

Dear Columbus CPCU Chapter,

I am honored to represent you as Chapter President in 2016. This is going to be an exciting year for our Chapter and all CPCUs nationwide. We are expecting a record number of new designees as the excitement builds for the 2016 annual meeting in Hawaii. My theme for this year is *Put Your CPCU to Work For You!*

You worked hard to obtain your CPCU designation. The countless hours of studying, preparing and taking exams has either paid off, or will pay off soon if you are close to completing your CPCU journey. Since you put so much work into getting your CPCU, I challenge you to put your CPCU to work for you. Take advantage of all the things our chapter has to offer. Get involved! Whether you participate in our monthly education luncheons, charitable events, or social networking events, you'll find that putting your CPCU to work will open many doors for you.

Your chapter board of directors is currently planning many exciting opportunities for 2016.

We will provide you with targeted networking opportunities.

We will provide you with the opportunity to meet and connect with insurance professionals at our monthly luncheons and events. Networking and building new relationships can help you learn about other areas of insurance and establish connections with hiring managers and leaders who understand the value of the CPCU designation.

We will provide you with top notch education.

We will provide high caliber speakers at our monthly luncheons so you can learn from industry executives, business leaders in the community, and technical industry experts. Take advantage of our luncheons and insurance webinars to stay abreast on insurance trends and stretch your knowledge beyond your area of expertise.

We will provide you with awesome events that match your interests.

This year we'll be hosting our annual golf outing, and we are planning several exciting networking events. In addition to social events, we will provide you with ample opportunities to volunteer with others in our community.

I am proud of our Chapter, and you should be as well. We have earned gold Circle of Excellence recognition consistently for the past 10+ years. We have nearly 500 members comprised of insurance professionals from all the local companies. I urge you to continue your involvement or begin your journey with our Chapter. I look forward to seeing how you put your CPCU to work for you.

I have provided my direct phone number and email address below. Please reach out to me with any questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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