



2026 Global Student Conference- Student Track

Sunday April 19

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration & Exhibit Hall Open

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Conference Kickoff: Launching the Journey: From Curiosity to Career

Speakers: Javier Faleato & Benito Ybarra

Description: Every career begins with a moment of curiosity. In this story-driven session, two IIA Executive Vice Presidents will guide attendees through a journey that reflects the path many students take—from initially discovering internal audit to confidently entering an early-career professional role. Through the experience of one student, participants will discover how a simple question—“Who audits the algorithms?”—can spark interest in a profession that plays a vital role in managing risk, strengthening governance, and building trust in an increasingly complex digital world. Attendees will leave with a clear understanding of the pathway from curiosity to career, practical insights on how to stand out in a competitive job market, and a deeper appreciation for the global community and professional standards that make internal audit a meaningful and impactful profession.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

From Findings to Influence: How Auditors Get Heard (and Get Ahead)

Speakers: Laura De Luca

Description: Great audit work does not matter if no one listens! This session shows students how strong communication and influence skills turn technical analysis into real impact, and how professional certifications, especially the Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) designation, help build instant credibility early in a career. Students will learn how to explain issues clearly, persuade decision-makers, and build professional relationships with stakeholders who may not always agree with them. The session focuses on practical techniques students can immediately apply when presenting their ideas, defending their recommendations, and competing in the final case study challenge.

- Describe how the Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) designation strengthens credibility and career readiness for entry-level audit professionals.
- Teach practical soft skills, including effective communication, persuasion, and relationship-building.
- Provide hands-on strategies for engaging with stakeholders and presenting insights clearly, preparing students for the competition.

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Networking Break & Exhibit Hall

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Risk & Controls IRL: From Side Quests to Main Missions

Speakers: Andrew Guasp

Description:
Coming Soon!

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Case Competition Working Session

Description: Kick off the case competition by receiving your team’s case study topic and an overview of the competition process. Meet your pre-assigned team to analyze the case, identify key risks, and start developing your audit approach while applying core internal audit skills.

Monday April 20

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall & Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Unlocking Opportunities: Inside JPMorganChase’s Internal Audit Program (Joint Session) Description: Join us for an engaging session where you’ll get an exclusive look into JPMorganChase’s Internal Audit program. Discover how our team drives value, safeguards the firm, and supports innovation across one of the world’s leading financial institutions. Learn about our culture and the skills we seek in future audit professionals. Whether you’re exploring internship options or starting your career within internal audit, this session will provide insights, networking opportunities, and practical advice to help you take the next step. Don’t miss your chance to connect with JPMorganChase representatives and uncover what makes our Internal Audit program a launchpad for your career!
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	GSC Opening Keynote: Fraud Isn’t Accidental (Joint Session) Speaker: Marlette Toole, CIA, CFE Sr. Director, Internal Audit & Compliance Sierra Space Description: Coming Soon!
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break & Exhibit Hall
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Insights of the Profession and Fireside chat (Joint Session) Speakers: Anthony Pugliese (IIA HQ President and CEO) & David Helberg, CIA, CRMA (North American Board Chair) Description: Join Anthony Pugliese, President and CEO of The IIA, and David Helberg, Chair of the North American Board of Directors, for a dynamic fireside chat that brings the future of internal audit to life. Through open conversation and live Q&A, students and educators will gain firsthand insights into industry trends, leadership lessons, and career navigation straight from the top. Come curious, ask questions, and leave inspired by the possibilities ahead.
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	From Student to Internal Audit Leader/Chief Audit Executive (CAE) Speaker: Alex Rusate Description: Coming Soon!
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
1:00 PM – 3:10 PM	Case Competition Working Session Description: Continue collaborating with your team to refine your audit approach, strengthen recommendations, and organize your findings. Focus on teamwork, problem-solving, and applying internal audit skills as you prepare your final presentation to deliver on Tuesday.
3:10 PM – 3:40 PM	Networking Break & Exhibit Hall
3:40 PM – 4:30 PM	Panel Session: Internal Audit in Interesting Industries (Joint Session) Speaker: Don O' Hair (Meta), Michael Padilla (Starbucks), Shayla Johnson (UPS) Description: Coming Soon!
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Break to Navigate to Evening Reception

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<p align="center">Evening Reception: Global Student Conference & Leadership Academy</p> <p>Description: Celebrate the end of Day 2 at the Evening Reception! Mix, mingle, and share highlights from the day with attendees from Global Student Conference & Leadership Academy. @ Atlantic Dancehall</p>
Tuesday April 21	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<p align="center">Student Case Competition: Initial Presentations (Joint Session)</p> <p>Description: Teams take the stage to present their audit insights, identify key risks, and propose practical recommendations to a panel of judges. This first round highlights how teams approach complex problems, think critically, and communicate under pressure. Educators are encouraged to observe and support their students as they present their findings, gaining insight into how future internal auditors apply their skills in a real-world scenario.</p>
Quick Transition (Make the hike)	
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	<p align="center">Student Case Competition: Final Presentations (Joint Session)</p> <p>Description: Teams selected from the initial round advance to this final showcase to present their audit findings and recommendations. Judges will evaluate teams on their audit approach, risk assessment, and overall presentation. Educators are encouraged to observe the case competition and cheer on their students.</p>
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	<p align="center">Closing Announcements & Case Competition Winners Announced (Joint Session)</p> <p>Description: Gather as we kick off the last day of the conference with important updates, special recognitions, and a little excitement! We'll announce the winners of the case study competition, draw for a chance to win a Disney gift card from the Internal Audit Foundation, and set the stage for a strong conference finale. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate achievements, connect with peers, and start the day on a high note!</p>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p align="center">Closing Keynote: High Performance Happiness (Joint Session)</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Joanna Rajendran Description: Coming Soon!</p>