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Upcoming Events for 2017:
LSU CIA Conference | October 16–17

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LSU CIA CONFERENCE 2017
October 16-17, 2017

ALUMNI at the Annual CIA Conference

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Class Events

LSUCIA Mock Interviews

The LSU Center for Internal Auditing hosted mock interviews for all students at the LSU Olinde Career Center in the Student Union on Friday, January 27. Students were randomly paired with representatives from 16 organizations for a 30-minute interview. Mock interviews gave students the opportunity to experience a professional setting and receive valuable feedback from practitioners.

LSUCIA Kickoff

The annual Kickoff Event took place on Saturday, January 28 at the E. J. Ourso College of Business Education Complex (BEC). Throughout the day, students were given the opportunity to network with representatives and practitioners from more than 30 organizations. Students also participated in resume building workshops, speed interviews, and industry and consulting firm panel discussions. The Kickoff Event ended with closing comments in the Auditorium by LSUCIA staff. LSUCIA would like to thank the students and practitioners for participating in the 2017 LSUCIA Kickoff Event.

Middle photos from top:
Tim Barkley, Bryce Simon, Srijana Magar, Regina Simmons, Carolyn Ray, and Jalpaben Chaniyara attend the annual Kickoff Event.
Students networked with representatives from more than 30 organizations in the BEC Rotunda.
LSUCIA student Molly Magill (left) networks with LSUCIA alumnus Andrew Tannehill who is now a staff auditor for Macy’s Inc.
Company Presentations

Throughout the semester, students heard from various consultants and industry representatives who recruit through LSUCIA. Presentations covered relevant internal auditing topics such as data analytics, fraud, cyber security, and technology. Students also received information about the organizations and their respective internship programs. The presentations were an hour long, followed by a question and answer segment and an hour of networking and dinner in the BEC Rotunda. Such events allowed students and practitioners to meet each other and network prior to resume submission and interviewing.

LSUCIA would like to thank the following companies for their time, effort, and participation in company presentations this semester:

- BDO
- Calpine
- CB&I
- Crowe Horwarth
- Deloitte
- EY
- Goldman Sachs
- Grant Thornton
- Hospital Corporation of America
- KPMG
- Macy’s
- Nestle
- Postlethwaite & Netterville
- Proviti
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Synchrony Financial
- Stinnett & Associates
- Walmart

Interviewing Seminar

On Friday, February 10, LSUCIA hosted “The Credible You” interviewing skills workshop for all LSUCIA students. The workshop was created by Robert Blackburn and designed to help students respond to interview questions and learn how to create a good impression. Blackburn has visited LSUCIA for the past 13 years to present on interviewing skills, and student evaluations of his sessions have always been outstanding.
Certifications

**CISSP Exam**

*Wesley Ladd* (LSUCIA ’16) recently passed the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) exam. On his motives for taking the CISSP, Ladd said, “While I have a strong understanding in cybersecurity, I have no formal background in Information Technology. The CISSP provided me an opportunity to show future employers that I am knowledgeable and passionate about this growing field. I encourage many of my classmates to pursue this certification as well because I believe it is a crucial and underserved component to providing assurance to organizations in the digital age.”

Congratulations to Ladd on his accomplishment!

**CIA Exam**

*Naresh Cheekati* (LSUCIA ’16) recently passed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exam. On his motives for taking the CIA, Cheekati said, “When I was in the CIA program, (Program Director Glenn) Sumners was always telling me the importance of certifications. I realized the value of certifications during my internship last summer, which helped me decide to get both my CIA and Certified Information Systems Auditor certifications. I am thankful to the LSUCIA staff for encouraging me and providing me with the required material to pass all three parts of the CIA exam. I am looking forward to taking the CISA.”

Congratulations to Cheekati on his accomplishment!

**CISA Exam**

*Adam Yerino* (LSUCIA ’16) recently passed the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) exam. Being CISA certified allows individuals to demonstrate their capabilities in assessing vulnerabilities, reporting on compliance, and instituting controls within an organization. The CISA exam is open to any individual who has an interest in information systems audit, control, and security.

Congratulations to Yerino on his accomplishment!

**CRMA Exam**

*Gouling “Linda” Xiang* recently passed the Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) exam. Being CRMA certified allows individuals to demonstrate their ability to evaluate the dynamic components that make up an organization’s governance and enterprise risk management program and provide assurance around these issues. In addition, Xiang passed the CIA exam and the Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA) exam. She plans on taking the CISA in the future.

Congratulations to Xiang on all of her accomplishments!

**CFE Exam**

*Amogh Bhide* recently passed the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) exam. CFE training involves conveying knowledge of complex financial transactions and understanding of forensic methods, laws, and how to resolve allegations of fraud. To take the CFE exam, individuals have to apply for membership to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Also, Bhide recently passed the CIA exam.

Congratulations to Bhide on all his accomplishments!

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**2017 Class Officers**

*Class: 1:30 p.m. (Graduate)*

- President: Samantha Bologna
- Vice President: Erika Viana Pagan

*Class: 10:30 a.m. (Undergraduate)*

- President: Timothy Barkley
- Vice President: Olivia Bates

*Class: 9:00 a.m. (Undergraduate)*

- President: Keirsten Gilberti

*Class: 7:30 a.m. (Undergraduate)*

- President: Liqun Yang

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**IIA Baton Rouge Chapter Meetings**

Throughout the spring 2017 semester, LSUCIA students attended monthly Institute of Internal Auditor (IIA) meetings. Students at the meetings were given the opportunity to listen to a variety of internal audit topics, such as auditing disaster recovery/business resumption, enterprise risk management and internal audit, and crisis and change management. Also, this fall, the Baton Rouge IIA Chapter will be awarding a scholarship to an LSUCIA student.
CIA – Getting Started

On February 4 and 5, students attended a weekend session to prepare for Part I of the CIA exam. During the eight-hour sessions on Saturday and Sunday, students revisited the chapters and material that would be covered in Part I and learned test-taking techniques.

SUMNERS’ Coffee Meetings

LSUCIA continues its 6:00 a.m. coffee sessions with students, who meet in groups of four or five. The meetings last about an hour and a half and are designed as a mentoring session where students can meet with their instructors in a more casual setting and discuss their opportunities and career goals.

Alumni Conference

In the fall 2016 semester, LSUCIA hosted its annual LSUCIA Alumni Conference November 2 and 3 at L’Auberge Casino Hotel. The conference was a great success, with more than 50 alumni and friends of the program in attendance. We hope to continue to expand this event in 2017. Stay tuned for more information and how to register for the 2017 LSUCIA Alumni Conference on October 16 and 17.

The 2017 session will cover a range of topics including:

- Cyber Issues
- Social Engineering
- Internal Audit Legal Cases
- Third Party Risk Assessment

We hope to see you there!
2016-2017 Graduate Assistants

This year the LSUCIA program has eight graduate assistants that provide administrative support for the program:

- **Dylan Boudreaux**, Masters of Business Administration
- **Rachel Berard**, Masters of Business Administration
- **Danli Chen**, Masters of Business Administration
- **Yaqun “Amber” Dong**, Masters of Business Administration
- **Samantha Falgoust**, Masters of Accountancy
- **Drew Guin**, Masters of Accountancy
- **Ashleigh Jones**, Masters of Accountancy
- **Nicholas Zipko**, Masters of Accountancy

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