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National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) announces 2025 Member of the Year

APPLETON, Wis. (July 21, 2025) – The National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) proudly announces Katherine (Katie) Gudel as its 2025 Member of the Year, recognizing her exceptional contributions to the tax profession and community.

Gudel, an enrolled agent since 2015, specializes in tax preparation services for seniors and trusts through her practice, [Gudel Professional Services](#), located in Mesa, Arizona. She began her career as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer in 2011. She expanded her practice to include daily money management services, highlighting her deep commitment to helping clients navigate complex financial situations.

"Katie embodies what this award is all about... professional excellence combined with genuine care for her community and clients," said Jennifer Van Elzen, NATP's director of Member Relations and Analytics. "Her specialized knowledge in serving senior taxpayers and her commitment to volunteerism truly set her apart. We're thrilled to recognize her as our 2025 Member of the Year."

The NATP Member of the Year award recognizes one individual annually who exemplifies dedication to the tax preparation industry, demonstrates exceptional community involvement, and consistently supports NATP's mission, vision and values. Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected based on their impact within the tax professional community.

Gudel was recognized in person at NATP's Taxposium event at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, held July 21-23, 2025.

To learn more about NATP or to schedule an interview, contact [Samantha Strong](#).

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Looking for a tax expert? Tom O'Saben, EA, director of tax content and government relations at the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), is available for phone or video interviews to discuss federal tax topics including tax law change and its implications, taxpayer issues, tax preparer regulation and more. To schedule an interview with O'Saben, contact sstrong@natptax.com or nkasten@natptax.com.

