

MEET OUR MEMBERS

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



SETH VAN GORP

JOB: Owner / CPA with Kroese & Kroese PC in Sioux Center

HOMETOWN: Sioux Center

ALMA MATER: University of Iowa, BBA (Accounting) and Master of Accountancy (emphasis in tax)

COMMUNITY AND ISCPA ACTIVITIES: Co-chair of ISCPA Taxation Committee, AICPA member, member of worship team and middle school youth leader at church.

First job: Auto body repair (unpaid, at my dad's shop); lawncare was first paying job.

What I wanted to be when I grew up: Accountant, I knew auto body repair was not for me.

How has your background shaped who you are today? My parents ran a small business, and I have since come to understand the sacrifices they made to achieve their goals. The auto body shop was "next door" to our house on an acreage a few miles outside of town, and I was expected to help where I could while growing up - either in the shop or in the office. I saw my parents' work ethic and they instilled in me that sometimes it takes some extra time and effort to get the job done.

How has being a member of ISCPA helped you? Committee responsibilities within the ISCPA have positively pushed me to become a better leader and communicator, which has opened up additional leadership opportunities in my personal and professional life.

What is your favorite thing about your job? Solving unique client challenges by applying the law and regulations and building a versatile knowledge base

that is also ever-changing. It's rewarding to guide clients through complex topics and see successful plans benefit them, and then be able to recall and adapt that experience to advise other clients.

People don't know this about me, but: I travelled and lived in Japan for nine weeks in college and climbed Mt Fuji.

Favorite vacation: A family road trip through the Mighty 5 national parks in Utah (Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion).

Favorite quote: "If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great" - Tom Hanks

Favorite foods: Coffee, old fashioned, sushi, candy soup (variety of sugary/sour candy mixed together).

Who would you swap places with for a day and why? Formula One driver, Lando Norris - I like to drive fast.

Seth and his wife Amy live in Sioux Center with their daughters Sadie (14), June (12) and Penny (8) and dog Bluey, a 70 lb. "mini" bernadoodle.

If I weren't a CPA: I'd be a golf course groundskeeper

I never leave home without: My phone

Favorite movie: Tenet

Favorite sports team: Iowa Hawkeyes

TV character I most relate to: Ron Swanson in Parks and Recreation

Favorite app(s): BibleProject, Apple Podcasts, YouTube

When I have free time, I prefer to: Golf, but napping is pretty good too

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