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Ada CPA Wins Top Financial Planning Award

OKLAHOMA CITY - A financial consultant and co-founder of Gaddis & Gaddis Wealth Management in Ada, Okla., received the highest financial planning award from the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants on Friday, Nov. 4, at the OSCPA's Financial Planning Conference in Oklahoma City.

Roger D. Gaddis, CPA, accepted the Outstanding CPA in Financial Planning award from the OSCPA's Personal Financial Planning Committee chairperson, Pat Milligan, CPA/PFS.

"I'm pleased to accept the Outstanding CPA in Financial Planning Award from the Oklahoma Society of CPA's," Gaddis said. "This award recognizes the growing importance of financial planning within the community of CPAs. Having a solid foundation as a CPA has allowed me to understand and respond to the needs of my wealth management clients."

Gaddis, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, began his career as a CPA in 1981 at Conoco in Ponca City, Okla. A member of the OSCPA for 24 years, he has served as chapter president and vice president of the Ada Chapter, which includes Hughes, Pontotoc and Coal Counties.

Gaddis has been a board member of The Salvation Army, the Ada Boys & Girls Club, Ada Youth Baseball and the Arbuckle Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He's a member of the East Central University President's Circle, and the Mercy Hospital Ada Circle of Friends. Additionally, he's been active in Kiwanis and Rotary. He's taught adult educational classes on personal finance at East Central University and at the Pontotoc Technology Center. A graduate of Leadership Ada, he now serves on Ada's Community Advisory Board, an organization that provides recommendations to the city on major capital investment projects. Further, he and his wife and business partner, Leigh Gaddis, recently donated two low-speed electric vehicles to ECU and Mercy Hospital Ada.

"This was an easy decision for Leigh and me," Gaddis said. "We recognize an opportunity to assist East Central University with its intercampus shuttle transportation and the donation to Mercy Hospital Ada for its employee raffle will help raise financial resources for the hospital foundation."

The electric cars are both Tomberlin Emerge LEs, which are street legal, all electric, low speed vehicles with a top speed of 25 miles per hour.

On the state level, Gaddis is a volunteer board member, appointed by Governor Mary Fallin, to the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, the organization that manages the \$11 billion pension fund for teachers and other public education employees. Additionally, he participates in the National Council on Teacher Retirement, an advisory group that supports retirement security for American teachers.

The Outstanding CPA in Financial Planning Award is sponsored by the OSCPA Personal Financial Planning Committee. The Award honors outstanding achievement and helps promote the CPA designation as the premier professional credential for financial planners.

With more than 6,500 members in public practice, industry, government and education, the OSCPA is Oklahoma's only statewide professional association of CPAs. For 90 years, the organization has continued to provide professional education, conduct quality reviews and promote and maintain high standards of integrity and competence within the accounting profession. Visit www.oscpa.com to learn more about member benefits or visit www.FindYourCPA.com for a free CPA referral and 30-minute consultation. This award is based on industry tenure, community involvement as well as a variety of other factors.