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The Institute of  
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Louisville

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## Louisville IIA Chapter News



# Message From The President



### Dear IIA Louisville Chapter Members,

As we welcome the new year, I would like to extend warm wishes to each of you for a happy, healthy, and successful 2026. I hope you were able to enjoy the holiday season and spend meaningful time with family, friends, and loved ones. As we begin January, it is a great time to reflect, reset, and look ahead to the opportunities the coming year will bring for our chapter and our profession.

I continue to serve as acting president while Myhanh Pham, our Chapter President, remains on medical leave. She continues to endure ongoing health challenges, and on behalf of the board and our membership, I ask that you please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We are grateful for the strong leadership foundation she has provided and look forward to her return when she is able.

Our recent programming has focused on the rapidly evolving role of artificial intelligence in internal audit. December's session on *Auditing Artificial Intelli-*

*gence* provided valuable insight into the risks, controls, and audit approaches surrounding AI. Building on that foundation, I'm excited to share that our upcoming January event will focus on real-life AI use cases in Internal Audit. This session will explore how AI can be leveraged to analyze vast amounts of financial data, assist with drafting audit scopes, risk and control matrices, and reports, as well as identify any data anomalies. This is a natural and timely transition from understanding how to audit AI to learning how we, as auditors, can responsibly and effectively use it to enhance our own work.

As always, I encourage you to attend, participate, and engage in the discussions. These conversations are critical as internal audit continues to adapt to new tools and expectations while maintaining strong governance and professional judgment.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our volunteers, officers, and committee members for their continued dedication. Your efforts behind the

scenes ensure that we are able to provide high-quality CPE opportunities, relevant programming, and meaningful networking for our members. If you are looking for ways to get more involved in the new year, we would welcome your interest and participation.

Thank you again for your continued support of the IIA Louisville Chapter. I look forward to connecting with you at our January meeting and throughout the year ahead as we continue to learn, grow, and strengthen our professional community together.

Warm regards,

**K. Robert Stutsman**  
Vice President

(Acting Chapter President)  
IIA Louisville Chapter

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The newsletter will be published monthly from September 2025 through May 2026. If you have a request for a submission please email the information to [stthomas@republicbank.com](mailto:stthomas@republicbank.com) and your submission will be included in the next month's issue

December Monthly Meeting—Hybrid

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Please register for this session by Noon on January 12th to secure your spot.

**Meeting Time:** 12pm—1pm (All IIA Louisville Chapter Events are held on Eastern Time.)  
*Networking and Check-In 11:30a-12p*

**CPE Credits:** 1 hour

<b>Cost:</b>	IIA Member Virtual:	\$15	
	Non-Member Virtual:	\$20	
	IIA Member In-Person:	\$25	
	Non-Member In-Person:	\$30	
	Student In-Person:		Free
	Student Virtual:		Free

**Location:** Virtual — Register below to receive call-in details

In-Person @ Dean Dorton (ShelbyHurst Campus)  
435 N Whittington Pkwy Suite 400, Louisville, KY

VENUE UPDATE: Dean Dorton now has a visitor policy where all visitors must check-in and receive a visitor's badge upon arrival. All in-person attendees should arrive no later than 11:45am Eastern to allow enough time to complete the check-in process.

**Registration:** [Here](#)

**Speaker(s):** Jacqueline Sheerin and James Schelke

**Presentation Title:** Real Life AI Use Cases in Internal Audit

**Presentation Summary:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming industries, including internal auditing, by offering powerful tools that can enhance efficiency and accuracy. In this presentation we will explore key AI use cases for internal auditors including its ability to analyze vast amounts of financial data, draft scope documents, RCMs, reports, etc., and identify data anomalies. This will focus on examples of how to leverage different AI tools in your day-to-day life as an internal auditor. Further we will discuss how through Integrating AI into auditing processes, internal auditors can focus on high-risk areas, streamline operations, and provide deeper insights into organizational performance.

**Speaker Bio(s):**

**Jacqueline Sheerin** is a seasoned internal audit professional with over a decade of experience in auditing, risk management, and compliance. Throughout her career, Jacqueline has demonstrated a strong ability to deliver insightful and strategic audit solutions that enhance organizational effectiveness and efficacy. With a proven track record in identifying and mitigating risks, she has played an instrumental role in steering organizations toward sustainable growth and compliance excellence. As an adept problem solver and strategic thinker, she has successfully led numerous audit projects, managed cross-functional teams, and fostered a culture of transparency and accountability. Committed to professional development, Jacqueline holds a CIA and CPA and is actively involved in continuous learning and professional organizations within the industry, including being the Programs Chair for the IIA.

**James Schelke** is a Senior Associate at KPMG who has been with the firm since June 2022 after graduating from Saginaw Valley State University with a Finance and Supply Chain double major. Throughout his time at KPMG, he has performed successful internal audits across varied industries including financial services, automotive, manufacturing, and power & utilities.

**Lunch Option:** Jimmy John's (Drinks will be provided)

# IIA Academic Relations

## IIA Academic Relations

### Student Memberships

#### **FREE IIA Student Memberships—Easier Enrollment**

The IIA now offers an easier way for students to enroll in a Student Membership. If you have any interns or know of any students who would like to join the IIA, please contact Zack Estes at [zestes@republicbank.com](mailto:zestes@republicbank.com) for assistance with enrollment.

#### **Academic Relations Volunteer Opportunities**

Occasionally, we may reach out directly to our members to ask for volunteers to participate in various student events. Please consider participating in student events for any of our local Universities. Please reach out to [Zack Estes](#) to discuss opportunities.

#### **Internships**

If your company has an open internship position, please share the following with your HR/ Recruiting departments. The Universities require that internships be posted to their respective Career Services sites to satisfy their Equal Opportunity requirements. Handshake and Cardinal Careers are the sites used by the schools. Here's the link for [Cardinal Careers Employer Registration](#), which is used by UofL's School of Business. Here's the link for [Handshake](#), which is used by both Bellarmine and IUS. Please forward any open internship postings to [Zack Estes](#). We can help spread the word further about your internship by reaching out to faculty at the local universities.



#### LOUISVILLE IIA INSTAGRAM PAGE

Let's start sharing! We have an Instagram account to be used to post pictures, videos, announcements, etc. Also, we created it to help increase knowledge about what IA is with the goal of better engagement and increase membership to our chapter. Here is a link below: [IIA Louisville Chapter \(@iialouisville\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

As you all have any information, photos, etc., please send to [Sean Byrnes](#) so they can post all the exciting things we are doing. Some ideas can be pictures of members and/or students receiving certification, students receiving scholarships, volunteer work we are doing, social events, etc.

# Certification News

## Certification Recognition



Amanda Hornung obtained the Certified Internal Auditor designation

Myles Johnston obtained the Internal Audit Practitioner designation

### **Annual Certification Renewal – Grace Status**

The annual certification renewal period ended December 31, 2025.

If you failed to renew your Active certification, it will enter a Grace status, and as a result, you are no longer approved to represent yourself as a certified individual. If you do not renew by 31 December 2026, your designation will be moved to Revoked status and you will be required to recertify.

Recertification requires an individual to submit a recertification application and pass the associated exam, including paying all fees, to obtain the designation again.

Holders in Grace, Expired, or Revoked status may not display their certification after their name nor use the benefits of holding the IIA designation.

Grace and Revoked status certification holders can get more information on [certification renewal steps](#) on the IIA website.

### **Internal Audit Practitioner: Affordable, accessible, achievable**

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## CAE Roundtable



The Louisville Chapter of the IIA will begin offering roundtable discussions for Staff level and for Senior level auditors to facilitate networking, open dialogue, and upon establishment of interests of the attendees, begin to include training topics in the roundtable meetings.

If you are interested, please contact Shawn Stevison at [shawnstevison@yahoo.com](mailto:shawnstevison@yahoo.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

The IIA Louisville Chapter is looking for volunteers for a few open committee positions. Positions currently open are:

- Advocacy Chair & Diversity Chair
- Government Relations Chair
- QAR Chair
- Seminar Chair

For more information please reach out to [Robert Stutsman](#), IIA Louisville Chapter President (Acting)

## Call for New Members

The IIA Louisville Chapter offers numerous benefits for members and we are always looking for new members to join our chapter. If you know someone who would like to join, please reach out to [Catie Knable](#) for more information. Some benefits of joining the IIA Louisville Chapter are as follows:

- Members-only rates on conferences, seminars, and executive development through Vision University can save you hundreds of dollars.
- Exclusive monthly Members-only Webinars are part of your core membership benefits and provide you with CPE units without ever leaving your desk or paying additional fees.
- Members-only rates for other specialty webinars and self-study courses provide easy access to advance your knowledge from the convenience of your own desktop.
- And much more!

## Career Opportunities

**Contract Audit Role:** Contact Andrea Higgins at [andrea.higgins@roberthalf.com](mailto:andrea.higgins@roberthalf.com) for more information about the role.

New Members & Anniversaries

New Members

Megan Sucher  
Matthew Musson



Upcoming IIA Headquarters Events

2026 IIA International Conference

 June 22–24 |  Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

The global gathering of visionaries, thought leaders, and industry influencers returns to Singapore for an immersive learning experience designed to drive the future of internal audit. Members save \$180 when registered by April 27.

2026 Fraud Virtual Conference

 February 17 |  10:00 a.m.–4:50 p.m. ET | 13+ CPEs

Fraud continues to cost organizations millions each year. Get research-backed strategies from The IIA and ACFE to detect, prevent, and manage evolving threats using AI, analytics, and real-world case studies.

[Register Now](#)

2026 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference

 March 9–11 |  Las Vegas, Nevada | 15.6 CPEs

Designed for CAEs and senior leaders navigating AI disruption, board expectations, and emerging risks. Connect with executives from PayPal, Boeing, Meta, and more. Plus, enjoy exclusive networking events designed to expand your leadership connections.

[Explore GAM](#)

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