

Capital City Newsletter

November/December 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicole O'Bryant Kottenbrook

Hello All,

Hope you all having a great year!

As we wind down this calendar year, CPE is the focus on everyone's mind, so be sure you are submitting your required hours including the 2 hour Ethics requirement for CIAs. For those that may have an expired certification or know of someone who does, please be aware of the updated policy that does not allow certifications to be reinstated without having to complete the entire exam again.

Additionally, the Chapter's programming committee is working hard to plan our upcoming November Social. Admission to the Social includes a headshot, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to refresh your professional photos.

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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Baton Rouge

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Spotlight On:

Chakira Clark, CIA
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Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Louisiana*

Current Chapter Role: Board Governor
Prior Chapter Roles: VP of Membership

How did you first learn about the internal audit profession?

I first learned about the profession when I enrolled in an internal audit class while obtaining my accounting degree. I recall, during that time, being interested in internal auditing after learning more about the auditor's role.

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

Be comfortable with getting to know people at all different levels within an organization. Building business relationships will give you more confidence in your role as a new auditor and help you communicate key information and recommendations.

What do you wish more people would know about being an internal auditor/the internal audit profession?

The audit profession is quite dynamic. As an audit professional, you have an opportunity to learn about all aspects of an organization and business processes. Additionally, you collaborate with management and peers on special projects. In this role, the skills and knowledge you gain will easily transfer into any position at any company where your career path may lead!

How has being part of the IIA benefited you?

I've been able to network and establish business relationships.



SAVE THE DATE! BR Chapter Events for 2023/2024:

November 16: Fall Social (details below)

February 1: LSUCIA&CRM - 40th year celebration with cocktail reception (Alumni, see page 5)

March/April: Spring Social Event

May 6: Jazz Up Internal Audit 2nd Annual Seminar
Full day seminar worth 7 CPE (will include ethics session)

Fall 2023 Networking Social Event

Thursday, November 16

5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Roux 61, Baton Rouge

Registration fee includes the first beverage and appetizers and professional headshots will be provided by the IIA BR Chapter. Please RSVP by November 14th to secure your spot.

[Registration link](#)



Congratulations to our members!

Yue Li and Michael LaCour passed the CIA Exam!

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

Certification Reminders:

The new Annual Certification Renewal Policy went into effect on September 1, 2023. ([Link to policy](#))

CPE reporting opened on October 1, 2023. Log in to the Certification Candidate Management System (CCMS) to begin CPE reporting. ([Link to CCMS](#))

2023/2024 IIA Conferences

2023 AuditSphere:

**A Virtual Conference for Small Audit
Teams**

December 7, 2023

Virtual

2024 Fraud Virtual Conference

February 29, 2024

Virtual

2024 GAM Conference

March 11-13, 2024

Las Vegas, NV

2024 Analytics, Automation and AI

Virtual Conference

April 18, 2024

Virtual

[List of all IIA Conferences HERE](#)



IIA Fall 2023 Gulf Coast Social

Thursday, November 9

6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Keg and Barrel
2501 Bienville Blvd,
Ocean Springs, MS

The event is open to all IIA chapter members, students, and those interested in internal audit. The event provides an opportunity to connect locally, share insights, and build relationships that can enhance professional development and create opportunities for knowledge exchange.

Message for LSUCIA/CRM:

The LSU Center for Internal Auditing & Cybersecurity Risk Management, formerly known as LSUCIA, will celebrate its 40th anniversary this winter. Alumni, to ensure you are on the invitation list, please update your contact information, including your email address. We look forward to sharing more about the celebration in the coming weeks.

[Link to Alumni Contact Page](#)