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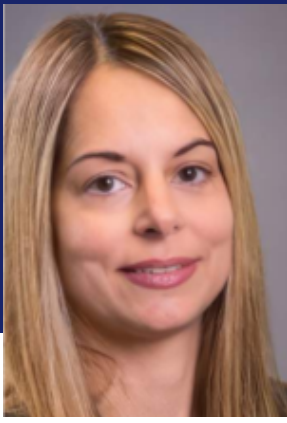
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

I hope everyone is doing well, as we start to close the 2024, we have a lot to be thankful for including the support of our members and partners. I'd like to take a moment to thank our Volunteers, Chapter Officers and Board for their dedication and commitment to the chapter and profession. Your efforts directly result in our ability to provide members with relevant training programs and networking opportunities, increase brand awareness and reach in the community and supporting the next generations of internal audit professionals.

In October we partnered with Seattle University to host the annual Data Analytic conference and this year focus was on using of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Internal Audit (IA). It was a great day with many speakers sharing valuable insights, opportunities to connect and network with peers and colleagues.

Continuing our efforts to help students peruse in the field of Internal Audit, we have launched our scholarship program. Please refer to the updates in this newsletter and our LinkedIn site.

We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org.

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

Meet your FY24/25 Chapter Officers!

President – Cynthia Behnen-Gillison

1st VP Secretary – Caroline Pietrowski

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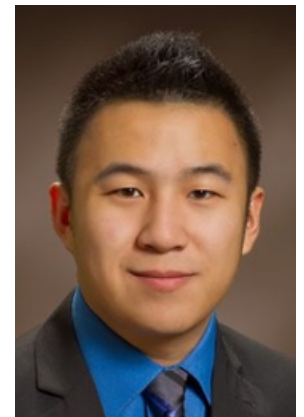
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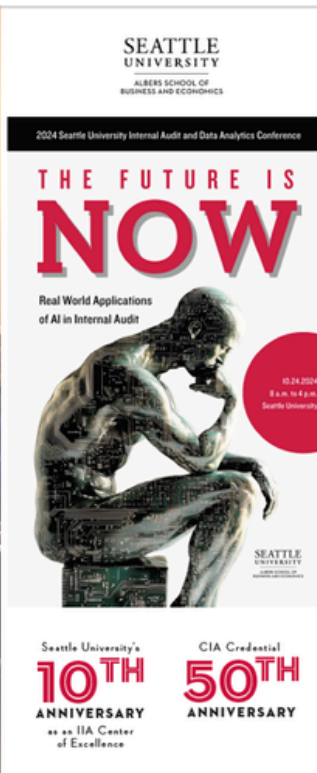Patrick Zanin - Avalara

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Chapter News & Events
Data Analytics Conference- 2024

'The Future is Now: Real World Applications of AI in Internal Audit' explores how internal audit teams are building their audit data analytics muscle using AI and creating value.

The IIA Seattle Chapter, in collaboration with Seattle University and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Seattle Chapter, organized a conference on October 24, 2024, focusing on AI in Internal Audit. Senior executives from blue-chip companies, including Amazon, Deloitte, Microsoft, PwC, T-Mobile, and others, presented and participated in the event.

Participants had the opportunity to learn how these teams are innovating and developing AI use cases. The conference also provided networking opportunities for attendees to discuss AI use cases and exchange ideas.

Chapter News & Events

FY 2024-25 SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Location	Topic	Presenter(s)
Thursday, December 12, 2024 (Virtual) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ethical Decision Making Implementing an Effective Fraud Prevention and Detection Program	Cynthia Cooper Grant Ostler
Thursday, January 23, 2025 (Virtual)	TBD	TBD
*February 2025 (In-Person)	Event in conjunction with ISACA	TBD
*March 2025 (Virtual)	TBD	TBD
*April 2025 (Virtual)	DEI	TBD
*May 2025 (In-Person)	Annual Fraud Conference	Various
*May 29, 2025 (In-Person)	Member Appreciation Event	

* Dates subject to change

Interested in getting involved with Programming? Contact Veronica Bains (VP Programming) at Chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org

Call for Volunteers !

We are actively looking for volunteers for the following roles. You can earn up to 12 CPE for your support as a volunteer. Please contact us for more information. Or if you have any other areas of interest, we are always looking for more volunteers.
- Social Media Content Manager
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!

Interested candidates should reach out to the chapter with their nomination or with any questions. The Chapter can be reached at chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org.

Additionally, we are regularly looking for volunteers to assist with programming, academic relations, communications and secretarial duties. If you are interested in supporting your chapter (volunteers can earn up to 12 CPEs throughout the year), please also reach out to the chapter email address.

Thanks for your interest!

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IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you interfacing with students? We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity

Students can use the code: IIA Student. They likely do not want to go by themselves. However, a group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Reach out to chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org with any questions!

Austin Bailey, Seattle
VP Academic Relations

1 Create an IIA Account.
https://register.theiia.org/

2 Log into the site below and submit a student application.
https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index

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Scholarship program 2024-25

The Institute of Internal Auditors Seattle Chapter is pleased to offer up to five scholarships to students attending an accredited college or university in the state Washington for the 2024-2025 school year.

The application deadline is Friday December 27, 2024.

Eligibility Requirements:
1. Be an undergraduate entering their junior year or higher in fall 2024, fifth year, masters, or PhD candidate. Community college transfers are also encouraged to apply. Students must attend a college or university that is accredited in Washington State.
2. Be actively pursuing a career in Internal Audit
3. Have an active IIA Membership (IIA Membership is free for students)
Scholarship Guidelines:

Amount and Duration of Scholarships:
- Scholarship award is up to $2,500 to be applied towards tuition or other expenses from the college or university.
- Scholarship monies are paid directly to the accredited college or university listed on application and cannot be paid directly to the student.
- Scholarships are non-renewable.
- Responsibility for ensuring that the monies can be used for the semester/quarter/year granted lies solely with the student.

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Certification

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Members Achieving CIA Certifications

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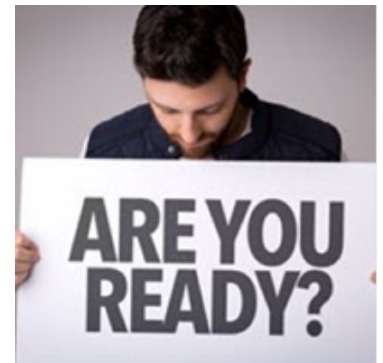
Members Achieving CRMA Certifications

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CIA Syllabi Changes
Changes are coming to the CIA exams in 2025. The FINAL version of updated CIA syllabi will be posted to www.theiia.org/CIA2025 on 9/30 along with a list of candidate scenarios, FAQs, and additional details.

Annual Certification Renewal
Certification renewal will begin in October. CIA certifications in Revoked status can now be restored to Active with just one exam. Individuals who wish to participate will only need to complete a recertification application and CIA Part 1. This new policy is posted to theiia.org/CPErequirements.

Invest in yourself and stay certified. The IIAs extensive course offerings provide certification holders with more options than ever to conveniently meet CPE requirements through online, hybrid, and in-person training. Learn more here about CPE opportunities to meet the December 31 deadline.

Registration is open!

2024 AuditSphere: A Virtual Conference for Small Audit Teams
This event will provide the small shop auditor with additional guidance and expertise to be able to manage the unique relationships and challenges faced by those with small staff yet increasing board expectation.
Dec 05, 2024 | Virtual, Only

2025 Fraud Virtual Conference
The Fraud Virtual Conference is part of a series of one day conferences designed to help internal auditors stay ahead of critical issues and be more responsive in their work.
Feb 20, 2025 | Virtual, Only

2025 GAM Conference
Join the most esteemed gathering of internal audit innovators, leaders, and trailblazers at 2025 GAM: Great Audit Minds. Immerse yourself in a dynamic learning environment where you can collaborate and tackle today's pressing business and audit challenges while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. By participating, you will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and acquire the tools and knowledge necessary to bring true value to your organization. Embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact today.
Mar 10 - 12, 2025 | Kissimmee, Florida

2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference
This one-day virtual conference will focus on how organizations and government agencies are using data literacy, data analytics, automation, and AI. Attendees will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of analytics, automation, and AI.

Apr 10, 2025 | Virtual, Only

2025 Global Student Conference
Connect with fellow students and educators, learn key competencies for becoming an effective internal auditor, and gain strategies to help exceed both current educators' and future employers' expectations.

Apr 13 - 15, 2025 | Orlando, Florida

Quality Services

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

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

For questions about our services, please contact IIA Quality Services at quality@theiia.org or read more here.

Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

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