

# Capital City Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicole O'Bryant Kottenbrook

Hello All,

Hope this newsletter finds you well!

As a reminder, the [chapter121@theiia.org](mailto:chapter121@theiia.org) account has been disabled by IIA HQ. Moving forward, **please use the following address:** **[chapter121@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter121@iiachaptercommunications.org)**.

The **2024 Chapter Bylaws** and **2024 Annual Survey** are currently live for approval and completion. Please review your email for deadlines and see this [link](#) to complete the survey.

Please take a look at the upcoming events for the Spring, specifically our **Spring Social on March 21st** that will be a great opportunity for networking and to obtain a [refreshed professional headshot!](#)

Thank you to all of those that responded to our call for volunteers, we are excited to welcome new members to our Board. Stay tuned for more updates!



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Baton Rouge

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## 2023-2024 Officers

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## Spotlight On:



**Aaron LaHood**  
*Advisory Services  
EisnerAmper*

**Current Chapter Role:**  
VP of Membership  
**Prior Chapter Roles:**  
N/A

### **How did you first learn about the internal audit profession?**

I majored in accounting at LSU and didn't even know that internal auditing existed. Of course, LSU has an excellent internal audit program run by Dr. Sumners. Some students from the LSU CIA program spoke to my marketing class about internal auditing and the benefits of joining the program. It sounded like an interesting opportunity and I signed up for the program for the next semester.

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

At times you will find yourself working on projects where you are asked to examine an area you may be unfamiliar with. There is no shame in asking questions. Asking managers, asking your peers, even asking Google. Being a member of your IIA chapter can also give you access to resources that can assist you with examining new areas.

### **What would someone be surprised to learn about you?**

I love to cook! I think my homemade Indian food is almost restaurant-quality; particularly my butter chicken, chicken korma, and biryani.



## Networking Social

Thursday, March 21st

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Roux 61, Baton Rouge, LA

Come and connect with fellow auditors, enjoy refreshments, and take professional headshots

[Register Here](#)

## 2024 Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar

Monday, May 6th

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sheraton, Metairie, LA

7 CPEs (including 2 Ethics CPEs!)

Join us for a variety of speakers presenting on relevant topics across all levels.

[Registration link](#)



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## LSU CIA & CRM 40th Anniversary Event



Chapter members attended the LSU CIA & CRM program's 40th year celebration and Laura Soileau and Nicole Kottenbrook presented Dr. Sumners with the inaugural IIA Baton Rouge's Distinguished Auditor Award.

[Click Here](#) to see IIA President and CEO Anthony Pugliese's video congratulating the LSU program on its success.



Congratulations to  
**Marcella Barron** who passed  
the Part III of the CIA Exam!

**Exam News:**

Exam fee increases are  
set for  
**July 1, 2024.**  
Schedule your exam(s)  
now to beat the price  
increase.  
[Click here](#) for more  
details.

2023 CERTIFICATION EXAM PRICE			
	Member	Non-Member	Student
CIA Application	US \$115	US \$230	US\$65
CIA Part 1 Exam	US \$295	US \$425	US\$245
CIA Part 2 Exam	US \$265	US \$395	US\$215
CIA Part 3 Exam	US \$265	US \$395	US\$215
2024 CERTIFICATION EXAM PRICE - EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2024			
	Member	Non-Member	Student
CIA Application	US \$120	US \$240	US\$65
CIA Part 1 Exam	US \$310	US \$445	US\$245
CIA Part 2 Exam	US \$280	US \$415	US\$215
CIA Part 3 Exam	US \$280	US \$415	US\$215

**2024 IIA Conferences**

**2024 GAM Conference**  
March 11-13, 2024  
Las Vegas, NV

**2024 Financial Services Exchange**  
September 23-24, 2024  
Washington, D.C.

**2024 International Conference**  
July 15-17, 2024  
Washington, D.C.

**2024 GRC Conference**  
August 12-14, 2024  
Austin, TX

[List of all IIA Conferences HERE](#)