



## Connecting Future Leaders 2019 Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Instructor	Topic
10/23	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Networking Reception		
10/24	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 1	Mike Goodfriend	<b>Personality and Self-awareness; Review of Birkman Assessment</b> (to create understanding of self)
10/31	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 2	Deanna Sullivan	<b>Effective Communications</b> (create understanding of how to effectively communicate)
11/07	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 3	Jamie Belinne	<b>Conflict Management</b> (create understanding of how to prevent conflict with others)
11/14	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 4	Donny Shimamoto	<b>Team Performance</b> (create understanding of the role of personality and communication on team performance)
11/21	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner	Roundtable Discussion	

## Accelerate

*To introduce and expose emerging leaders to various mentoring, networking and leadership opportunities within the profession and community through a professional development and networking program designed to enhance effective and necessary critical skills.*

In 2013 the **Houston CPA Society** developed a **four-week professional development and networking** program to enhance the critical skills necessary to be effective within your professions and communities. The 2019 program has been redesigned to center around executive leadership competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management.

**Program overview:** Each session will build upon the other, starting with an individualized personality assessment from The Birkman Method and self-awareness, followed by conflict management and interpersonal communications.

# Accelerate

**Accelerate** = “Connecting Future Leaders” Professional Development & Networking program

**Cost:** \$495

**CPE Credit:** 12 Hours (three hours per classroom instruction)

**Class Size:** Limited to 20 current and future leaders of the Accounting profession

## **Who can participate:**

- Certified Public Accountants, with at least six years of post-graduate, full-time work experience in public accounting or industry.
- CPA participants should be a current member in good standing of TXCPA Houston.
- Non-CPAs with a minimum of six years of post-graduate, full-time work experience may also apply.

If you or someone in your firm is interested in participating, email Member Services Coordinator Carol Spencer ([cspencer@houstoncpa.org](mailto:cspencer@houstoncpa.org)) for an application.

## **Accelerate format:**

*The one-month program consists of one session each week of the operating month. Enjoy a private happy hour to network with Society leadership and other members of the session the evening prior to program’s initial session; begin each weekly morning session (7:30 – 10:30 a.m.) on Thursday with breakfast and networking time before discussions. The program concludes with a dinner and roundtable discussion. Applicants may attend TXCPA Houston’s Leadership Webinar series later in the year.*

## **Program Alumni Benefits include:**

- Inclusion in an alumni directory that all alumni members will receive after each session (listing to include name, company, and email address)
- Access to a private, alumni-only LinkedIn sub-group
- Invitation to periodic, alumni-only events
- Enhanced exposure to leadership opportunities at area not-for-profits, including TXCPA and TXCPA Houston.

*For more detailed information on this newly revised program, contact Membership Manager **Carol Spencer** ([cspencer@houstoncpa.org](mailto:cspencer@houstoncpa.org) ; 713.622.7733 x320).*



Please direct applications to Carol Spencer no later than September 9, 2019.  
Email: [cspencer@HoustonCPA.org](mailto:cspencer@HoustonCPA.org)

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Firm/ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (personal) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Who referred you to the program? \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use my LinkedIn profile to review my work experience & qualifications

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use my attached resume to review my work experience & qualifications

Why do you want to participate in Accelerate?

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What do you hope to get out of the program?

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