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**Upcoming Events for 2016:**

- **Mock Interviews** | January 22
- **Recruiter Night** | January 22
- **LSUCIA 2016 Kickoff Event** | January 23
In the CLASSROOM

Case Studies

The Summer 2015 case studies course had 130 students in attendance. New topics this year included Cendant, systematic corruption in college athletics, cyber threats and the top 10 issues for boards of directors.

As part of the course, students are required to submit research papers that include relevant internal auditing topics. Congratulations to Devon Armstrong, Alice Lin, Alysha Meadors, Jessica Nelson and Tianqi Yang for the top five case study papers.

Case Studies Day Two Group

Green Team 6 members (left to right) Kristin Swanson, Alexandra Lence, Robert Gandy and Elizabeth Lamb enjoy a break outside.

Left to right: Nicholas Zipko, Megan Erwin and Derek Hoeprich wait for the next presentation to begin.

Assistant Professor Jared Soileau presents Kaitlin Kemmerly with the Purple Team’s Most Improved Presenter Award.

Members of the Red Team, Isabelle Ding, Steven Goyne and Emily Burleigh, prepare for their next presentation.
Fall Class Events

Fall Social

To kick off the semester, LSUCIA hosted its annual fall social at Walk On’s Bistreaux & Bar on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Students shared stories about their summer internships and expectations for the fall course.

ISACA

This year, LSUCIA invited the Baton Rouge chapter of ISACA, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, to make a presentation to current students on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Brandy Krause, an IT auditor at BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana, presented on the topic of cyber threats. Students enjoyed refreshments and networking with representatives from BCBSLA.

LSUCIA student Michael Courtney commented, “I really enjoyed the ISACA presentation. The presenters provided great advice for auditors to utilize the resources available to them, including government websites for activities on the internet and organizations such as IIA, ISACA and COBIT.”

Governance Presentation

On Oct. 13, we were privileged to have Rudrik du Bruyn visit the LSUCIA fall classes and present to the students about governance and the 2009 King III report. du Bruyn is a senior lecturer at the University of Pretoria in South Africa and coordinator of the university’s Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) Center for Internal Auditing Excellence.

In his presentation, du Bruyn spoke about governance from the South African perspective.

“[Since the first King Report on corporate governance in South Africa was issued in 1994], valuable lessons have been learned and instead of viewing governance as a compliance checklist of practices to be implemented, focus should be placed on the desired outcomes that these practices intend to achieve,” du Bruyn said.

He also highlighted the role and responsibility of non-executive directors as key factors in achieving governance principles.

Technology Update

One of the goals of the LSUCIA program is to incorporate more technology into the courses to prepare students for challenges they will meet outside of the classroom. The technology emphasis in the Spring 2016 semester will be focused on getting students ready for their internships and geared towards helping them prepare for their Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) exams the following fall.

Assistant Professor Jared Soileau commented on the changes to the course that are taking place this fall.

“(In) the last month and a half of the fall semester, the internal audit course is being dedicated to focusing on IT audit,” Soileau said. “The text for the course covers a variety of topics spanning from general IT controls and application controls to IT risk assessment and continuous monitoring/data analysis. Students will present on the material and prepare to lead class discussions on the topics. The goal is that the focus will provide students with a foundation to build upon in preparing to sit for the CISA exam.”
Certification — 2015 Update
Danielle Jasper, accounting senior; Alysha Meadors, master’s of science in analytics student, and Elvin Tanga Nketcha have completed the CIA exam and were the first of the 2015 LSUCIA class to pass all three parts. Jasper is currently preparing for the Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA), while Meadors and Nketcha have selected the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) as their next challenge.

Congratulations to these students on their hard work and accomplishments.

CIA Scholarship and Award Winners
This year, LSUCIA participated in the E. J. Ourso College of Business Springs Awards Ceremony. The following students were recognized at the event:

Richard A. Roy Leadership Award ………………….. Kaitlin Kemmerly
Colleen Reed Progress Through Sharing Award …..... Liuli Huang
Roger McDaniel Service Award ………………….. Amanda Hancock
John Beard Commitment Award …………………. Alysha Meadors
Marathon Oil Corporation Scholarship ………………. Claire Cousin
Marathon Oil Corporation Scholarship ………………. Alexa Alexander
Marathon Oil Corporation Scholarship ………………. Camila Zimpel
Cynthia Cooper Professional Integrity Award …………. Dylan Brown
IAEP Achievement Award………………………….. Fang Zhou
IAEP Achievement Award……………………………… Yuanyuan Zhou
IAEP Achievement Award……………………………. Kayla Mumphery
IAEP Achievement Award…………………………….. Lei Yang

CIA Exam Study Tips
Danielle Jasper and Alysha Meadors shared some of the study strategies that have contributed to their success.

Danielle Jasper
Accounting Undergraduate
“Schedule your exams as soon as you can. Study for parts I and II at the same time, since the information overlaps and is very similar. On part III, do not spend too much time relearning how to do complicated calculations or memorizing formulas. There will probably only be several calculations on the exam and they will most likely not be complicated. Study until you can earn about a 75 to 80 percent on the practice exam. You are studying to pass, not to get the highest score."

Alysha Meadors
Master’s of Science in Accounting Student
“Have a mindset of understanding the material, rather than just memorizing. Create a study schedule and stick to it. Use the review materials. Read a unit, then complete all of the multiple choice questions for that unit. On the day of the test, skim through the entire review book for that part. I feel that I probably overstudied but it’s always better to overstudy than understudy.”
Sawyer Award

The annual Esther R. Sawyer Research Award from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Research Foundation is granted to an individual currently enrolled in an undergraduate- or graduate-level program in internal auditing at an Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) university. Brett Walden, an LSU accounting major, earned third place in the Sawyer Competition in 2015. Her paper was entitled, “Advocating the Internal Audit Profession.”

After graduating from LSU in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in marketing, Walden joined the workforce. After three years in advertising, she decided to return to LSU to get a second degree in accounting. She enrolled in the LSUCIA program, looking to gain enhanced business knowledge and personal growth. Through the program, Walden obtained an internship with Ernst & Young’s Advisory Services in Atlanta and has now reunited with them in a full-time capacity. She is presently working towards obtaining her first certification, the CIA.

O’Keefe Award

LSUCIA student Adam Grashoff received the inaugural Sean O’Keefe Leadership Award earlier this August at the Katrina and Rita: A Decade of Research & Response symposium. The now annual award is given to an LSU undergraduate student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership ability and character and comes with $10,000 to be used at the discretion of the recipient. Candidates are selected from various student presidential positions and are required to submit two essays, one on their past experiences in leadership and one on their leadership philosophy. They must also interview with each member of the selection panel. Grashoff plans on graduating with a bachelor’s degree in accounting in May 2016.

SuperStrategies 2015 Conference

In November, LSUCIA sent 10 students to the SuperStrategies 2015 Conference in Las Vegas. Students had the opportunity to network with audit professionals from all over the world and participate in workshops focused on corporate governance and building risk-based audit programs. The conference was a great experience for students to learn about the challenges and strategies of auditing in diverse business environments.
Internships to Remember

For the summer of 2015, LSUCIA placed 115 students in internships across the country, adding to the total number of 2,415 internships since the program began 31 years ago. The 39 hiring organizations that welcomed LSU students represented a variety of industries and consulting firms. Over two days, the students participated in more than 400 interviews, resulting in many students receiving and accepting internship offers.

While in internships, the students gained valuable experience in the internal auditing profession and earned three hours credit toward the internal audit specialization. Students worked across the United States in 29 cities and 17 states, including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Houston and Baton Rouge.

If you are interested in LSUCIA Internship Recruiting: The internship coordinators for spring 2016 are Wagner Glod and Nicole O’Bryant. Please contact them at lsucia@lsu.edu or 225-578-6221.
Alumni Updates

Congratulations to Mary Alfortish on her new role as a business analysis and reporting analyst for ExxonMobil in Houston. Alfortish went through the LSUCIA program as an undergraduate and earned her master’s in accounting in 2014. She has transitioned successfully into the new position and commented, “The opportunity to work for one of the leaders in the oil and gas industry has been a rewarding experience and I am excited to see what the future holds for my career with the company.”

Alumni Conference

The 2015 LSUCIA Shared Alumni Training Program hosted its fourth annual event on Thursday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 16. The event took place at the L’Auberge Casino and Hotel. Topics included the following:

- Auditing Contracts
- Risk of Healthcare Fraud
- Governance
- Emerging Technologies
- Financial Institution Fraud
- Dodd-Frank
- Cloud Computing
- Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) 2013

This event is a great way for fellow LSUCIA alumni and friends of the program to network and share their personal experiences. Guests were also able to attend the E. J. Ourso College of Business Alumni Tailgate after the conclusion of the conference on Saturday.

“The LSUCIA Alumni Training is the best opportunity to reconnect with LSUCIA alumni, catch up on the latest in IA [Internal Audit], and meet other IA professionals. We mark our calendars every year.”

— Jared Greco

Mary Alfortish

Shiv Ballanda, senior manager at Ernst & Young, presented on cyber security at the 2015 LSUCIA Alumni Conference.

IAEP Conference

Each year, the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) hosts an invitation-only gathering of educators, employers and students from around the world. This year, students and educators from the IIA’s Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) programs gathered in Orlando, Fla. for a weekend session to discuss opportunities in internal auditing. Those attending included 80 students and 27 educators from 23 universities located in six countries.

Seven students and one faculty member from the LSU Center for Internal Auditing were at the 2015 conference. LSUCIA student participants networked with a diverse group of students, educators and employers, like Deloitte, KPMG, Liberty Mutual, Southwest Airlines, Vanguard, State Farm and Raytheon. The program included professional development sessions such as “Navigating Your Internal Audit Career,” “Business Etiquette for the Global Society,” and “Perfecting Your Personal Brand.” Another component of the retreat was a case competition.

One of the participants, LSUCIA student William Gould, said, “The IAEP conference in Orlando was a great opportunity for me to network with practitioners and work with future leaders of the audit profession from around the world.”

AUDIT World

Each year, LSUCIA students volunteer at conferences sponsored by MIS Training Institute. In May, eight students attended Audit World 2015 in New Orleans. Students assisted in facilitating conference sessions, as well as attending selected sessions on topics such as emerging cybersecurity threats, fraud detection and prevention, aligning internal audit and business strategy, and third-party vendor management.

Kristin Swanson, an LSUCIA students who volunteered at the conference, commented, “Attending the Audit World conference was an excellent networking opportunity and I was able to explore areas of audit that I otherwise thought I would not be interested in. The conference also served as good preparation for my upcoming internship by attending discussions amongst auditors about current topics and concerns.”
Tailgate Party

LSUCIA hosted its annual tailgate party on Saturday, Oct. 17 in the Courtyard of the Business Education Complex. Staff, alumni, and students socialized and enjoyed refreshments before cheering on the Tigers against the Florida Gators.

From left to right: Lydia Lafleur, Laura Soileau, Whitney Prudhomme, Nick Speyrer, and Jared Soileau are enjoying the E. J. Ourso College of Business Alumni Tailgate before the LSU versus Florida game.
2015 Graduate Assistants

This year, the LSUCIA program has seven graduate assistants that support the program:

Danli Chen, Masters of Business Administration
Amber Dong, Masters of Business Administration
Wagner Glod, Masters of Business Administration
Ramsey Minter, Masters of Accounting
Nicole O’Bryant, Masters of Accounting
Fang Zhou, Masters of Accounting
Katherine Burley, Economics Student

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