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PROFILE: Kelsey Walton, CPA

Meet Kelsey Walton, CPA of GBQ Partners, LLC. Learn why she values her CPA credential, what she plans to do 10 years from now and how she remains active with The Ohio Society of CPAs.

- 1. When did you decide that you wanted to be a CPA?**
I knew that I wanted to become a CPA when I decided to go into the accounting profession because when I decide to do something - I like to give 100%. In this profession, that means having your CPA license.
- 2. What's the best thing about your job at GBQ?**
I enjoy the client interaction and the people that I work with every day.
- 3. Why do you think it's important to have your CPA credential?**
The CPA credential opens up so many possibilities. Most of the time, you will never be passed up for a promotion or turned away from a job because you have your CPA.
- 4. How do you remain active in The Ohio Society of CPAs?**
I have recently become involved with the OSCPA by joining the Young CPA Columbus event planning committee. I thought that the easiest way to become active, and stay active, was to join a committee.
- 5. What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?**
This is a very difficult question, but hopefully, I will be managing engagements and managing and developing people in the accounting profession.
- 6. What would you do if you won the lottery?**
I actually have this all planned out – something I like to dream about when the Powerball makes it over \$100M. To keep it simple – I would hire a lawyer, take the lump sum after tax, spend 10%, save 20% in the bank at a standard savings or money market interest rate, quit my job and volunteer in its place, invest 20% in the market, and start a non-profit that provides seed money to great business ideas.
- 7. Do you have any hidden talents? If so, what?**
This is an unfortunate answer that I wish was different, but no. Of course, I did everyone would know about it because I'm pretty much an open book.
- 8. When you are not working, what are you most likely to be doing?**
During busy season – working out and sitting on the couch. Off busy season – probably a lot of the same, but spending more time with friends and family.
- 9. What is your favorite 80's movie?**
Girls Just Want to Have Fun!
- 10. If you could meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?**
Today I would like to meet Jillian Michaels from the Biggest Loser so that she could design a personal killer workout for me! If I'm asked the same question tomorrow, I may answer it differently. This one is very hard!