



YOUNG PROS SUMMIT

AGENDA

AUGUST 26, 2026 · CINDERWOOD EVENT CENTER · INDIANAPOLIS

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Doors open and the day begins. Grab a coffee, settle in, and get ready for a full day built for early career professionals.

9:45 a.m.

Build a Brand That Opens Doors

Jetta Vaughn, SHRM-SCP · Owner, Jetta V Ent. LLC

Your career in accounting is shaped by more than the work you do day to day. Reputation, network, and visibility all influence the opportunities that come your way. This session helps you build that intentionally: how to use LinkedIn in a way that's authentic and effective, grow a meaningful network without forced small talk, and position yourself for the promotions, pivots, and client relationships that go to the people who are simply more visible. The goal isn't to become an influencer, it's to be the professional people think of when opportunities come up.

10:45 a.m.

■ NETWORKING BREAK

11:00 a.m.

Accounting for Impact: Volunteer Opportunities With Nonprofits

Your skills can make a difference far beyond the workplace. Join representatives from several Indiana nonprofits as they share how volunteers advance their missions and strengthen communities. Each will give a brief overview of its mission, current volunteer needs, and simple ways to get involved, from mentoring students to serving on boards and contributing professional expertise. You'll leave with practical ideas for making an impact in the communities where you live and work.

12:00 p.m.

Lunch & Networking

Good food, good conversation, and plenty of opportunities to connect. Join fellow attendees for a relaxed networking lunch and continue the conversations sparked throughout the morning. Representatives from the featured nonprofits will stick around to answer questions and discuss ways to get involved.

1:00 p.m.

Stand Out Beyond the Numbers

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Hard work alone doesn't drive a career forward. The professionals who get promoted faster and get advocated for behind closed doors are the ones whose impact is genuinely seen by the people who matter. This session is about closing the gap between the work you do and the recognition you get for it. Through real-world scenarios and interactive exercises, you'll learn how to make your contributions visible, build real relationships with managers and partners, and become the person leadership thinks of first when an opportunity opens up.

2:00 p.m.

■ NETWORKING BREAK

2:15 p.m.

Operating in the Gray: Critical Thinking & Project Management

Courtney Kincaid · President & CEO, Indiana CPA Society

As young professionals take on more responsibility, the work shifts. Projects arrive without a clear checklist, data comes in incomplete, and the right answer isn't obvious. This session addresses three of the skill gaps most critical for today's young professionals: critical thinking, problem-solving, and navigating ambiguity. Through realistic scenarios like owning a piece of a project and making judgment calls without a playbook, you'll walk away with tools you can use time and time again.

3:15 p.m.

■ NETWORKING BREAK

3:30 p.m.

Real Careers, Real Lessons: Panel Discussion

Gaby Alejandro · Managing Partner, PwC

Sherry Davis · Global CPO, Eli Lilly & Co.

BJ Lippert · Managing Partner, Donovan CPAs

Erin Wagoner · Chief People Officer, Katz, Sapper & Miller

MODERATOR **Braylon Myers** · Indiana CPA Society

Some of the most useful career insights come from honest conversations with people a few steps ahead. Professionals from public accounting, corporate finance, and beyond share the real stories behind their careers: the pivotal decisions, the unexpected turns, and the advice that helped (and the advice that didn't), with plenty of time for live Q&A.

4:30 p.m.

YP Happy Hour & Networking Reception

After a full day of ideas and career growth, it's time to kick back and keep the connections going. Bring a friend, even if they didn't attend the Summit. We've opened the reception to all young professionals. Enjoy appetizers, cocktails, and mocktails while swapping stories, sharing advice, and making the kinds of connections that last long after the event ends.