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Local Financial Professional earns new Certified College Planning Specialist designation

Robert R. Shampine, Jr., an Oakland county-based financial planning professional located in **Lake Orion** with **Innovative Wealth Strategies, LLC**, has earned the Certified College Planning Specialist (CCPS) designation from the National Institute of Certified College Planners. There are fewer than 500 Certified College Planning Specialists in the country.

“Financial planners and investment advisers that have made the investment in time, education, and training to become genuine experts in college planning deserve special recognition,” says Rick Darvis CPA, principal of College Funding Inc. and one of the nation’s preeminent experts on planning for college. “The CCPS designation helps to distinguish those professionals that have made that commitment.”

The National Institute of Certified College Planners (www.niccp.com) restricts the CCPS designation to registered investment advisers, licensed securities agents, CPAs, attorneys, and other higher education professionals that assist families in preparing for the financial cost of sending children to college. The organization provides educational resources and support to CCPS candidates and designees, including training and testing in the areas of paying for college, saving for college, and advanced college funding strategies.

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The National Institute of Certified College Planners (NICCP), founded in early 2002, is dedicated solely to the administration and maintenance of the Certified College Planning Specialist (CCPS) designation program. The NICCP web site, www.niccp.com, features a listing of all current and active CCPS designees. The mission of the NICCP is to advance the principles of financial planning for higher education through providing recognition and support to those experienced financial professionals who devote a large portion of their practices to helping families plan financially for college.