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The Accounting Hall of Fame Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Special Fundraising Campaign

Lakewood Ranch, FL –The Accounting Hall of Fame (AHOF) announced the celebration of its 75th anniversary in 2025, commemorating a legacy of excellence and innovation in the field of accounting. With its three initial inductees in 1950, The Accounting Hall of Fame, now administered by the American Accounting Association, honors the most distinguished accountants who have made significant contributions to the academy and profession. To date, 120 individuals have been inducted into the AHOF.

As part of this historic milestone, The Accounting Hall of Fame, in conjunction with the American Accounting Association Foundation, has launched a fundraising campaign to build an endowment to fund the operations and programming of the AHOF for the next 25 years. The funds raised will support the AHOF's ongoing mission of recognizing and honoring the outstanding achievements of those who have made, or are making, significant contributions to the advancement of the accountancy profession and discipline of accounting, in any of its many fields. In addition, this endowment will ensure that the inspiring stories of AHOF inductees are available to a broader audience.

"We are pleased to celebrate 75 years of honoring excellence in accounting," said Mary Stone, Chair of The Accounting Hall of Fame Committee. "This anniversary not only marks our rich history but also sets the stage for our future endeavors. Through our fundraising campaign, we aim to ensure the legacy of The Accounting Hall of Fame and the integrity and advancement of the profession."

The 75th anniversary celebration will culminate in a celebration event to be held at the 2025 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. "We are grateful for the unwavering support of our community and look forward to celebrating this milestone with all our supporters," added George Krull, Chair of the American Accounting Association Foundation. "Together, we can continue to uphold the values of excellence, integrity, and innovation in the accounting profession."

For more information about The Accounting Hall of Fame's 75th anniversary and to contribute to the fundraising campaign, please visit <u>The Accounting Hall of Fame's</u> website or contact Steve Matzke, Director of Foundation & Sponsorships, at Steve.Matzke@aaahq.org.

The American Accounting Association is the largest community of accountants in academia. Founded in 1916, we have a rich and reputable history built on leading-edge research and publications. The diversity of our membership creates a fertile environment for collaboration and innovation. Collectively, we shape the future of accounting through teaching, research and a powerful network, ensuring our position as thought leaders in accounting.

The American Accounting Association Foundation was created in 2023. Its mission is to ensure a vibrant and thriving Accounting Profession. While it supports and expands the impact, reach, and efforts of the American Accounting Association, it also crosses boundaries within the Accounting Ecosystem. It is broader in scope and influence than any single professional association or organization supporting the accounting profession. To achieve its mission, the Foundation seeks incremental, new funding to support initiatives affecting Teaching Excellence, Research Relevance and Impact, Supporting Advanced Degrees in Accounting, Raising Awareness of the Accounting Profession, and Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Accounting Profession.

The Accounting Hall of Fame was established at The Ohio State University in 1950 to honor academic and practicing accountants from all sectors who have made significant contributions to the advancement of accounting and business. Inductees are selected based on their outstanding achievements, leadership, and influence on the profession. The Hall of Fame is committed to recognizing excellence and promoting the highest standards of integrity and education in accounting.