Influential Women Spotlights Amanda Reyelts, CPA: Building A Purpose-Driven Accounting Career And Life Without Regrets



TINLEY PARK, IL, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With 18 Years of Accounting Experience, Amanda Reyelts Combines Financial Expertise With a People-First Approach, Helping Business Owners Make Confident Decisions While Building a Career Aligned With Faith, Family, and Community

Joliet, Illinois – Amanda Reyelts, CPA, has spent the past 18 years developing a distinguished career in accounting, guided by technical expertise, strong relationships, and a genuine desire to help others succeed. From discovering her passion for accounting in a high school classroom to serving in a management role at Quinn & Company, Amanda has consistently looked beyond the numbers to understand the people, goals, and stories behind every financial decision.

Today, Amanda specializes in S-corporation tax strategy and advisory services, working closely with small business owners who need more than traditional compliance support. Her goal is to help clients understand their financial position, make informed choices, and create strategies that support both their businesses and their broader personal goals.

For Amanda, accounting has never been simply about preparing tax returns or balancing financial statements. She views the profession as an opportunity to build relationships and provide guidance that can make a meaningful difference in the lives of business owners.

“I want to treat my clients the way they deserve to be treated,” Amanda says, emphasizing the importance of combining her passion for accounting with her love for people.

A Work Ethic Inspired by Her Father

Much of Amanda's approach to work and life can be traced back to her father, whom she credits as her greatest inspiration. He began working at the age of 16 as a third-shift employee with little status within his organization. Through an extraordinary work ethic, determination, and commitment, he eventually worked his way into upper management and onto the Board of Directors, remaining with the same company throughout his entire career.

Watching her father build his career from the ground up taught Amanda the importance of hard work, ambition, perseverance, and preparation. He also served as her sounding board, helping shape the business sense and drive that have become defining characteristics of her professional life.

Amanda lost her father 12 years ago, when he was only 50 years old. She was 29 at the time. Although his passing was an incredibly difficult experience, it profoundly influenced how she approaches both her career and her life.

Her father was a planner who spent much of his life preparing for retirement and the future. Yet he never had the opportunity to enjoy the plans he had made. His experience left Amanda with an enduring lesson: planning matters, but so does making the most of today.

Planning for Tomorrow While Living for Today

One of the most important pieces of career and life advice Amanda has embraced is simple: live life to the fullest and live with no regrets.

Earlier in her life, Amanda says she was cautious and often afraid of what the future might bring. Losing her father changed that perspective. While she continues to believe strongly in planning, she also recognizes that there may never be a perfect moment to pursue a dream, embrace an opportunity, or spend time with the people who matter most.

For Amanda, the perfect moment is now.

That philosophy has influenced the way she approaches her career, her family, her faith, and her long-term entrepreneurial goals. She understands the importance of preparing for the future while refusing to postpone life in the process.

Encouraging Young Women to Pursue Their Goals

Amanda also hopes to inspire young women entering the accounting profession and other demanding careers. Her message is to establish goals and plan intentionally, but not to put life on hold while waiting for the ideal circumstances.

She encourages young women to embrace opportunities, pursue professional ambitions, enjoy the journey, and make decisions that allow them to build successful careers without sacrificing

the experiences and relationships that make life meaningful.

Her own journey demonstrates that professional success does not have to exist separately from personal fulfillment. Instead, Amanda believes it is possible to build a meaningful career while remaining committed to family, faith, community, and personal growth.

Seeing Opportunity in Leadership and Ministry
Balancing professional responsibilities with family and ministry represents one of the biggest challenges Amanda faces. Yet it is also an area where she sees tremendous opportunity.

For more than a decade, Amanda has served in leadership roles within her church. Her involvement has included teaching high school Sunday school, serving as a lay servant, and occasionally filling in for the pastor during worship services.

She is particularly passionate about investing in teenagers and young adults. Amanda believes this age group can sometimes be overlooked within ministry, even though the teenage and college years are critical for establishing a strong foundation of faith, purpose, character, and leadership.

She sees an opportunity to help young people develop those foundations as they prepare to enter adulthood and ultimately shape the future.

A Life Built Around Faith, Family, and Service
At the heart of Amanda's personal and professional philosophy is a clear hierarchy of priorities: faith first, family second, and work third.

That framework does not diminish the importance of her career. Instead, it provides Amanda with the perspective she needs to ensure that professional ambition remains aligned with what matters most to her.

She also understands the difficulty of balancing multiple responsibilities. When the demands of career, family, and ministry become stressful, Amanda relies on her faith and the support of her husband, whom she describes as her rock.

Together, they approach life as a team, balancing one another and recognizing the importance of making time for family and downtime.

Building a Future Accounting Practice
Looking ahead, Amanda is working toward building her own accounting practice. Her vision is to create a business centered on exceptional client service, meaningful relationships, and practical financial guidance.

She hopes to bring together the different aspects of her experience and personality—her

passion for accounting, business strategy, mentorship, service, and people—into a practice where clients feel genuinely valued and supported.

Her experience on both the public accounting and private industry sides of the profession has given her a broader understanding of what business owners encounter. That perspective allows her to approach client challenges from more than one angle and provide advice grounded in practical experience.

As Amanda continues building toward her entrepreneurial goals, she remains committed to maintaining the balance that has become central to her definition of success.

For Amanda Reyelts, success is not measured solely by professional accomplishments. It is reflected in the ability to serve clients well, mentor others, contribute to her community, nurture her family, strengthen her faith, and pursue meaningful goals without waiting for tomorrow.

Her father's example taught her how to work hard and plan for the future. His passing taught her an equally important lesson: life is happening now.

Amanda carries both lessons forward, building a career and a life defined by purpose, service, ambition, and the determination to live without regrets.

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