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NATP announces 2022 Chapter Person of the Year

Surekha Vaidya selected for outstanding service to California chapter

APPLETON, Wis. (July 26, 2021) – Each year, one member of an NATP chapter is selected as the Chapter Person of the Year. This person is seen by their peers as an indispensable member who symbolizes volunteerism by putting forth an honorable effort to support members, their chapter and NATP. This year's award is presented to Surekha Vaidya of the California chapter of NATP.

Vaidya has been an NATP member since 2016, serving as a member of the California chapter's board for just as long. She is currently serving as the vice president and education chair. With 26 years of professional tax preparation experience, Vaidya earned her enrolled agent designation in 1996.

"I was very pleasantly surprised, honored and grateful when I found out I was named Chapter Person of the Year," Vaidya said.

NATP California chapter's board president Becki Nunez said there is no one more deserving of this honor.

"Surekha has inspired many over her past years as a board member on the state level," Nunez said. "She has a 'no quit' attitude in times that our chapter has struggled and has been the person to hold this chapter together. She's a great role model and goes above and beyond to make sure all who are in her presence feel welcome."

Vaidya exemplifies the traits of Chapter Person of the Year in more aspects than one, Nunez said. Her tax knowledge and enthusiasm for the profession spill over to her volunteerism, and she understands what kind of education will best help her chapter members and works to provide those opportunities with care finding the best presenter for the topic at hand.

The Chapter Person of the Year award was presented at this year's NATP [Taxposium](#) on July 25 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Chapter Person of the Year is one of my favorite awards to deliver because the winner is always someone who is dedicated to the profession and works regularly to make their community a better place to practice," said Jennifer Van Elzen, NATP director of member relations and analytics. "It's safe to say Surekha has had a big hand in the California chapter's success in 2022."



(Pictured: Surekha Vaidya, NATP Chapter Person of the Year – 2022)

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