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Over 90 Percent of 2015 Elijah Watt Sells Award Recipients Prepared for the CPA Exam with Becker Professional Education

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DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Becker Professional Education, a global leader in professional education and a part of DeVry Education Group, today announced that 68 of the 75 Elijah Watt Sells Award recipients for 2015 prepared with Becker's CPA Exam Review course. Since the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) began naming award recipients in 2005, more than 90 percent of the winners have prepared for the exam with Becker's CPA Exam Review.

The prestigious award, named after CPA pioneer Elijah Watt Sells, is presented to candidates who earned a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination and passed all four sections on the first attempt. More than 90,000 candidates sat for the exam in 2015, of whom only 75 received the award.

Becker has helped more than one million candidates pass the CPA Exam by leveraging a combination of accomplished instructors, comprehensive and adaptive learning tools, and a unique array of study options designed to accommodate each candidate's lifestyle, work schedule and preferred learning methods. For one Watt Sells Award winner, studying for the CPA Exam with Becker was extremely helpful when he decided to make a career switch to accounting after working in finance for four years.

"Because of Becker's intimate knowledge of the CPA Exam, I spent most of my time planning ahead, staying organized and making the most of my limited time by focusing on the topics most likely to be on the exam," said Jason Ackerman, a senior associate at Wagner, Ferber, Fine & Ackerman and a 2015 Sells Award recipient. "It was an invaluable resource led by the best instructors who kept me engaged and motivated."

Becker's CPA Exam Review instructors combine years of teaching experience with real-world CPA, CFA and MBA experience to help candidates prepare for the CPA Exam. With guidance from national instructors like Tim Gearty, Peter Olinto, Angie Brown and Mike Brown, candidates have the opportunity to fulfill their goals of earning their CPA credential and, in turn, furthering their accounting careers.

“It is truly extraordinary that Becker has helped more than 90 percent of Watt Sells Award winners receive this prestigious award throughout the past decade,” said John Roselli, president of Becker Professional Education. “We believe it is a testament to the hard work of our candidates, but also a reflection of the quality of Becker’s course, our instructors and the dedication of our entire organization.”

To see a list of the Becker students honored with the 2015 Elijah Watt Sells Award, visit:

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