

# meet members



## Brad Hauge

**Job:** Owner, Bradley L. Hauge, CPA in Cedar Rapids

**Hometown:** Story City

**Alma mater:** Iowa State University

**Professional/community activities:** ISCPA Legislation Committee, Iowa CPA Education Foundation Advisory Committee, Iowa Accountancy Examining Board, Arc of East Central Iowa finance committee

**What I wanted to be when I grew up:** Early on in high school, I attended a career day where I listened to a presentation by a McGladrey partner. That presentation sealed my plans to become an accountant. Goes to show how much of an impact you may have when you take the time to talk to students.

**I was inspired to be a CPA because:** I'm goal oriented and I knew I could go further in my career as an accountant by reaching the highest level, which I felt the CPA was.

**Special talent:** Contrary to what many people may think a CPA is capable of, I like to work on mechanical things, like cars and motorcycles, and remodeling projects around the house.

**Your message for young people considering a career as a CPA?** You will never regret the time and resources you invest in becoming a CPA. There will always be a demand for your services and you will be rewarded financially and personally by being given the opportunity to meet and work with fellow CPAs and clients.

**How has being a member of ISCPA helped you?** Being involved with the ISCPA has resulted in meeting so many wonderful people, including fellow CPAs, ISCPA staff and leaders in the profession, such as Barry Melancon, Cindy Adams and past AICPA chair Kimberly Ellison-Taylor. I gain so much by having the opportunity to spend time with individuals I might otherwise have never met.

**Favorite thing about your job:** The freedom that comes with being self-employed and semi-retired. I get to set my own hours and choose those clients I want to work with.

**Have you had any mentors along the way?** I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for many years with fellow CPA Brian Carr. Unfortunately, he passed away unexpectedly way too early in life.

**Best advice I ever received:** When riding a motorcycle, look in the direction you want the bike to travel, especially around tight curves, and your body will help it along that path. Don't look at the ditch as you enter that corner, otherwise you may end up in it. Planning ahead, visualizing your path, is advice that can also be applied to life.

**I never leave home without:** I live outside of town, so before leaving home I stop and think if I'm forgetting something, otherwise it's a bit of a drive to go back and get it.

**When I have free time:** Work/play in the garage, toying with cars and motorcycles.

**Last book I read:** It's been too long ago. Hate to say it, but my reading consists of magazines, online and daily newspaper.

**Favorite vacation spot:** Riding a motorcycle on curvy, mountainous backroads of Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia

**First job as a teen:** Des Moines Register carrier

**Favorite food:** I have a terrible sweet tooth, so almost any dessert.

**Three words that describe me best:** Loyal, meticulous, and impatient

**Favorite movie:** American Graffiti

**Famous person I'd most like to meet:** Elon Musk

**Favorite band/musician:** Boston and Adele

**Best concert:** Tie between Pink Floyd and Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band

**If I were famous, I'd want to be famous for:** Successful racecar driver

**TV series I'm currently obsessed with:** Ozark

**Pet:** Adopted Lena from a local shelter as a kitten, she's now 17 years old.