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## Young CPA spotlight

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**Where do you work and what do you do in your current position?** I work at International Ag Insurance Solutions LLC in West Des Moines where I am the assistant controller. International Ag is a relatively new company focusing on delivering top notch service and innovative crop insurance solutions for agriculture.

**What can we find you doing when you're not a work?** I enjoy being active and on the go whether it be trying new fitness classes, bike rides, projects around the house, cooking new dishes or puppy training. I also really enjoying reading.

**What's your favorite vacation spot?** I love the mountains and for our honeymoon this year we visited the Canadian Rockies. My favorite stops on the trip were Banff and Lake Louise. I'm already making plans to go back.

**What's playing on your iPod/Pandora/radio these days?** That depends on the type of day I'm having, but I'll pretty much listen to anything. My latest playlist on Spotify was peaceful piano. During the MLB season, I love listening to the Cub's radio broadcast.

**What's one thing you can't live without?** My family. I honestly don't know what I would do without them.

**What projects/events/committees have you been involved in at ISCPA and how have they benefited you?** Currently, I am serving on both the Leaders Emerging in the Accounting Profession (LEAP) and Month of Service Committees. My favorite part of being on both of these committees are the opportunities they provide to be active in the profession in ways you might not have thought you could. Until I started attending the LEAP Day at the Capital I had no idea of the work ISCPA does in advocating our profession. It has become one event I look forward to every year. Also, being part of the Month of Service Committees has really shown me how many great CPAs there are across Iowa and has pushed me to find new ways and organizations to volunteer my time.

**What made you want to become a CPA?** I'm not sure I had a big revelation about wanting to become a CPA. I enjoyed my accounting classes at UNI, my mom passed the CPA exam and it became a goal of mine to pass as well.

**What's your best piece of advice for a college student thinking about becoming a CPA?** Don't be afraid of the test. Take it as soon as you can after you are done with school. You only get busier and it gets harder to study the longer you have been in the real world. Yes, it is going to be hard work and there will most likely be tears (both happy and sad) but don't give up. Nothing worth achieving is ever easy or without effort. Being able to use the CPA designation behind your name and on your resume opens up so many opportunities and rewarding career paths.