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Payroll Education Reigns Supreme at the Canadian Payroll Association's Certification Celebrations

Certified Payroll Professionals and Alumni Toasted at Recognition Events and at National Conference and Trade Show

TORONTO (April 21, 2017) – Celebrating education has always been a priority for the Canadian Payroll Association (CPA). Built on a mission that supports ongoing professional development and improving professional knowledge, the CPA is finding even more ways to recognize the accomplishments of its [Payroll Compliance Practitioner](#) (PCP) and [Certified Payroll Manager](#) (CPM) graduates and alumni. This month, the Association saluted the more than 1,000 PCPs and CPMs who joined that Association's roster of more than 13,500 certified payroll professionals at 12 Certification Recognition Events across Canada.

And this June 13-16, at the CPA's [35th National Conference and Trade Show](#) in Niagara Falls, Ontario, the Association will host the first ever Education Awards luncheon for its delegates. The CPA's Conference remains the perfect forum for newly certified payroll graduates, alumni, and non-certified professionals in payroll, human resources and accounting to take in the latest education sessions on compliance, employment standards, strategic management and more. This year's Education Luncheon will feature a salute to new PCP and CPM grads, but will also provide insights into the value of payroll, rounded out by an engaging keynote address from Canadian finance expert, [Preet Banerjee](#).

The CPA continues to offer the *only* [payroll certification](#) programs in Canada. The PCP and CPM are recognized by employers as the gold standard in Canadian payroll education. Market research continues to show that **CERTIFICATION PAYS**. Robert Half's *Salary Guide for Accounting and Finance 2017* recommends that employers hiring for payroll should recruit PCPs and CPMs to ensure that employees have the necessary skills and knowledge for the job. Data from the *2017 Hays Canada Payroll Salary* survey showed that certified payroll professionals are paid \$10,000, or one full salary band, more than their uncertified peers.

The CPA used the April Recognition Events to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievement of new PCPs from each Canadian region. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were presented to the top three students who demonstrated outstanding academic excellence by earning the top marks in their regions for core PCP certification payroll compliance courses.

The CPA congratulates this year's regional award winners:

Atlantic Region: Margaret Squires, PCP (Gold); Kyle Munroe, PCP (Silver); and Marti Maguire, PCP (Bronze).

Greater Toronto Area: Sakae Mayama-Mastroianni, PCP (Gold); Angela Hann, PCP (Silver); and Dingyi Liu, PCP (Bronze).



Ontario Region: Mark Bennett, PCP (Gold); Suzanne Veloso, PCP (Silver); and Melissa Workman, PCP (Bronze).

Pacific Region: Joyce Lam, PCP (Gold); Parminder Mina Birring, PCP (Silver); and Monika Tegart, PCP (Bronze).

Prairie Region: Monica Ma, PCP (Gold); Hua (Teresa) Lin, PCP (Silver); and Grace Yeung, PCP (Bronze).

Quebec Region: Wendy Wang, PCP (Gold); Anna Gorelik, PCP (Silver); and Christyne Landry, S.C.P (Bronze).

“On behalf of the Canadian Payroll Association, I would like to congratulate our newly certified Payroll Compliance Practitioners and Certified Payroll Managers,” said Steven Van Alstine, Vice-President of Education at the CPA. “These payroll professionals have demonstrated their commitment to the payroll profession and delivering the highest standard of payroll compliance excellence in their organizations.”

For those considering certification, the Association offers a demo of the PCP platform through its [Visitor's Centre](#). For more information on the Canadian Payroll Association's [Certification Programs](#), [Benefits of Membership](#) and [Professional Development](#), visit payroll.ca / paie.ca. For members and interested parties wanting to attend Canada's only payroll-related conference, visit payroll.ca/CPA/Conference2017

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Canada's 1.5 million employers rely on payroll practitioners to ensure the timely and accurate annual payment of \$928 billion in wages and taxable benefits, \$313 billion in statutory remittances to the federal and provincial governments, and \$177 billion in health and retirement benefits, while complying with more than 200 federal and provincial regulatory requirements. Since 1978, the Canadian Payroll Association has annually influenced the payroll compliance practices and processes of over five hundred thousand organizational payrolls. As the authoritative source of Canadian payroll compliance knowledge, the Canadian Payroll Association promotes payroll compliance through education and advocacy. Visit payroll.ca for more information.

