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AWSCPA'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

DAYTON, OHIO -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) is pleased to announce that the Society's award of Educator of the Year was presented to Dr. Sharon Lassar, Ph.D, CPA on September 30th in Philadelphia at the organization's 2005 Joint National Conference. Lassar is an associate professor of accounting at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and an active member of the South Florida affiliate of the AWSCPA. Dr. Lassar has been involved in the development and delivery of FAU's online Executive Master of Taxation program. She is the 2005 recipient of the American Taxation Association/Deloitte Teaching Innovations Award and has been asked to present her award winning teaching innovations at its upcoming 2006 national meeting.

Dr. Lassar was one of the first academics to develop Internet list serves to speed communication of knowledge. Her operating guidelines have since been adopted by academics in Europe. She was appointed to the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel in 2001 and as a member of the steering committee panel, Dr. Lassar worked with the national taxpayer advocate; and as chair of the multilingual issues committee of the Panel. Dr. Lassar presented recommendations directly to the commissioner of the IRS. Sharon is a published authority on various elements of taxation; and her article, co-authored with Kenneth Orbach and Katherine Means, titled "Tax and Accounting Aspects of Liquidating a Partner's Interest" won the Best Article Award in 1999 for *Tax Adviser*, the magazine of the Tax Section of the AICPA. In the Fall of 2004, Dr. Lassar was appointed to the Tax Practice and Professional Responsibilities Committee of the AICPA. In Spring 2004, she developed a new undergraduate course titled a "Tax Practice" in order to train, test, and supervise students who participate in, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

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This course was developed in cooperation with the IRS and the Accounting Students Association; students volunteered over 1000 hours preparing tax returns in Spring 2004-2005.

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- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

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