

Seattle Chapter



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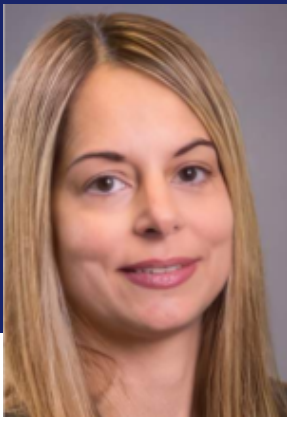
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- VP Communications**
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- VP Conferences**
Nick Meyer (Workiva)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall colors around!! We are very excited to share that in the 75th year as a chapter, we continue to maintain our Sapphire status. Thanks to all the members of the board and management team for their continuous services to the chapter. Our member satisfaction survey closed on September 13th, we appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The feedback is a valuable tool that helps our leadership team focus efforts to better support all of you. We have an exciting year on tap and look forward to getting together as chapter several times this year. We successfully hosted our annual Data Analytic conference and this year focus was on using of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Internal Audit (IA). More details will be shared in next newsletter.

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



2nd VP Programing – Veronica "Ronnie" Bains



VP Certification – Nira Kohli



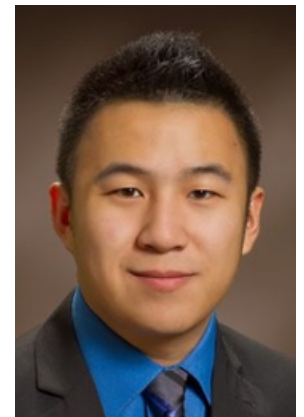
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Chapter News & Events

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!



CIA Challenge Exam

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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*



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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

CONGRATS

Members Achieving CIA Certifications

BreAnn Walter Berry

Members Achieving CRMA Certifications

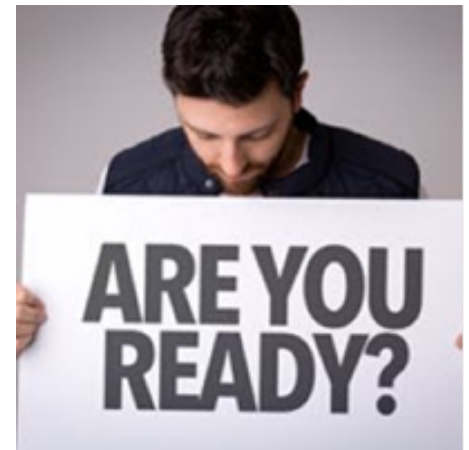
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CIA Syllabi Changes

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/CPRequirements.



Registration is open!

2024 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference

The 2024 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference is a one-day conference specifically designed to ensure participants stay not only abreast, but ahead of critical issues in data protection, data privacy and cybersecurity to become more responsive in their work.

Oct 30, 2024 | Virtual, Only

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

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..

[IIA Certification Information](#)