



The Public Purchaser

Newsletter

Southeast Texas Association of Public Purchasing

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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we go again! January, February, Purchasing Month! This year's virtual celebration included a game that not only challenged your mind, but your fingers! We definitely have competitive members in SETAPP! I think we need to have a challenge of the Agencies! City vs. County vs. State, etc.! I have really enjoyed learning to interact with the members virtually. Your Committee Chairs, Members and Board have really worked to come up with creative ways to keep the "life in the party". Let us know what you think! The most important part of SETAPP is being able to connect, learn and grow with each other! Let me know how I can help make that happen! Thanks to all that participated in our 1st Quarter Meeting. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated. I just can't say that enough. I've been a member of this awesome Association over 10 years and watched members migrate in and out and back in! With that migration comes great loss but also new friendships. I encourage each of you to continue participating in our activities and provide feedback to help us grow. We will work as much as we can to keep the interaction going between each other during our virtual meetings. I sure miss hugging you, but until then a good old virtual trivia challenge will do!

During our Purchasing Month celebration, we recognize the recipients of our awards and scholarships. Recipients receive \$500 which they can use towards their educational journey. It's exciting to see so many recipients! This year, the recipients of the Darcell Ambres Scholarship are Christy Browne, CPPB – Brazoria County, Nylia Carbone - City of Pearland, Cheryl Krejci, CPPB – Fort Bend County, and Veronica Pena – City of Pearland. Congratulation to each of you for receiving the scholarship. I wish each of you the best on your educational journeys! We are happy to have you as members and I love that your taking advantage of opportunities such as this! A few years ago, SETAPP created the Debbie Kaminski, CPPB Lone Star Conference Scholarship. This year's recipient is Christy Browne, CPPB – Brazoria County! Congratulations Christy! Enjoy the conference, take it all in. Meet new friends and enjoy every moment! And now for SETAPP's most prestigious awards, the Manager and Buyer of the Year. This year, the Manager of the Year Award goes to Christopher Burton, CTPM, CTCM, C.P.M., CPSM, MBA, CPPO – Houston Community College. The Buyer of the Year is Christopher Kaminski – Harris County. Congratulations to you both. The Manager and Buyer of the Year awards recognize our members for their contributions to their Chapter, Agency and NIGP. This is the year of the Chris's! Congratulations to you both for your outstanding work.

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Special thanks to Sandra Melancon, Damon Harris, CPPO, CPPB and the Elections Committee for managing our awards and scholarship program each year.

This quarter our meeting presenter was Rick Grimm, CEO of NIGP. Rick presented on the new NIGP-CPP certification. SETAPP has 3 NIGP-CPP certified members. Susan Lamendola, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Jack Adger, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP-CPP and myself. Each of us had our own experience taking the exam and meeting the requirements. If you are interested in the exam, reach out! If you are interested in a different certification or perhaps you are looking for procurement related study material or resources, let us know. Perhaps a fellow member has just what you are looking for!

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 17th. We will continue with our virtual meetings until further notice. We are also actively planning a professional development offering for our members. Be on the lookout for more information. If there is a topic you are interested in, reach out to our Education Chair, Ryan Varughese. He would be more than happy to hear from you.

We are all better together! If your agency has a job opportunity or you know of any type of opportunity that would benefit your fellow member, please let us know! We want to give you the most value for your membership. We are always seeking ways to do that. Your feedback is valuable to us. Until we meet again, stay safe and healthy mentally, physically, and emotionally!

Best of Luck Always!
Veronica



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Facebook!**

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**CONGRATS TO OUR
2021 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Darcell Ambres Scholarship:

Christy Browne, CPPB – Brazoria County

Nylia Carbone - City of Pearland,

Cheryl Krejci, CPPB – Fort Bend County, Veronica Pena – City of Pearland

Debbie Kaminski, CPPB Lone Star Conference Scholarship:

Christy Browne, CPPB – Brazoria County

CONGRATULATIONS



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Manager of the Year:

**Christopher Burton, CTPM, CTCM,
C.P.M., CPSM, MBA, CPPO – Houston
Community College**



Buyer of the Year:

**Christopher Kaminski – Harris
County**





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SETAPP WEBSITE TIPS



You can view/print
credits from the SETAPP Website!

Login to SETAPP, go to your Profile
Click on History and view all your credits!

You can also upload your record!

You can also view upcoming meetings,
update your profile/contact information
and check your membership status!

NIGP PRESS RELEASE

March 17, 2021

NIGP's Certification Commission is honored to recognize the following 9 public procurement professionals from the Lone Star State of Texas who attained their NIGP Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) during the February 2021 testing period:

- ▣ Ellen Ataie NIGP-CPP - Allen
- ▣ Barbara Coleman NIGP-CPP - New Braunfels
- ▣ Charlene Danel NIGP-CPP, CPPO - Austin
- ▣ Derrek Davis NIGP-CPP, CPPB - Elgin
- ▣ Veronica Douglas NIGP-CPP, CPPB - Houston
- ▣ Johnny Grimaldo NIGP-CPP, CPPB - Georgetown
- ▣ Jennifer Purser NIGP-CPP - Blue Ridge
- ▣ Ryan Quigley NIGP-CPP - Frisco
- ▣ Jorge Talavera NIGP-CPP - Austin

These awesome leaders add to the growing list of 28 Texans who have earned their NIGP-CPP since the first certification announcement in August 2020; the third highest concentration of certificants in North America.

To date, there are 369 NIGP-CPP leaders across North America, representing 35 U.S. states and 5 Canadian provinces.

Registration for the next two testing windows (May 2021 and August 2021) is currently available.

Individuals holding a current CPPO or CPPB designation from the UPPCC are qualified to take an abbreviated bridge exam (aka Module B); a requisite for earning this additional competency-based, leadership certification.

These individuals are reminded that the promotion of a free NIGP-CPP application and free first bridge exam ends on June 30, 2021. However, they can apply and register for the August 2021 testing period by the June 30th deadline and still receive these 2 free benefits. The promotion of a free, digital NIGP-CPP Bridge Study Guide also ends June 30th. Finally, the free virtual, instructor-led Bridge Prep course continues through June 30th or until the classes are full. The May Prep classes are closed; however, the June Prep classes may be available on a first come/first served basis.

Join NIGP for monthly informative webinars on the program or learn more by clicking [here](#).

**CONNECTING PROCUREMENT
COMMUNITIES**

**NIGP FORUM
August 23 – 26**

The Forum virtual event is a mix of live and pre-recorded sessions for you to hear inspiring speakers, attend thought-provoking educational sessions, engage in agency and topic-based networking, connect with suppliers, and of course to have some fun and celebrate.

20 Contact Hours

**NIGP Forum Leadership Summit
September 11 - 14 | Anaheim, CA**

(Registration includes full access to Forum virtual)

Our new Leadership Summit is like no other event hosted by NIGP, and another innovative offering that elevates our great profession. This inaugural meeting of the minds is designed to bring together procurement's most ardent advocates and innovative thought leaders for three days of transformative thinking and high impact collaboration. It's equal parts inspiration and perspiration with attendees expected to fully engage in productive dialogue and roll-up-your-sleeves working sessions.

34 Contact Hours
(includes 20 hours from Forum virtual)



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