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Member Anniversary Milestones

Happy Anniversary to some of our incredible members celebrating their involvement with the IIA + our FWC chapter.

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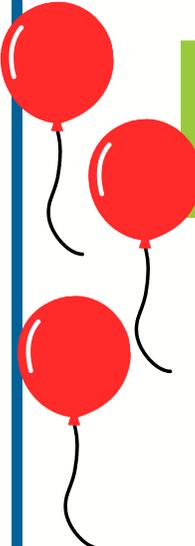
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FWC Member Spotlights

Are you a chapter member interested in being featured in an upcoming Member Spotlight? We highlight personal insights to give you the chance to share your learned experiences out to the wider members of the chapter!

Anniversary Milestones

Join us in acknowledging and congratulating your fellow members celebrating commitments to our industry!



20+ Years

Karla Acevedo
Eram Ahmed
Melissa Battstone
Jacqueline Borneo
Kenneth Borges
Elizabeth Brogan
Berina Fazlic-Frljak
Nancy P. Hardy
Gloria V. Katsafaros
Jean Francois M. Nahas
Laura Phin
Heidi Pinner
Michael Shaughnessy
Nina Rachel Seenath
Steve Simmons
Tammy Wakeman

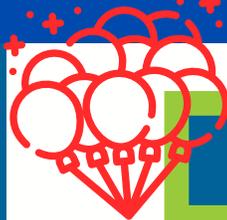
15 Years

Andrew Broughton
Benjamin Davis
Matthew Demler
Shakera Fernander-McNeil
Jeanette Hoven
Timothy Kremer
Brad Lowry
Orin Nelson
Robert Olive II
Anna Pickeral
Charles Pollack
Dianne Rowland
Bernardo Silva
Amanda Spack
James Tarala
Jena Valerioti
Kadie Weyer
Matthew Winfield
Stefanie Wiseman



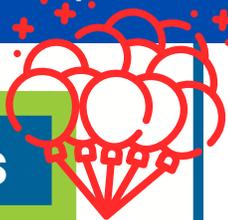
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10 Years

Tara Banducci
William Campbell
Winston Campbell
Lilia Consuelo DiGuglielmo
Darcy Eckert
Stephen Fuller
Caroline Higdon
Stephen Jones
Viviana Lauke
Marie Leon
Jessica Markun
Alfredo Miranda
Sarah Reekstin
Daniela Xara
Danielle Sinclair
Chiara Siu
Michiko Strang
Justin Thomas
★ Christopher Vergamini
Maria Vasina



5 Years

Robert Becker
Vincelle BonCamper
Ingrid Carvajal
Megan Crawford
Ava Doraisamy
Aaron Ferry
Alexander Freitas
Jacquelyne Gilbert
Kristen Glor
Amanda Irace
Hampton Jackson
Rheah McLendon
Samuel Mullings
Shawn O'Brien
Jonatan Pizarro
Norberto Rosa Quinones
Alejandra Cris Rodriguez
Avy Smith



Membership & Certifications

New Certifications

Dec '25 - Jan '26

Big congrats to each of our members recent outstanding achievements:

Tyler Speight

Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)

Robert Burns III

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Leslie Marone

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Jessica L Rodriguez

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Welcome New IIA FWC Chapter Members: December '25 & January '26

- Cole Brown**
- Maria Diaz**
- Brian Gardner**
- Rory Gower**
- Emma LeTourneau**
- Kyrisa Lloyd**
- Eric McCulloh**
- Valerie Morales**
- Jaime Negron**
- Josiah Renda**
- Lari Scheu**
- Bill Sullivan**
- Reece Thomas**
- Matthew Werthmiller**
- Edward Williamson**
- Alexis Wyche**

IIA Membership: Guidance, Growth, & Global Connections

IIA membership gives more than credentials. You get exclusive access to trusted guidance, global thought leadership, and cross-industry networking. Explore benefits to advance professional development keeping your skills and your career moving forward.

Dive into the full range of benefits!



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Contact FWC communications if you'd like to be featured in a future Member Spotlight!





Virtual

In-person

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

3/18/26 - Not-For-Profit Industry Spotlight

Sponsor: **Cherry Bekaert**

Location: **Demisar Workspace Training Room (1 Floor)**

Time: **7:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Cost: **\$85/person (member) | \$95/person (non-member)**



[Click Here to Register](#)

3/26/26 - CAE Roundtable

Launching AI Agents in Internal Audit: How CAEs are Deploying Today

Sponsor: **Frazier Deeter**

Location: **Tampa Club**

Time: **8:00 am - 11:00 am**

Cost: **\$35/person (member) | \$45/person (non-member)**



[Click Here to Register](#)

5/14/26 - 4 Hour CPE Event on Auditing and AI

Location: **Signature Event Space in Wesley Chapel**

Time: **8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Cost: **\$85/person (member) | \$95/person (non-member)**

Registration will open soon!

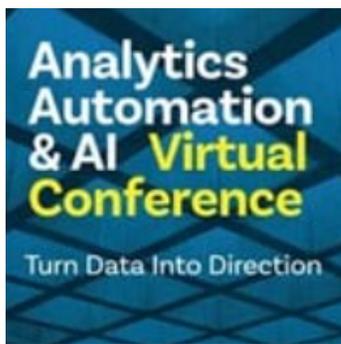


➤➤➤ IIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES



Mar 09 - 11, 2026 | Las Vegas, Nevada

The premier conference for senior audit leaders to exchange strategies and elevate their role as trusted advisors in a rapidly evolving risk landscape.



Apr 07, 2026 | Virtual

Build analytics, automation, and AI competencies internal auditors need to deliver deeper assurance and smarter insights.



Apr 19 - 21, 2026 | Orlando, Florida

Students, educators, and internal audit professionals convene for a competitive case study challenge, career development resources, and networking.



Jun 22-24, 2026 | Singapore

Join the IIA in person **and** virtually as they bring together experts from across the globe to address key and emerging issues impacting the profession.

[Overviews](#)

IIA Leader Spotlight

The **IIA Leader Spotlight** segment carves out details from our chapter demographic - from the vantage point of senior audit leaders. The goal is to capture and distribute ideas, key career moments, inspirations, and nuggets of advice out to all members.

Get to know Chris, the VP of IA at Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) who stresses relationships in our profession.



CHRIS VERGAMINI

*Vice President of Internal Audit,
Hillsborough County Aviation
Authority (HCAA)*

Q Tell us about how you became a CAE?

A I began in audit with a simple goal to understand how businesses operate and make sure they do so with integrity. Early on, I focused on building a strong foundation in risk, controls, and financial assurance, which taught me the value of curiosity, discipline, and attention to detail. As I progressed through roles at KPMG, Wells Fargo, and Citi, I embraced increasingly complex challenges leading audits, improving processes, and translating risk into actionable insights. Along the way, I realized that internal audit isn't just about identifying issues, it's about enabling better decisions and creating real organizational impact. That perspective, combined with a commitment to continuous learning and building strong teams, guided me to a CAE role.

Q What inspired you to move to Internal Audit?

A I was drawn to internal audit because it sits at the intersection of risk, operations, and strategy. I like understanding how organizations work and helping strengthen them by identifying gaps before they become problems. Internal audit also appealed to me because it requires both independence and collaboration. You're expected to ask tough questions, but with the goal of adding value and improving outcomes, not just pointing out issues.



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Q&A spotlight details!



Q What has been the most pivotable moment in your career?

A Seeing team members I mentored and coached take on bigger roles and earn promotions. Early in my career, I focused heavily on developing my own skills, but I quickly realized that true leadership is about empowering others to grow. Watching talented professionals I worked with step into greater responsibilities reinforced the importance of mentorship, delegation, and creating opportunities for others to succeed. Those experiences shaped my approach as a leader and remain the most rewarding aspects of my career.

Q What are your top CAE priorities?

A My top priorities as a CAE are to provide independent, risk-focused assurance to the board and management, ensure the audit plan is aligned with the organization's most critical and emerging risks, and maintain strong audit quality and independence. Equally important is building a high-performing audit team and communicating insights clearly so stakeholders can act on them.

Q What advice would you give our members?

A Focus on building a strong foundation of technical skills while also developing business acumen and strategic thinking. Take ownership of your work, seek out challenging assignments, and don't be afraid to ask questions or speak up. Building relationships is just as important as mastering audit techniques, because trust and communication are key to influencing and adding value. Stay curious and embrace continuous learning as technology, regulations, and risks are constantly evolving, and the most effective auditors adapt and grow alongside them.



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Vice President of Internal Audit,
Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA)



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»»» IIA FWC Member Spotlight

The unique **IIA FWC Member Spotlight** series shares individual details across our chapter; offering a glimpse into the journey each of you experience. We highlight personal insights and learn about impacts through the IIA and our chapter.

THIS CAN BE YOU



YOUR NAME

IIA FWC Member
YOUR ROLE

Q What is your current role & what do you enjoy most?

A Tell the members what you do, where you do it, what you accomplish, and maybe even the group or team members who share your daily work.

Of all the things you do each day – what do you find most interesting? Why? Share the challenges you love tackling. What do you hope to learn?

Expand on your latest interests.

Q How has the FWC chapter & IIA impacted you?

A How did you find yourself involved with the IIA?

Did someone guided you to the chapter? Who? Tell us more!

Share what you get from being involved – how has it shaped your path?

3 EASY STEPS:

1. **email us with your interest**
2. **we email you a questionnaire**
3. **you email your responses**



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‘Social Support’

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