Capital City Newsletter

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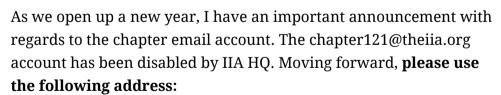


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicole O'Bryant Kottenbrook

Hello All.

Hope you had a great holidays and new year!



chapter121@iiachaptercommunications.org. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this has caused while we navigated this change.

Please take a look at the upcoming events for the Spring. The LSU Internal Audit Cybersecurity & Risk Management program will be hosting a 40th year celebration that is sure to be a great event!

We are continuously building upon our succession planning, so please reach out if you're interested in volunteering for an upcoming event or as a chapter officer or assistant.



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Chapter Leadership and Member Spotlight

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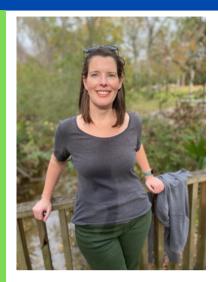
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Questions or Suggestions? Email the chapter <u>chapter121@iiachaptercommunications.org</u>.

District Representative

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Spotlight On:

Natalie Ritter, CIA Advisory Services EisnerAmper

Current Chapter Role:
Secretary
Prior Chapter Roles:
N/A

How did you first learn about the internal audit profession?

Internal auditing was mentioned in a few of my MBA classes. A lot of the courses were focused on developing ideas and creating processes, but I was more interested in finding out how to implement those ideas and improve the business processes.

What advice would you give to someone new to the internal audit profession?

Having questions is a sign that you are paying attention. It's ok to be confused or not understand every aspect of every process, but be willing to do research and ask questions.

What do you wish more people would know about being an internal auditor?

Internal Auditors, or at least the ones I know, are very nice people. We have a reputation for being the big, bad auditor, but we generally want to help our organizations, our clients, and their employees do their jobs as well as possible.

How has being part of the IIA benefited you?

Internal auditing is constantly evolving as a profession. Being a member of IIA helps me stay up with the changes.

Upcoming BR Chapter Events:

<u>February 1-3</u>: LSUCIA&CRM - 40th year celebration with cocktail reception <u>Registration Link</u>

March: Spring Social Event - Details to come

May 6: Jazz Up Internal Audit 2nd Annual Seminar (See details below)

2024 Jazz Up Internal Audit

Monday, May 6th

8:00 am - 5:00pm

Sheraton, Metairie, LA

- Presented by the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Chapters-

Join us for the second Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar and listen to a variety of speakers on relevant topics across all levels. Registration is now open and early bird pricing is available until February 5th, 2024 at 11:45pm CT.

Registration link



Certification News and Conferences

Congratulations to our members!

Xiangping Zhang passed the CIA Exam!



Gift Cards:

Yue Li won the Q3 gift card.

As a reminder, the chapter holds a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon gift card each quarter. Members who pass all 3 parts of the CIA are entered for a chance to win.

Frames:

Any new CIAs/CRMAs receive a free frame to display their achievement. Click <u>here</u> for frame details.

2024 IIA Conferences

2024 Fraud Virtual Conference

February 29, 2024 Virtual

2024 GAM Conference

March 11-13, 2024 Las Vegas, NV 2024 International Conference

July 15-17, 2024 Washington, D.C.

2024 Financial Services Exchange

September 23-24, 2024 Washington, D.C.

List of all IIA Conferences HERE



IIA Headquarter News

Updated Standards:

The IIA's Standards Board Approved Global Internal Audit Standards.

The final Standards are scheduled for release in English on January 9.

Full Update

Rapid Response Webinar:

Future Focused: Unpacking The
IIA's Updated AI Framework
January 31, 2024
12:00–1:00 p.m. ET
1 CPE
Register Here

IIA Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

Additional Details