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NAPFA Selects Annual Award Recipients Chicago, IL –

The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), has chosen five leaders in the financial planning field as its 2020 awards recipients.

Scott Beaudin, CFP®, CPA/PFS, of Pathway Financial Advisors is the recipient of the Robert J. Underwood Award. This award is presented for outstanding service to the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors and the advancement of the practice of Fee-Only financial planning.

As a NAPFA volunteer, Scott consistently brings a measured, thoughtful perspective to discussions on important topics. During his tenure as part of the initial team developing NAPFA's first long-range framework and his term as NAPFA Board Chair, Scott has been an inspiring leader.

Colleagues agree, Scott lives the values of NAPFA through his work with clients, the way he has built his team and through his years of service as a volunteer leader.

Brian Pon, CFP®, EA, of Financial Connections is recipient of the NAPFA Inspiring Leader Award. This award recognizes members who have established a record of encouraging and motivating others in reaching their full professional potential.

Brian has a longtime history of service to NAPFA including his leadership of the Bay Area NAPFA Study Group. Many members have had their first real experience with NAPFA through Brian and his ongoing mentoring and encouragement.

He has continued to be an influential and well-respected mentor of the NAPFA community and "an outstanding and inspiring leader". All of which are hallmarks of this recognition.

Stephen Fletcher, CFP®, of BlueSky Wealth Advisors is recipient of the NAPFA New Professional Award. This award recognizes the achievements and contributions to the profession of young practitioner members of the association.

His deep knowledge base and expertise in the field provides his clients with peace of mind and serves as a welcome guide to fellow advisors as he helps them to grow into strong leaders.

Stephen also actively serves on the NAPFA Genesis Leadership Committee, helping to engage and equip the next generation of financial planners.

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Dr. Ruth Lytton, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is recipient of the Special Achievement Award. The award is given to non-members whose service greatly enhanced the environment for Fee-Only financial advisors or the profession.

Ruth has been the force behind building the financial planning program at Virginia Tech and has inspired a generation of financial planners. She and her students have been a steady presence at NAPFA, and other financial planning conferences and Ruth continues to make important contributions to the profession.

Michael Kitces, CFP®, MSFS, MTAX, of Nerd's Eye View/Kitces.com is also a recipient of the Special Achievement Award.

As a researcher, blogger, speaker, and author, Michael Kitces has spent his career furthering the profession of financial planning. Michael has built a platform that has amplified the need and supply for fiduciary based advice, always supporting the Fee-Only compensation model.

He continues to advocate for genuine fiduciary standards which protect Fee-Only advisors and consumers from non-fiduciary advice being given under the guise of financial planning.

"This year's award recipients comprise a truly accomplished group of professionals and educators," said Geoffrey Brown, NAPFA's Chief Executive Officer. "Each of them has found the time and energy to build their businesses, as well as provide mentorship, leadership, education and professional service. They are the personification of NAPFA ideals and have greatly contributed to financial planning."

If you are interested in speaking with one of these NAPFA Award recipients, please contact Angela Armijo, NAPFA's Sr. Marketing and Communications, at ArmijoA@napfa.org or 847-483- 5400, x124.

About NAPFA Since 1983, The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors has provided Fee-Only financial planners across the country with some of the highest standards possible for professional competency, comprehensive financial planning, and Fee-Only compensation. With more than 3,900 members across the country, NAPFA is the leading professional association in the United States dedicated to the advancement of Fee-Only financial planning. Learn more at www.napfa.org.

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