industries, etc.

If I weren't a CPA, you might find me: Teaching

Your message for young people considering a career as a CPA? CPAs can carve out their own career path and choose to work in the accounting areas they truly enjoy. The profession has many specialties and options to use your skillset. You have options to work for accounting firms, businesses, nonprofits, etc. You can choose a career that lets you work internationally, or you may choose to be a sole proprietor dedicated to serving your local community. Either way, you can control what you want your career to be.

How has being a member of ISCPA helped you? I have been a member of the Taxation Committee for several years now. The group provides a great forum for information sharing and helping each other to better serve clients. The ISCPA team is continuously trying to find ways to help the membership through education and promotion.

What are some of the biggest changes you see in the profession? Continuing to recruit students to be accounting majors and pursue the CPA license. For current CPAs, we can continue to balance life outside of work and do our best to reduce the grind of busy season that leads to burnout in the profession.

What is your favorite thing about your job? The variety and challenges that come with helping clients. Every week offers different opportunities to serve clients and continue to learn.

Tell us about some of your philosophies and principles toward work and life: Early on in your career, try to work with as many great and talented people as possible and build your own skillset by choosing traits to emulate from each of them. Always be humble and acknowledge your weaknesses and leverage your team or network to assist you. Be present in the moment and give it your full attention to be your best and attempt to separate work time from life outside of work.

Nate and his wife, Stephanie, live in Adel with their sons Tyson and Trey.

First job: Dishwasher/waiter

What I wanted to be when I grew up: Banker

Favorite foods: Cheeseburgers, Mexican food

When I have free time, I prefer: Golfing and coaching my kids' teams

Last book I read: Atomic Habits

Favorite vacation spot: Northern Minnesota

If I were famous, I'd want to be famous for: My golf game

Favorite app: YouTube

Favorite band/musician: The Killers

Favorite season: Summer

Favorite sports team: Miami Dolphins

Favorite holiday: 4th of July

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? Ability to see the future

Least favorite household task: Laundry

Sunrise or sunset? Sunset

Favorite ice cream flavor: Cherry Nut

Favorite day of the week: Friday