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training, news, and member announcements**

# March & April



**April 24 & April 25, 2025**

2 - Days, 2 - Cities, & up to 12  
hours of CPE  
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## Chapter Opportunities

The Florida West Cost is always looking for volunteers  
**If Interested, email the chapter**

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The IIA's Global Standard 8.4  
requires an external Quality  
Assessment at least every 5 years

**MORE INFO**



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the Director, IIA Quality Services  
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## Upcoming FWC Chapter Events

### In-Person Seminars, Webinars and Roundtables

#### **FEATURED EVENT: AUDITOR'S ROCK!**

- **April 24 & 25: In-Person\* Two days!** Join us for up to 12 NASBA CPE across two days. **Thursday, April 24 @ the Sarasota Embassy Suites** and **Friday, April 25 @ Protiviti Corporate office in Tampa. Sponsored by Protiviti** and will end the chapter year with a variety of topics and speakers across the two days. Details will be shared via email and LinkedIn soon.



#### **CAE Roundtable – SAVE THE DATE!**

**March 27 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm** – at the Wolters Kluwer Offices in Tampa. NASBA CPE up to 2. Cost \$25 pp. Following the roundtable, join the Wolters Kluwer team and your fellow CAEs for happy hour.  
SAVE THE DATE – Registration link will be posted on Linked In.

#### **Audit Month Members-Only Webinar:**

**Tuesday, May 6 – 8:30 am – 10:30 am – Raven Catlin** (back by popular demand) *Witches, Robbers, Fraudsters, and Auditors; Oh My!* Internal 2.0 IIA CPE Virtual – Cost: Free for IIA FWC chapter members.

#### **MEMBER APPRECIATION – TRIVIA NIGHT!!!**

Coming in May for Internal Audit Month – **Planning is underway** for the **chapter's first gathering for Trivia Night**. Details to be included on LinkedIn, the chapter's newsletter, and upcoming email. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fun!

\* "In-Person" FWC Chapter events are NASBA CPE Approved



## **The IIA National Conferences**

### **2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference**

April 10, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET | 6.6 CPEs



### **2025 Global Student Conference**

April 13-15, 2025 | Orlando, Florida



### **2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference**

April 24, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET | 6 CPEs

### **2025 AuditSphere: A Virtual Conference for Small Audit Teams**

June 17, 2025 | 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M EST | 6 CPE

### **2025 International Conference**

July 14-16, 2025 | Toronto, Canada & Virtually



# **Congratulations!**



## **on your new IIA certification**

**Eleanor Connell, Internal Audit Practitioner – Jan. 2025**

**Lena Phillips, Certified Internal Auditor – Feb. 2025**

**Benhua Yang, Certified Internal Auditor – Feb. 2025**

**Marisela Hernandez-Munoz, Certified Internal Auditor – Feb. 2025**

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## Connecting IIA Global Internal Audit Standards With External Quality Assessments - By Warren Hersh, Director, IIA Quality Services

The IIA's Global Internal Audit Standards™ are a cornerstone of the International Professional Practices Framework® (IPPF®), which was updated in 2024. The Standards guide the worldwide professional practice of internal auditing, serve as a basis for evaluating and elevating the quality of internal audit functions, and provide a comprehensive framework for internal audit functions to ensure they operate effectively and efficiently. One of the critical components of these standards is Standard 8.4, which focuses on External Quality Assessments (EQAs).

**Standard 8.4 mandates that internal audit functions undergo an external quality assessment at least once every five years.** This assessment is conducted by a qualified, independent assessor or assessment team from outside the organization. The purpose of this standard is to ensure that internal audit activities conform to the Global Internal Audit Standards and continuously improve their performance.

How Standard 8.4 Enhances Quality Assessments

- 1. Objective Evaluation:** External quality assessments provide an objective evaluation of the internal audit function's conformance with the Global Internal Audit Standards. This independent review helps identify strengths and areas for improvement, ensuring the internal audit function remains effective and aligned with best practices.
- 2. Stakeholder Confidence:** By adhering to Standard 8.4, organizations can demonstrate their commitment to maintaining high-quality internal audit activities. This builds confidence among stakeholders, including the board and senior management, that the internal audit function is operating at a high standard.
- 3. Continuous Improvement:** The external quality assessment process encourages continuous improvement by providing actionable recommendations. These recommendations help internal audit functions enhance their processes, methodologies, and overall effectiveness.
- 4. Compliance and Best Practices:** Standard 8.4 ensures that internal audit functions comply with the Global Internal Audit Standards and adopt best practices. This alignment with global standards helps internal audit functions stay current with industry trends and regulatory requirements.

By integrating the principles of the Global Internal Audit Standards with the requirements of Standard 8.4, organizations can ensure their internal audit functions are robust, effective, and continuously improving. This connection between the Standards and quality assessments is vital for maintaining high levels of performance and stakeholder trust.

For more information or valuable resources, including guidance and archived webinars, please visit the **IIA Quality Services website at [theiia.org/Quality](https://theiia.org/Quality).**



**MORE INFO**





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anneke Ahrendt	Tiago Almeida D'Andrea Pinto	Vito Catillo
Byran Cooper Jr.	Smith Crystal	Jeremy Cullen
Reyes Fernandez-Miranda de Marcos	Krysta Grier	Dennis Jeffers
Kearsten Jones	Nichole Kriegsmann	Jessie Laurienzo
Jill Lengyel	Alice Louie	Mawona Makwavarara
Steven McDonald	Michael Meyer	Mayra Natal Rodriguez
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Daniella Rugare	Angela Schab	Natalie Steiner
Ben Vollenweider	Jordan Ware	Sevyn Williams
Craig Womack	Graham Woods	



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# Recent – Event



## Advanced Auditor Training Topped with Sweet Ethics

### Key Takeaways

- Definition of what an Advanced Auditor is
- Everyone defines “Risks” differently, explain risks and intelligent controls to audit staff and stakeholders
- Due Professional Care & exercising Professionally Skepticism
- High-performing team of auditors
- Apply essential project management tools & technique
- Contribute to entity risk assessments and audit planning



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Thank you to our Speaker  
Raven Catlin



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Next CPE Events  
3/27, 4/24 & 4/25, and  
5/6/2025  
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# Milestone Anniversaries

**5 Years - (Joined in 2020)**

Ingrid Carvajal  
Megan Crawford  
Erika Cvencek  
Scott Davis  
Katie Dennison  
Ava Doraisamy  
Aaron Ferry  
Alison Fisher  
Alexander Freitas  
Jacquelyne Gilbert  
Tarazeta Haynes Morgan  
Kyle Herman  
Amanda Irace  
Samuel Mullings  
Nicole Nelson  
Yeshenia Nieves  
Shawn O'Brien  
John Passaro  
Jonatan Pizarro  
Joseph Rigdon  
Chris Senn  
Sofia Sheikh  
Marlon Tucker  
Ramy Wahba

**10 Years - (Joined in 2015)**

Heather Creech  
Darcy Eckert  
Ashley Ely  
Stephen Fuller  
Hayden Gaston  
Caroline Higdon  
Marie Leon  
Daniel Locke

**Continue 10 Years -**

Karin Loretz  
Jessica Markun  
Alfredo Miranda  
Michele Morgan  
Lina Palacio  
Kenneth Petersen  
Christopher Prentiss  
Sarah Reekstin  
Chiara Siu  
Daniela Xara

**15 Years - (Joined in 2010)**

JoElaine Amparado  
Matthew Demler  
May Carla Elegado  
Tameka Francis  
Brian Hicks  
Eugene Johner  
Timothy Kremer  
Rutendo Masvikeni  
George Nappi  
Robert Olive II  
Charles Pollack  
Dianne Rowland  
James Tarala  
Jena Valerioti  
Kadie Weyer  
Stefanie Wiseman

**20 Years - (Joined in 2005)**

Mason C. Bellairs  
Felicia Best  
Sandra Borges  
Jacqueline Borneo  
Nancy P. Hardy  
Sinthia Hernandez  
Vickram Joadsingh  
Gloria V. Katsafaros  
Aaron Kerr  
Todd Nass  
Echiemeze Onochie Ofili  
Laura Phin  
Heidi Pinner  
Nina Rachel Seenath  
Toby Lamar Thames  
Tammy Wakeman

**25Years - (Joined in 2000)**

Deanna Arnott  
Thomas Allenhas Christensen  
Christine Glover

**30 Years - (Joined in 2000)**

Philip Leifermann  
William R. Thomas  
Roberta J. Windham

**35 Years - (Joined in 1990)**

Carol A. Da Prato

**40 Years - (Joined in 1985)**

Linda Hall

**Honary Member - (1981)**

Mark Ronald Kolman



# Spring Semester Academic Visits

## Hillsborough County Community College on 2/11/2025

IIA FWC Volunteers - Terrell Alston, Carly Burns, Darcy Eckert, Susan Glickman, Monica Moyer-Kessel, Courtney Long, and Laura Phin attended Shelby Moore's virtual Accounting and Managerial Accounting at Hillsborough Community College to introduce students to the internal audit profession. Although it was a virtual class setting, the students asked a lot of questions and still continue to engage with the chapter!

## University of Tampa

In person to Dr. Marley's Class  
February 6th for the Intro to the Profession



William Bousman, Susan Glickman,  
Dr. Markley, Lilia Buccino

It's been a busy few weeks for Academic Relations volunteers!

On 2/6/2025, several volunteers visited Dr. Marley's, Auditing and Assurance Classes, at the University of Tampa to introduce the students to the internal audit profession. We shared many different career paths and perspectives. Students from both classes were very interested and engaged. The student contest will be held on 3/6/2025 for the 4:00 and 6:00 PM classes, anyone interested is welcome to join and can email the chapter for more information.

Thank You to the IIA FWC's volunteers - William Bousman, Carly Burns, Emilee Ivan, Lilia Buccino, and Susan Glickman

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Susan Glickman via the chapter's email: [Chapter89@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:Chapter89@iiachaptercommunications.org)



# Spring Semester Academic Visits

## University of Tampa

### Dr. Marley's Class - "Controls in Action" Student Contest

On 3/6/2025, chapter volunteers, Virginia Kalil, Darcy Eckert, and Susan Glickman visited two of Dr. Robert Marley's ACC 041 Auditing and Assurance Classes. The students' Controls In Action presentations were engaging and creative.



## CONGRATS

**The John Harmon Award Winners  
Nevaeh Wolfe & Logan Rushing**



Dr. Marley, Darcy, Virginia, Susan



Susan, Darcy, Logan, Virginia, Dr. Marley

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