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## EDUCATION

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2011 - 2014

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

## SKILLS

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- Financial leadership
- Automation
- AI Process Design
- SEC Reporting
- Leadership
- Strong communication
- Critical Thinking

## SYSTEMS & TECH

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- Workday Financials
- SAP
- OpenAI & Gemini Agentic AI
- Python
- Google Workspace
- Microsoft Office

# BENNETT BERNARD, CPA

## ACCOUNTING LEADER

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## PROFILE

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Action-oriented CPA and senior accounting leader with over 10 years of experience driving financial excellence, process redesign, and technology adoption within high-growth environments. Proven ability to lead cross-functional teams, enhance SEC reporting, and implement automation tools that eliminate inefficiencies and reduce costs. Skilled in Python, SQL, and modern accounting systems. Seeking an executive track role focused on scaling operations through innovation and collaboration.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Zillow** 12/2020 - PRESENT  
Senior Accounting Manager
  - Led team of 6 staff and 1 manager through three-day month-end close cycles, ad hoc projects, and annual audits.
  - Drove implementation of novel journal entry automation integration that processed over 50,000 journal entries, reducing manual effort by approximately \$140,000 in time savings.
  - Implemented audit paper automation tool, significantly reducing financial statement preparation and review time, resulting in approximately \$20,000 per year in time savings.
  - Developed team members on automation and use of AI in accounting functions
  - Led finance-wide lunch and learn program designed to upskill team members and encourage cross-sharing of information with average attendance approximating 110 team members
- **Capital Group** 03/2019 - 12-2020  
Lead Accountant
  - Served as Controller for FINRA-regulated entity, overseeing month-end close and all regulatory monthly and quarterly filings.
  - Led improvements in compliance process and internal reporting standards.
- **LoanDepot** 09/2016 - 03-2019  
Accounting Manager
  - Managed corporate accounting team to improve month-end close processes and explain monthly fair value accounting variances to senior management.
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** 08/2014 - 08/2015  
Assurance Associate
  - Performed financial statement audits for clients in the tech and financial services industry.