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Local High School Accounting Teachers Awarded For Dedication in Classroom and Beyond

Utah CPA Foundation recognizes two outstanding accounting teachers who instill lessons for life

SALT LAKE CITY – June 18, 2009 – Judy Whitby of Bonneville High School in Ogden and Janae Forsey of Lone Peak High School in Lehi were recognized today by the Utah CPA Foundation as high school teachers who have done an outstanding job of teaching accounting principles in the classroom, and who have developed and maintained a strong accounting program in the school. Whitby, the recipient of the “Champion of the Profession Award,” received a \$1,000 cash award and Forsey, recipient of the “Rising Star Award,” received a \$500 cash award.

The Utah CPA Foundation is a non-profit corporation that enriches the lives of CPAs by providing opportunities to share knowledge, expertise and financial resources with students, teachers, other CPA professionals and those less fortunate. The Foundation honored the award recipients in front of 350 of their peers at the Utah State Office of Education’s Business Education Summer Conference at Syracuse High School.

“Accounting skills are invaluable life skills, especially in this lean economy,” said Wendy Martin, board member of the Utah CPA Foundation. “With these two awards, we look to reward high school teachers who do their absolute best to build enthusiasm for and knowledge of accounting to a prime audience.”

Continued Martin, “We recognize Ms. Whitby and Ms. Forsey for their passion in encouraging students to learn and implement accounting into their everyday lives, as well as help them on their professional paths into the future.”

Whitby and Forsey were two of many interested teachers who submitted applications for the two awards. The accounting teachers needed to provide evidence of recruitment strategies, curriculum development, and class projects to demonstrate why he or she was most worthy of recognition.

The Champion of the Profession winner, Judy Whitby, has been teaching accounting for over 15 years. She sees teaching as a way of making a difference in someone’s life, and that’s why she loves teaching accounting – it is so impactful. Being in control of one’s money, and not allowing a lack or shortage to take control, is critical in a healthy and prosperous life. Recently, Whitby collaborated with school administrators and Goldenwest Credit Union to set up a Bonneville branch where her students can intern. Beyond acquiring first-hand experience in a banking environment, many of Whitby’s students move on to major in accounting in college.

Janae Forsey, the “Rising Star” award winner, provides her students with unique real-world perspective: she works as both an accountant and a teacher. Forsey brings her students actual situations from her work and presents them to her class for discussion. She has been working in

accounting for years, and hopes her combined experience will teach her students how to best organize their lives financially and ultimately avoid disaster.

For more information about the Utah CPA Foundation, or the Rising Star and Champion of the Profession awards, visit: uacpa.org.

About the Utah CPA Foundation

The Utah CPA Foundation was formed by the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants (UACPA) in 1999 as a non-profit corporation to provide financial support and resources for activities focused on supporting education in the broader public. Besides assisting business and accounting teachers, the Foundation supports outreach to accounting students at each of Utah's universities and colleges to encourage them throughout their accounting career decisions. Additionally, the Foundation provides support to the UACPA Financial Literacy task force made up of volunteers who teach financial literacy at the VA Hospital and the Salvation Army. To contribute to the foundation, or learn more, visit: uacpa.org.

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