

Bethany McCluster  
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Bethany McCluster is a highly skilled and dedicated tax professional with a passion for helping individuals and businesses achieve financial clarity and success. With years of experience in accounting, tax reporting, and process optimization, Bethany combines her technical expertise with a personal commitment to integrity and service.

Currently a Staff Accountant and Tax Specialist at Barker Specialty, Bethany is responsible for preparing financial reports, managing tax filings, and offering strategic recommendations to enhance tax policy and improve financial efficiency. She also brings valuable experience from her previous roles, including Project Accountant at Convergent Technologies, Assistant Branch Manager at Newtown Savings Bank, and Bookkeeper at Melisi Bookkeeping. In each of these roles, she demonstrated a strong ability to optimize cash flow, ensure compliance, and drive operational improvements.

In addition to her professional work, Bethany is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, offering free tax preparation services to low-income individuals and families, helping them navigate the complexities of tax filing with ease. Bethany also serves as the Chairwoman of FUEL, a subsidiary of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, where she leads initiatives to support local businesses and foster community growth.

Outside of her professional and volunteer work, Bethany is an avid gardener, enjoying the peace and fulfillment that comes from nurturing plants and cultivating a thriving garden. She is also a devoted follower of Christ, integrating her faith into both her personal and professional life as a guiding principle for service, compassion, and ethical conduct.

Bethany holds a Bachelor of Science in Business, with a concentration in Accounting, from Capella University, as well as an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Naugatuck Valley Community College. Her commitment to excellence, service, and faith-driven leadership makes her a trusted professional and a valued community member.