

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS - SPRING 2025



New Associates

We are excited to announce and welcome the following additions to our professional staff.

- **Paul Meissner** joins BMF as an Assistant Controller in our CAAS group. He brings over 7 years of controllership/corporate accounting experience to the role and also has his JD from George Washington Law School. He currently resides in Shaker Heights with his wife and their three cats. In his free time, he loves cheering on any Cleveland sports team and long-distance cycling. He is looking forward to meeting everyone on the CAAS team and learning as much as he can.
- **Noah Nemier** joins our Tax Services team with a specialization in State and Local Tax. Noah has spent the last three years as a Tax Collector for the Canton City Tax Department and was previously a member of the US Air Force as a Security Forces Supervisor. He currently lives in Massillon with his wife and their three children, with one more on the way! He enjoys cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles, spending time with family, and working out.
- **Stacey Stuhldreher** is the newest member of our Client Accounting &

Advisory Services group as a staff accountant. She has spent the last year and a half at JOANN's as a staff accountant after graduating from the University of Akron in 2023. She loves going to country concerts and is looking forward to seeing Morgan Wallen again this summer. She's looking forward to starting in a new industry and working with a great team!

- **Dylan Todd** joins our Audit group as a senior accountant. He brings four years of public and corporate accounting experience, most recently from the JM Smucker Company. He resides in Canfield and enjoys golfing any chance he can get. He is also getting married this summer to his fiancé, Jamie. He's excited to join a positive and engaging team here at BMF.
- **Stephannie Lowe** is a new member of our Client Accounting & Advisory Services group as a Controller. She brings 10 years of controllership experience, most recently in the nonprofit and manufacturing industries. She lives in Massillon with her family and two dogs, Ginger and Roxy. She enjoys traveling and cheering for the OSU Buckeyes. She has been on the client side of BMF for 15 years and is excited to help grow our CAAS practice.
- **Brianna Wagner** joins the Operations team as our Marketing and Communications Specialist. Brianna has over six years of experience, including four years in accounting and financial services marketing. She enjoys exploring downtown Cuyahoga Falls with her boyfriend, hiking the trails at CVNP, and reading. She loves cheering for the Cleveland teams, especially the Browns and the Guardians.

Staff, Community & Recognition Updates

Help isn't only defined in a business context. We encourage our teams to invest in our communities, each other and ourselves. Here are some of the ways we're enhancing our efforts to support our local charities by continuing our roles as nonprofit agency leaders and investing in our individual growth and development. In addition to these initiatives, we're proud to recognize the achievements of our team. This Spring, we celebrated:

- **Mark Bober** has been named to [Forbes' 2025 Best-In-State CPAs](#) list, recognizing the top accounting professionals across the country. According

to Forbes, the Best-In-State list highlights CPAs with impressive track records in their specialties, who have broken barriers to emerge as leaders in their fields, contributed to advancing the CPA profession, and given back to society.

- **Marie Lenarduzzi** was elected to the Finance Committee of [Hospice of the Western Reserve](#). Hospice of the Western Reserve provides palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support, and bereavement services throughout Northern Ohio. In celebration of the individual worth of each life, they strive to relieve suffering, enhance comfort, promote quality of life, foster choice in end-of-life care and support effective grieving.
- **Jeff German-Lortie** has been appointed to Treasurer of the [Akron Physicians Wellness Initiative](#). Their mission is to provide barrier-free mental health services designed specifically for physicians and advanced practice providers.

Spring Is in the Air

As one year ended and another began, we had plenty to keep us busy! Check out what's been keeping us connected these past couple months:

- **2025 Business Volunteers Unlimited (BVU) Homeless Stand Down** - Team members Rick Fedorovich, Arielle Clark, and Maddie Braun volunteered at the [BVU Homeless Stand Down](#) at the Cleveland Public Auditorium on April 29. This event helped provide nearly 900 individuals, many of them veterans, with essential resources. Rick also serves on the board of directors for the BVU.
- **4/15 Celebration** - We had an incredible time celebrating the end of another successful busy season at Topgolf in Akron. It was great seeing everyone come together for some laughs, friendly competition, and appreciation for all the hard work our team puts in every day.
- **2025 Tax Squads Challenges** – Over the past few months, our Tax Squads participated in various challenges and events throughout Busy Season to bring everyone together. We even concluded with our own Busy Season Award Ceremony, celebrating the winning squads and their leaders:

- 1st Place – Steve Mazza
 - 2nd Place – James Skakun
 - 3rd Place – John Jenkins
 - **2025 BMF Scholarship Recipients** - We were honored to award three incredible students with BMF scholarships at recent university celebrations. Congratulations to Hannah Malbasa from Kent State University, who we're also excited to welcome as a tax intern next spring, Keely Shafer from John Carroll University, and Brooke Lohrke from Baldwin Wallace.
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