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Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore, P.C. Announces 2011 Staff Promotions

Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore P.C., one of the Gulf Coast's leading CPA and business consulting firms, has announced several staff promotions.

Rachel Godwin, CPA has been promoted to Tax and Audit Services Manager. Ms. Godwin has been practicing public accounting for eight years, focusing on audits for governments, municipalities and non-profit organizations as well as accounting and tax services for small businesses and individuals. She attended the University of West Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Accounting Magna Cum Laude and a Masters of Accounting. A resident of Jay, Florida, Ms. Godwin maintains dual licensing in Alabama and Florida and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Alabama Society of CPAs and the Florida Institute of CPAs. She is also active in the Jay Chamber of Commerce and the Brewton Young Professionals.

Gia Long, CPA has been promoted to Audit Services Manager. Ms. Long graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's degree in accounting, and later returned to earn a Master of Accountancy. She has over twelve years of experience in public accounting, including seven years at a "Big 4" firm. Her professional expertise includes internal audits as well as audits, reviews and compilations for privately-held companies, not for profit organizations and governmental entities. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Alabama Society of CPAs and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Tiffany DeRoy, CPA has been promoted to Tax Services Supervisor. Ms. DeRoy attended the University of South Alabama, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Magna Cum Laude and a Master of Accounting. In recognition of her scholastic achievement, she was selected for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, an honor society for collegiate schools of business. She joined HB&K in 2008, and has a total of six years of public accounting experience. Prior to entering the accounting field, Ms. DeRoy served as an Aviation Store Keeper in the U.S. Navy, and was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Medal by the Secretary of the Navy for professional performance of duties.

William Rice, CPA has been promoted to Audit Services Supervisor. Mr. Rice earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Huntingdon College and a Masters of Accounting from the University of South Alabama. While attending Huntingdon College, he served in numerous leadership roles including President of IFC, which manages all the major Greek organizations on campus, and Vice-President of Kappa Sigma, a values-based men's fraternity. He joined HB&K in 2009, and has a total of five years of experience in public accounting.

Katye Coats, CPA has been promoted to Senior Staff Accountant. Mrs. Coats graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of North Alabama with a Bachelor's of Business Administration, and holds a Masters of Accounting from the University of South Alabama. She began her career with HBK in 2008, and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the American Institute of CPAs, the Alabama Society of CPAs and the Mobile Chapter of Young CPAs.

“We are pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these team members,” says Earl Blackmon, president of HB&K. “We strive to offer our clients the highest level of service and technical knowledge, and we owe much of our success to the hard work and dedication of our staff.”

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About Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore, P.C.:

Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore P.C. is one of the Gulf Coast's leading CPA and business consulting firms, and is ranked by *Business Alabama* as one of the top-tier accounting firms in the state. The company was founded in 1990 as a certified public accounting practice, and has expanded to include consulting services such as business valuation, litigation support and estate planning. HBK serves as a strategic partner to many of the leading businesses and municipalities in Baldwin and Escambia counties, as well as a variety of individuals and entrepreneurs.

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