



Dr. Deborah Turner honored as Accounting Leader by AWSCPA

[The Georgia Affiliate of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants \(AWSCPA\)](#) has selected Dr. Deborah Turner as the 2016 Legacies, Leaders & Luminaries Honoree. AWSCPA is a national network connecting and supporting today's women CPAs and those actively pursuing the designation through career and personal transitions by innovative training, customized mentorship and focused relationships. The honor will be conferred during a special awards dinner on January 7, 2016 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

Dr. Deborah H. Turner is being honored for over 30 years of leadership, accomplishments and impactful contributions to the accounting profession. She is the John and Wendi Wells Professor for Teaching Excellence and Associate Professor of Accounting. Her vast contributions to the field of accounting include articles and books; the development of innovative college courses, including the Bridge to Business Program, a joint program between Agnes Scott College and Georgia Tech's Scheller College and Best Practices in Teaching, a program initiative for second-year Ph.D. students. "Dr. Turner is a role model. She is the one that inspired a few of our members to become CPAs. Dr. Turner embodies all that the Georgia Affiliate of AWSCPA Legacies, Leaders & Luminaries Honor envisions," says AWSCPA of Georgia President Gloria Lewis, CPA, CGMA.

Dr. Turner's research interests include the areas of financial reporting and managerial decision making using cost-based information. She has published articles in a variety of journals including Management Accounting, Accounting Horizons, Advances in Taxation, Journal of Applied Business Research, and Issues in Accounting Education. "Debby's contributions to teaching and the greater accounting community are truly remarkable and we are proud to celebrate her leadership among our many outstanding faculty members at Scheller College," says Scheller College Dean, Maryam Alavi.

Dr. Turner has also been widely recognized for her teaching and her tireless commitment to the development of the next generation of CPAs. She is a past president of the AWSCPA of Georgia and has been the recipient of AWSCPA's Educator of the Year award, the AWSCPA Literary Award, the Georgia Society of CPAs' Accounting Educator of the Year award, the Hesburgh Teaching Fellowship, and the Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher award from Georgia Tech. In addition, she has received multiple teaching awards from the Undergraduate Program, Evening MBA Program, and Executive MBA Programs in the Scheller College.

AWSCPA began in 1933 as a group of nine women CPAs united in facing the challenges affecting women in the profession at that time. Over the years the organization has been a leader in addressing alternative work schedules, practice development, mentoring and female management styles. The Georgia Affiliate focuses on supporting women and enhancing their success, including providing vital support through all seasons of career and personal development.

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