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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Team FEI Fort Wayne,

Welcome to 2021! I know I'm happy to have turned the page on 2020 and I'm sure you are as well. As vaccines arrive, I'm looking forward to climbing out of this COVID chasm.

Our November Career Development session to help us with our "Presentation Skills for a Virtual World" by Anthony Juliano was very well done. Virtual meetings are not going away anytime soon. By now, we should all be experts in lighting, microphone/sound, appropriate backgrounds, etc. Anthony certainly gave us pointers to help us improve our virtual presence. Honestly, day to day, I'm still baffled by the people who have not yet gotten better at this virtual stuff. They should have attended Anthony's session!

Our November meeting at Sweetwater was very well done. Thanks to Hylant for the professional development sessions on cash flow surety/trade credit and insurance captives. I definitely learned some things. Jim Schellinger, Indiana Secretary of Commerce, did a great job selling me on Indiana and all the great reasons to be part of this state as well as the northeast region of Indiana. His enthusiasm for "everything Hoosier" was contagious.

At the beginning of December, I attended an FEI National conference titled "ICONS: Women of Note". They highlighted women in high-level financial positions by giving them a chance to speak to the group. We then broke up into groups and went into breakout rooms. I was fortunate in that two of my breakout sessions included the speakers. They were amazing women. FEI National did a great job with that session. I'd like to encourage all of you to watch your email for more conferences being offered by FEI National as well as other FEI chapters. This virtual world is giving us a real opportunity to attend events for little or no money. Take advantage of it! Watch the FEI website.

The Membership Committee continues to bring in new members. Thanks to all of you for selling FEI! Please make sure you read the Membership section of this newsletter. We are looking for someone to take over leading the Membership Development Committee next year. I'm being honest when I tell you that our amazing strategic partners do most of the work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPTER MEETINGS | PD SESSIONS

THURSDAY | JANUARY 21, 2021

Virtual | 3—5pm

- **Wellness: Shifting the Paradigm |**
Sheila Bannister, EPIC (3p)
- **Health & Wellness |**
Allison Massari, Keynote Speaker (4p)

THURSDAY | JANUARY 28, 2021

Virtual | 3—5pm

- **Why Employees Should Think Like Business Owners: Maximizing Business Value through Employee Engagement and Financial Wellness |**
Amy Carezza and Kaley Keeley, PNC (3p)
- **Special Teams: Winning on Game Day**
Mike Brown, Lieutenant/Paramedic (4p)

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Virtual | 2 - 5p

TUESDAY | MARCH 23, 2021

Virtual | 2:30 - 5p

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<https://www.financialexecutives.org/Network/Chapters/Fort-Wayne/Home.aspx>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—CONT'D

All that is needed is a little organizational ability to pull the committee together. They do the heavy lifting of bringing in new members. It's a great position! Contact me or John Minnich if you are interested in learning more. Here are a few more areas where we are looking for new members:

Career Management – Lisa Brown | lrbrown@indianatech.edu

Programs/PD Sessions – Zach Sauder | zsauder@ksmcpa.com & Shelly Musolf | SRMusolf@indianatech.edu

Member Retention – Matt Fortney | mfortney@pizzahutfwi.com

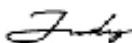
Website – Jason Knothe | jason.knothe@JHSpecialty.com

Publicity – Gail Amstutz | gaamstutz@indianatech.edu

If you are interested in joining these committees, reach out to me or any of the chairs directly. We need you! Yes, we need you!

The Program Committee continues to work hard to put great content in front of us. Please make sure to get the future meetings on your calendar. I look forward to seeing you a few times this month – January 21 and January 28. See details in this newsletter.

Yes, despite COVID, there is a lot planned this spring for the Fort Wayne Chapter of FEI. I look forward to “seeing” all of you over the next few months. My sincere hope for you is that you stay healthy and your families as well!



Judy Roy
President

PROGRAMS

The Fort Wayne Chapter of FEI was honored to recognize five 2020 FEI Scholars on October 22, 2020 during our annual Student Night event. FEI Scholars are dedicated and talented college sophomores, juniors or seniors majoring in Accounting and/or Finance maintaining a high GPA and are nominated through their university faculty.

In a virtual ceremony, faculty members highlighted the students' outstanding academic, professional, and civic achievements. The FEI Board is grateful to the university faculty for identifying such an impressive group of young professionals. Additionally, some of the FEI Scholars requested mentoring opportunities and are now working with FEI members.

Please join us in congratulating our 2020 FEI Fort Wayne Scholars:

- **COLE FILSON**, representing Manchester University and majoring in Finance and Marketing. Cole was nominated by Professor David McGrady.
- **BROOKE HERRON**, representing University of St Francis and majoring in Accounting. Brooke was nominated by Professor Gregory D. Smith.
- **NOAH LEHN**, representing Purdue Fort Wayne and majoring in Accounting and Finance. Noah was nominated by Dean Melissa L. Gruys.
- **XAVIER OVERSTREET**, representing Indiana Tech and majoring in Accounting. Xavier was nominated by Professor Lisa Brown.
- **HARSH PATEL**, representing Trine University and majoring in Accounting and Finance. Harsh was nominated by Professor Marek Kolar.

As a COVID precaution, the student awards were mailed to the nominating faculty member to be awarded privately by their nominating faculty member. *To the right is Xavier Overstreet, an Accounting major at Indiana Tech, receiving his award from Professor Lisa Brown.*



PROGRAMS—CONT'D

Welcome to 2021 and a new CPE reporting cycle! We are starting off with a bang with sessions on **TWO** days in January to help you start getting your hours for the new cycle. The invites for both January sessions have gone out, so be sure to RSVP soon.

On January 21, we are focusing on Health and Wellness with Allison Massari, our keynote speaker. Allison is an international keynote speaker and executive coach who has a very inspiring story. She has been featured on ABC, NBC and FOX and works with many large organizations and we are excited for her to speak with our group! The PD session on the 21st is Sheila Bannister from EPIC who will speak on creating a culture of wellness that drives employee engagement.

On January 28, we will focus on Employee Engagement with two PD sessions. We will hear from Amy Carezza and Kaley Keeley from PNC speak about the impact of employee financial wellness on organizations. The speaker for our second PD session on the 28th is Mike Brown, a lieutenant and paramedic with the Fort Wayne Fire Department. Mike has extensive experience in managing through stressful situations and will share points on managing through stressful times.

Our February event is a panel discussion on Succession Planning. In March, we have another nationally recognized speaker, Kyle Courtaway, who will speak on a very timely topic – Leadership Challenges in a Remote World. To wrap up the year, we are hoping to be able to get together in person, outside on a boat tour. Keep an eye out for more information and invites to register for these upcoming events. The full 2020-21 Calendar of Events is posted on the News page of the FEI Fort Wayne Chapter website.

Thank you to our strategic partners who have provided information on topics and speakers for this year's programs. Also, thanks to our membership for attending the sessions in this unconventional, mostly virtual, year.

The programming committee wants to hear from you! We welcome your feedback on the sessions this year. If you have topics/speakers you feel would be good for next year, please let us know.

Contact **ZACH SAUDER** at zsauder@ksmcpa.com or **SHELLY MUSOLF** at srmusolf@indianatech.edu.

NEW MEMBERS

FEI Fort Wayne welcomes Heidi Ludwig, Chief Operating Officer with Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, and Aaron Schaffer, Director of Finance with Impact CNC. Please take a moment to welcome them!

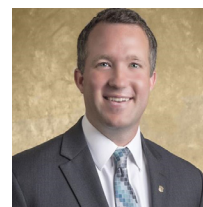
If you or a colleague are interested in learning more about membership, please contact **JOHN MINNICH** at john@johnjminnich.com or **260.250.3693**. For membership criteria: <https://www.financialexecutives.org/Become-a-Member/Membership-Criteria>.



HEIDI LUDWIG

Chief Operating Officer

Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne



AARON SCHAFFER

Director of Finance

Impact CNC

We want to thank our membership development committee. Comprised of both members and strategic partners, the team collaborates and supports one another as we invite new members to FEI. As John transitions to the role of chapter president effective July 1, 2021, an opportunity exists for a member to serve in the membership administrative role.

- Membership development committee liaison with (1) our chapter board, (2) chapter administrator, and (3) FEI national
- Collaborate with and support our members and partners as they identify prospects

With this administrative role, the individual coordinates and keeps the committee organized. You can count on our phenomenal Strategic Partners and committee members to identify prospects. It's that easy! You get to collaborate alongside amazing people all while enhancing your career! You have the full board support. If you are interested, please reach out to any of our board members or John.

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