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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings IIA Louisville Chapter,

I'd first like to thank you all for your support over the past few years. It has been a pleasure to serve as your chapter President, and I couldn't have done it without the help of my fellow volunteers. I've made connections with some wonderful people, and I've learned a lot about myself through this experience. Thank you for all your support.



Looking ahead to next year, I'm excited to see Myhanh Pham step into the President role from VP, K. Robert Stutsman to assume the VP role from Secretary, and for Zack Estes to begin serving as Secretary following his term on the Board of Governors. Thank you to London Lopez for continuing to serve as the Treasurer.

My volunteering journey with the IIA began, like many others, with being volun-told. Becoming involved in the Academic Relations committee and subsequently the VP and President roles has been a rewarding experience. I encourage any auditor to consider getting involved with the chapter whether it be through a committee or the Board of Governors. The experience you gain, and relationships you build through volunteering with the chapter is very valuable and can help you cultivate your leadership skills.

In celebration of Internal Audit Awareness Month, and to close out the year, we are excited to host a full-day (8-CPE) seminar AND social event on Tuesday, May 13th. Please join us for a fantastic lineup of speakers who will share their knowledge on Leadership and IT topics. See more information on the seminar and social event on the following pages of the newsletter. Register now to secure your spot!

Thank you!

Lesley Clark
IIA Louisville Chapter President 2024-2025

IIA LOUISVILLE MULTI-TOPIC SEMINAR—HYBRID MAY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (All IIA Louisville Chapter Events are held on Eastern Time.)

CPE credits: 8 hour

Cost:	IIA Member Virtual:	\$150
	Non-Member Virtual:	\$175
	IIA Member In-Person:	\$175
	Non-Member In-Person:	\$200
	Student In-Person:	\$50
	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

Registration: [Here](#)

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.

IIA Louisville is excited to present the lineup for our May 2024 seminar as we celebrate International Internal Audit Awareness Month! Show up at 7:30 for a sign-in, networking and a light breakfast. We will begin promptly at 8:00 AM! Lunch will be provided.

Topics: The Connected Leader, CISA, AI's Audit Impact, and the HITRUST Framework

Schedule

7:30am – 8:00am:	Sign-in, networking, and bagels
8:00am – Noon:	Julie De Jesus, I See You Leadership, will present “The Connected Leader: How to insure your people feel seen, appreciated and trusted.”
Noon – 12:30pm:	Lunch Break
12:30pm – 2:30pm:	Ryan Lewis, CISA, Cybersecurity Advisor, DHS
2:30pm – 4:30pm:	Scott Rexroat, MCP, CISA, IT and Assurance Manager, Cherry Bekaert

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

IIA LOUISVILLE MULTI-TOPIC SEMINAR CONT.

SPEAKER BIOS AND PRESENTATION DETAILS

Julie De Jesus, I See You Leadership

Julie De Jesus' personal experiences with human connection saved her life and changed the trajectory of her career. As a keynote speaker, Julie shows leaders exactly how to saturate their work culture with human connection to improve the mental health of their people so they can perform at peak potential. Julie De Jesus is the author of *I See You; How Compassion and Connection Save Lives* and children's book, *Broccolipunzle; A Girl with Extraordinary Hair*. Her podcast, *I See You*, has inspired thousands of listeners to succeed in relationships by embracing human connection. A voice for positive conversations around mental health, Julie is the cohost of the podcast *Love, ADHD*. Julie loves the Utah mountains where she lives with her husband and two children.



Presentation Summary

Her presentation, *The Connected Leader*, is about how to create authentic relationships with your team, how to build a thriving work culture, and how to be certain your people are valued. In this session, audience members will be able to:

- Leverage authenticity to create a positive work culture
- Up-level their people skills
- Raise group morale
- Foster connection through high-definition thinking
- Appreciate the strength of their people
- Build trust through giving and receiving

Ryan Lewis, Cybersecurity Advisor, Department of Homeland Security

Ryan is a retired Army Soldier who previously worked for the Department of Defense at Fort Knox. He was responsible for providing real-time cyber threat intelligence, application security support, and vulnerability scanning for HRC and its mission partners. He holds a Masters in Information Technology Management from Touro University International and Masters in Athletic Administration and Coaching from Western Kentucky University.

Ryan is a Cybersecurity Advisor from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 4 supporting Kentucky and Tennessee. Amongst other duties, he is responsible for providing federal cybersecurity resources to State and Local governments as well as private sector organizations involved in Critical Infrastructure.



Presentation Summary

The presentation will discuss CISA's no-cost, in-house cybersecurity services designed to help individuals and organizations build and maintain a robust and resilient cyber framework. Along with four steps, to protect yourself, your family and your business from online threats.

Scott Rexroat, MCP, CISA, IT and Assurance Manager, Cherry Bekaert

Scott Rexroat has more than 15 years of financial institution experience. His experience at a large, publicly traded bank in retail, operational, and information technology areas afforded in-depth expertise around item processing, proof in transit, branch, mobile and remote deposit capture, ATM / ITM and in-house debit card production. His certifications include CompTIA A+ Certified, Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), Certified Information Security Auditor (CISA).



Scott is a Risk Advisory Professional in Cherry Bekaert's Information Assurance practice. He has more than 20 years of experience serving banking and financial service clients in multiple roles, including retail management, operational management with IT support, IT application support, and IT audit.

Prior to joining Cherry Bekaert, Scott served as a manager at a regional accounting and assurance firm, where he was responsible for ITGC audits for all financial institutions. While in this role, he provided a range of IT advisory and assurance services to multiple banks, savings and loans, trust companies, and credit unions across Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Presentation Summary

Join us for an overview of how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is impacting auditing, from both a positive and negative perspective. We will discuss how auditors can work hand in hand with AI, considering how it could enhance and improve the audit landscape while understanding the challenges and pitfalls of its use. Discussions will include the positive effects of AI, such as efficiency, productivity, audit quality, risk management, and auditing tools. Discussions will also include the negative effects of AI such as data quality, ethical considerations, regulatory adaptations and auditors' skills of use. Join us to enhance your understanding of AI in auditing and what to expect in the very near future.

Keith Jackson, CPA, CISA, CCSFP, Senior Manager, Cherry Bekaert

Keith brings 13 years of experience providing IT audit, risk and compliance, and IT security consulting services to organizations of various sizes in the banking, healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and information technology sectors. He uses an in-depth understanding of regulatory requirements and risks that companies face across these industries to help organizations assess and remediate gaps and successfully complete regulatory audit requirements. He is well versed in regulatory compliance frameworks such as Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, NIST, ISO, COBIT, Sarbanes Oxley Act, SOC 1, SOC 2, HIPAA, and HITRUST. Keith has extensive knowledge of network and system security for all major hardware and software platforms, which he leverages to help clients evolve into more mature security and regulatory postures.



As a senior manager, Keith manages IT audit, regulatory compliance audit, and cybersecurity audit projects efficiently and effectively to achieve desired outcomes for both the Firm and the client. This includes maintaining constructive working relationships with clients and serving as a trusted partner to help solve complex IT, regulatory, and operational problems.

Prior to joining Cherry Bekaert, Keith was responsible for the planning, execution and oversight of IT audits, risk and compliance engagements, and IT security reviews for a large consulting firm in Middle Tennessee. He also worked in the Internal Audit and Accounting departments for two large publicly traded companies.

Presentation Summary

Join us for an overview of the HITRUST framework, designed to equip you with essential knowledge about safeguarding sensitive information within your organization. We'll dive into what HITRUST is, tracing its origins and evolution from its inception to its current role in cybersecurity and third-party compliance. You will discover how to discern if your organization could benefit from HITRUST certification through understanding the important factors guiding this decision. You will gain insights into the existing HITRUST certification options and their unique distinctions, empowering you to make informed choices aligned with your organizational needs. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding of HITRUST and how certification can strengthen your organization's security posture and satisfy third-party compliance needs.



NEW INSTAGRAM PAGE

Sharing exciting news! We have a new 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.

CAP UPDATE

As the Chapter year comes to a close, leadership is reviewing the CAP requirements to ensure we meet our goal for Gold & Ruby status. Thank you for all your participation and support throughout the year. Please continue to attend our CPE events, work toward your certifications, advocate for the internal audit profession, and recognize IIA Awareness Month within your workplace.

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 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.

CERTIFICATION NEWS

Certification Recognition:

Aaron Barr, Franco Melgar, and Kourtney Nett obtained the Certified Internal Auditor designation

CIA Challenge Exams – CPAs and CISAs

Take the next step and apply for the CIA Challenge Exam in May. Mark your calendar and don't miss the chance to enhance your internal audit credibility by adding CIA to your credentials.

Active CPA and CISA designation holders can earn the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation through an expedited process. The CIA Challenge Exam is your way to expedite obtaining the CIA designation by successfully passing this one-part examination.

The CIA Challenge Exam only includes content not covered on your CPA or CISA exam, saving you time and money.

Program Timeline

Application window: April - September

First Attempt Testing Windows: June, August, November, or February

Once your application is approved, please note you have 180 days to register, schedule, and sit for the exam.

Visit the [CIA Challenge Exam](#) page to learn more about this opportunity.

Upcoming Webinar – What to Expect with the New CIA Exam

Join us for a free live webinar on May 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM (CT), where Mike Brown from Becker and McKenzie O'Hara from The IIA will walk you through the updates to the CIA Exam set to take effect starting on May 28, 2025.

See all the changes at [CIA 2025](#).

Save 25% on CIA and CRMA Certification in May

Earning a professional credential is essential to be distinguished from your peers. Wherever your journey takes you, earning an IIA credential can certify your success.

The IIA is offering members a 25% discount from May 1-31, 2025 on new applications and exam registration fees* for the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) and Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®) designations.

To redeem this offer,* simply log into CCMS and complete your CIA or CRMA application or exam registration. Please note that for the 25% discount to be applied, code CIA25 must be used at checkout. If the discount is not applied, do not complete the transaction, and verify that your IIA membership is active and visible on your CCMS home page. Should your membership not be active, contact your local affiliate for assistance. Exam registrations must be used within 180 days of purchase. No partial or full refunds will be provided.

CAE ROUNDTABLE

“Calling all Auditors – Audit Roundtables” 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

Career Opportunities

Internal Auditor (JCPS)

Contact May Porter at mayria.porter@jefferson.kyschools.us for more information about the position and instructions for applying.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

- Advocacy Chair
- Government Relations Chair

For more information please reach out to Lesley Clark, IIA Louisville Chapter President

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!

UPCOMING IIA HEADQUARTERS EVENTS

IIA Conferences

The IIA offers a wide variety of dynamic events focused on emerging issues in internal auditing. IIA conferences are designed to allow for networking with peers, gaining a greater understanding of leading practices, and taking your career to the next level.

International Conference: July 14 - 16, 2025 - [Register Here](#)

The IIA's 2025 International Conference sets the stage in sharing new and forward-looking information and leading practices in pursuing excellence in internal audit. As internal auditors increasingly become trusted advisors and an integral part of their organizations, they are compelled to broaden their arsenal of skills. This conference will prepare audit professionals to embrace and learn new technologies and implement new tools and techniques to effectively respond to shifting business and risk landscapes.

GRC Conference: August 2025 - Exact Date TBD - [Register Here](#)

For the 12th year, The IIA and ISACA will partner to gather the leading minds in governance, risk management and control to provide dedicated professionals like you with world-class content, innovative ideas and practical guidance.

Please visit the [IIA Learning Conferences webpage](#) for additional training opportunities.

IIA SOCIAL EVENT UPDATE

IIA Louisville Chapter Social Event - Top Golf

[Register](#) by Tuesday, May 6th, 2025.

Please join us for an evening of fun! We will be holding a social event on the evening of Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at Top Golf Louisville. This event is free of charge and open to all IIA Louisville Chapter Members, but **registration is required**. Attendees will enjoy golf games, an assortment of appetizers, a beverage or two, and the pleasant company of their fellow internal audit professionals. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Date: 5/13/2025

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm Eastern Time

Location: Top Golf, 301 Oxmoor Lane, Louisville, KY 40222

IIA ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Announcing the Slate of Nominees for The IIA's 2025–26 Boards of Directors



The IIA is pleased to announce the slate of nominees for the 2025–26 North American and Global Board of Directors. We encourage you to vote by proxy for the Global Board of Directors that will be elected in July.

[VIEW THE SLATE](#)

Comment on Third-Party Topical Requirement Draft



The IIA wants your feedback on the Third-Party Topical Requirement draft, available for review and public comment until April 20. Topical Requirements, a new IPPF[®] component, provide a consistent baseline for assessing specific risk areas.

[VIEW THE DRAFT & SURVEY](#)

Global Call for Subject Matter Experts Now Open!



Give back to the profession by sharing your expertise through writing, presenting, or contributing to guidance and curriculum. The IIA seeks internal audit experts to provide fresh insights and leadership. Plus, select writing and presentation roles offer CPE credits.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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ELECTED MEMBER TERMS
Ariana Campbell (Thru 12/31/2025)
Fannie Mae

Zack Estes (Thru 12/31/2025)
Republic Bank & Trust Company

Roy Holden (Thru 12/31/2026)
Kentucky Lottery

Mav Porter (Thru 5/31/2025)
JCPS

Grace Wilson (Thru 12/31/2026)
Humana

PAST PRESIDENTS TERMS
Catie Knable (Thru 5/31/2024)
Caesars Entertainment

Shawn Stevison
Humana, Inc. (Thru 5/31/2025)

ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

Area employers are eligible for free recruitment postings on the Louisville IIA website and in the monthly newsletter, IF at least one employee is a member of the local chapter. Advertisements also include posting of recruitment information on the chapter website for one month. Those interested, please email the Louisville IIA Chapter [Newsletter Chair](#).

