Since 2012, six Boston College students have earned the Elijah Watt Sells Award, two in 2012, and four in 2015. The award is given to CPA candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, passed all four sections of the examination on their first attempt and completed all testing within the same calendar year. Over 92,000 individuals sat for each of the examinations in 2012 and 2015, with 39 and 75 candidates, respectively, meeting the criteria to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award. The winners from 2012 and 2015 are listed below.

Anthony Salomone (New York), is a 2012 graduate of Boston College with a BS in Accounting and Finance, and is employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in New York.

Mark Stankevitz, (Massachusetts) is a 2012 graduate of Boston College with an MS in Accounting, and is currently employed with Smith & Nephew.

Marcos E. Carreño (Massachusetts), is a 2015 graduate Boston College with an MBA and MS in Accounting, and is employed with Andersen Tax in Boston, MA.

Courtney Folgeman (Massachusetts), is a 2015 graduate of Boston College with an MS in Accounting, and is employed with KPMG LLP in Boston, MA.

Jiaqi Gong (Massachusetts), is a 2015 graduate of Boston College with an MS in Accounting, and is employed at Unilever Food Solutions in Shanghai, China.

Mark Bogdan Piorkowski (New York), is a 2015 graduate of Boston College with a BS in Management, and is employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in New York.
The following graphs show statistics comparing Boston College with the national CPA pass rates.

The above table represents the overall pass rate. Overall pass rates are calculated by dividing the total number of successful attempts by the total attempts in all four parts of the exam.

The above table presents the overall pass rates for first-time exam candidates only.
The above table represents the overall pass rates for first-time candidates who took the exam within one year of graduation.