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**Chet Walden Scholarship  
Certified M&A Professional Program**

The M&A Source's [Certified M&A Professional Program](http://masource.org/education/certified-m-a-professional-program) (<http://masource.org/education/certified-m-a-professional-program>) is offered by the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. The inaugural five-day program, which was presented at the Coles College campus in March 2015, received rave reviews and was attended by M&A professionals from the United States, Canada and Africa.

The curriculum, dedicated to privately held businesses, covered all phases of a successful M&A transaction – transaction validation and diligence; business valuation; financial analysis and tax planning; private equity funding; deal structuring and negotiations, and a special focus on best practices in M&A intermediation and consulting.

2012 M&A Source Chairman Chet Walden was instrumental in introducing Coles College to The M&A Source and cementing the mutually beneficial relationship that led to the creation of the Certified M&A Professional (CM&AP) program. In honor of Chet, Coles College generously created and donated a scholarship in Chet's name.

Kelly Park, a member of the M&A Source and a lower middle market intermediary at Dailey Resources, Inc. in Texas, was the winner of the Chet Walden Scholarship awarded by Coles College.

The M&A Source and Coles College of Business would like to graciously acknowledge [Huron Capital](#) for their financial support and generous donation to offset expenses of the winner of the Chet Walden Scholarship.

Pictured left to right:  
Michael S. Salvador (Director of Executive Education Programs at Coles College of Business) Kelly Park, Chet Walden Scholarship winner, and J. Larry Stevens (Co-Director of Coles College of Business Mergers & Acquisitions Academy).

