

MEET OUR MEMBERS

IOWA CPA SPOTLIGHT



SHERRAE JEAN HANSON

JOB: Director with Denman and Company, LLP in West Des Moines

HOMETOWN: Pomeroy

ALMA MATER: University of South Dakota

COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY ACTIVITIES: Farrell's group fitness instructor; past volunteer on ISCPA'S Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Taxation Committee, Continuing Professional Education Committee, and Iowa CPAs Month of Service Committee.

Sherrae and her husband Scott live in Ankeny with their 8 month old puppy, Tucker.

My inspiration to become a CPA comes from:

Love for numbers and working with clients.

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

As a NASCAR driver

How has being a member of ISCPA helped you?

Networking, friendships and clients.

What are some of the biggest changes you've seen in the profession?

More women in the industry, women leaders, and technology advances.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

My clients.

I am passionate about: Helping clients solve accounting and tax issues.

People don't know this about me, but I:

Am a HUGE NASCAR fan!

Your message for high school and college students considering a career as a CPA:

CPAs really do have fun and enjoy assisting clients every day. A tax return is not just a form, it tells a story about a client.

Tell us some of your philosophies and principles toward work and life:

Be in control of your day, career and life. Remember the grass is not always greener since it still needs to be mowed.

How has your background and experience shaped who you are today?

I am stronger not worrying about who I am but who I can help in their career or business.

Mentors who helped you along the way: Recently, Tom Ahlers. I've had many over the years and now my goal is to be the best mentor for young staff and accountants.

Biggest achievement to date: Iowa Lottery Board Executive Chair

When I have free time, I watch: Any NASCAR race or event

Secret talent: Farrell's eXtreme Bodyshaping instructor for over 16 years

First job: Walked beans & detasseled corn

What I wanted to be when I grew up: Lawyer

Three words that describe me best: Strong-willed, dedicated, determined

Favorite line from a film: "Nobody puts Baby in a corner..." Dirty Dancing

Favorite quote: "I'M POSSIBLE not IMPOSSIBLE"

Best advice I ever received: The only one looking out for you, is YOU.

Famous person I would most like to meet: Since I have met Jeff Gordon, it would be Chase Elliott.

Favorite band: Bon Jovi

My first guest if I hosted a talk show: Jeff Gordon

What my autobiography would be called: I'm OK as Me

If I were famous, I'd want to be famous for: Being Sherrae

Place I'd love to live: Charlotte, NC