



Ames Chapter Congratulates Two Chapter Members Selected as 2014 Excellence in Accounting and Finance Award Winners

Each year at its annual conference, the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) recognizes outstanding members with its Excellence in Accounting and Finance Awards. In 2014, two members of the Ames Chapter were recognized with awards: Kayla Sander received the Emerging Leader Award and Karen Jacobson received the President's Award.



Karen Jacobson, Catherine Mulder, Kayla Sander

The **Emerging Leader of the Year** Award recognizes an AFWA member age 35 or under who has set the standard of excellence in her professional life through leadership, mentoring and career achievement. Ms. Sander has been a member of AFWA and the Ames Chapter since 2010 and has been a leader in the chapter, including serving as program chair, vice president, and president. As a Senior Lecturer in Accounting at Iowa State University, she also is a leader in her workplace. Ms. Sander initiated the Young Woman in Business Conference, bringing in students, their parents and teachers to campus in an effort to improve the recruitment of women to the College of Business.

The **President's Award** is presented annually by the Immediate Past President of AFWA and is awarded to a distinguished member who has stood throughout her AFWA career to support both the organization as a whole and its leadership. This year, Catherine Mulder, Immediate Past National President, presented the 2014 President's Award to two distinguished members: Cheryl Heitz, Flagstaff Chapter and Karen Jacobson, Ames Chapter. Mrs. Jacobson has been an AFWA member since 1971 and is a founding member of the Ames Chapter. She has served the chapter as president (two terms), treasurer, and has held many other board positions. Mrs. Jacobson is currently serving on the board of The Foundation of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (the national philanthropic arm of AFWA) and has also served in other roles at the national level.

For more information about these and other 2014 Excellence Awards, see the AFWA Web site at:
<http://afwa.org/2014/10/08/2014-excellence-accounting-finance-award-winners/#.VEq-ju8tAfg>