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Meeting demand

IIA $100,000 grant to help KSU educate auditors

Atlanta continues to be one of the nation’s most attractive areas for corporate headquarters, housing the homes of national brands from the American Cancer Society to The Home Depot Inc. to The Weather Channel. That provides an opportunity for Kennesaw State University, says Ken Harmon, interim provost and dean of Kennesaw State’s Michael J. Coles College of Business.

“Atlanta is becoming a hot spot for corporate headquarters, and I expect that only to increase,” Harmon said.

Thanks to a recent grant by the Institute of Internal Auditors, Kennesaw State will soon be more ready to take advantage of that opportunity, Harmon said. The IIA recently made a record $100,000 grant to go toward Kennesaw State’s three-year-old internal audit education program.

“Internal auditing is becoming recognized as an increasingly important function in nearly all companies,” Harmon said. “Having a university known for providing world-class education in internal auditing can only help attract companies here. Also, I think we will be helping the business community by providing professional graduates who are ready to provide value their first day on the job.

“The Atlanta region has significant demand for internal auditors because of the numerous companies located here. We at KSU see a high level of unmet demand in internal auditing. This grant will help us increase our offerings and capacity in internal audit education.”

The grant, half of which came from the IIA’s Atlanta chapter and the other half of which came from IIA International, will be used to expand and enhance a program that Kennesaw State started in the fall of 2007 with the creation of its first internal audit courses. The school formed its Internal Audit Center in 2008.

Specifically, the grant money will be given to KSU’s School of Accountancy and will go toward creating an internal audit certificate that can be earned as part of the school’s redesigned master’s program in accounting, said Kathryn Epps.

By Janet Jones Kendall - CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the money: KSU associate professor Richard Clune and School of Accountancy Director Kathryn Epps say the grant will fund an internal audit certificate program.
McClung credits education for auditing success

By Leslie Williams Johnson

In 1995, Paul McClung started learning about the details and demands of his future profession when he signed up for the internal audit pilot program at Louisiana State University. He was one of only 70 students to complete the program that year, with another 60 students starting the second year.

McClung’s business philosophy is to “understand and define what I am trying to accomplish, develop strong business relationships, acknowledge the importance of continuous learning and improvement, and operate with a ‘service’ mentality.”

His appreciation for this mind-set was deepened after attending the IIA’s Leadership Conference in 2006. He heard a talk by Pat Williams, senior vice president of the NBA’s Orlando Magic, who discussed leadership qualities, including the importance of having a “servant’s heart.”

With determination and a desire to give back, McClung has extended his expertise and experience to other areas. His volunteer efforts include Cub Scout leader and Sunday school teacher, and church mission trips abroad.

Evan Hart, senior vice president and chief financial officer at Mueller Water Products, said McClung has helped implement an online payment system, enabling people to pay monthly meetings in advance rather than on the day of the event.

“We just eliminated lines of frustrated people,” said Mulcahy, founder of Mulcahy Accounting & Risk Consulting.

Jeff Lund, partner at Deloitte in Atlanta, said he’s long been impressed with McClung’s collected demeanor, even in the midst of tense times when everyone in a room might not be in agreement.

“He has this calming influence about him,” Lund said. “He can walk in a room and calm a situation down.”

As part of his mission work with Roswell United Methodist Church, McClung has witnessed desperate life situations that give him perspective.

He’s traveled to Africa to provide students in Kenya with training, business planning support and micro-finance loans.

“I definitely see, after traveling to Kenya, some of the problems I deal with on a daily basis, I feel like it’s not that much of a problem,” he said. “These aren’t life-threatening problems.”

Tough issues

McClung acknowledged there are some tough issues facing his profession, including continuing to adapt to changing expectations of internal audit departments, particularly related to enterprise risk management. He also cited the need to have the right skill sets in place within an internal audit department to address expectations, and to show the department’s value throughout the organization.

As for his outlook for the IIA chapter, McClung is positive.

“The group’s goals are basically to keep up the good work in areas such as promoting the profession; developing leaders and volunteers; supporting internal audit education; providing training opportunities and promoting the strategic objectives of the IIA. We’ve got a great thing going here and we need to continue that momentum,” McClung said.

About The Institute of Internal Auditors

The Institute of Internal Auditors is an international professional association that represents members working in internal auditing, risk management, governance, internal control, information technology and assurance services. The term “internal audit” is defined as an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization’s operations. The internal audit function — performed by professionals with in-depth understanding of the business culture, systems and processes — provides assurance that internal controls in place are adequate to mitigate the risks that governance processes are effective and efficient, and that organizational goals and objectives are met. Internal auditors bring a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

The Institute of Internal Auditors was established in 1945 and has global headquaters in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The IIA is the profession’s voice worldwide, representing members working in more than 107 countries found.

The IIA is the profession’s voice worldwide, a research authority and the leading provider of professional training, certification, leadership, advocacy and education. Its work includes development of a globally accepted definition of internal auditing, establishment of a professional practices framework, establishment of professional certifications such as Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and creation of a research foundation. The IIA is represented globally through 103 institutes and has 153 chapters in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

The IIA’s Atlanta chapter has more than 1,900 members and was established in 1949. It is one of three IIA chapters in Georgia, with others in Savannah and Columbus. The Atlanta chapter recently received a go-ahead in 2006 to host an international conference, when the Institute of Internal Auditors 2010 International Conference was held here June 6-9, 2010.

The IIA Atlanta has focused in recent years on promoting the profession through advocacy; developing leaders and volunteers, support of the IIA for internal audit education; participating in world-class training opportunities and promoting the IIA’s strategic initiatives. It plans to continue to work on those objectives in the 2010-2011 year, according to chapter President Paul McClung.

Toward those goals, the chapter recently donated $50,000 of a $100,000 grant to Tennessee State University’s Center for Internal Audit. The IIA Atlanta has also increased membership diversity by promoting the association’s benefits for non-internal auditors, with about 250 members coming from outside the profession.

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Job outlook bright for internal auditors

By Doug DeLoach

And now, for some good news on the employment front...

Between 2008 and 2018 employment growth for accountants and auditors is expected to rise by 20 percent or more, according to the most recent forecast from the U.S. Department of Labor. During the decade, nearly 280,000 new jobs will become available in the sector with the ratio between openings and applicants expected to be roughly balanced.

In part, the agency’s Bureau of Labor Statistics based its forecast on “an increase in the number of businesses, changing financial laws and corporate governance regulations, and increased accountability for protecting an organization’s stakeholders.” (See www.bls.gov.)

According to Nancy Thomas, Atlanta IIA chapter administrator, the organization does whatever it can to assist professionals in need. The chapter website has a job-posting section, which is free of charge to employers, where listings remain until the position is filled. The mentoring program, which started in 2008, evolved organically out of discussions at meetings and in response to pleas from people who had lost their jobs.

“Regardless of whether someone is a member of the IIA, we encourage them to send in their résumés,” Thomas said.

The résumés are forwarded to the chapter president, who oversees the process of assigning the job-seeker to one of 10 board members. The board member then works with the individual by reviewing qualifications, polishing interview skills, and providing strategic guidance and support.

“When people lose a job, it can be a very emotional experience, so it’s important to have someone with a broader perspective around the organizational culture,” said David Bilko, senior vice president and corporate operational risk officer, SunTrust Banks Inc.

Bilko was serving as the IIA Atlanta chapter president during the development and introduction of the mentoring program.

President Paul McClung was responsible for spearheading the mentoring program, which was quickly and enthusiastically adopted by the board. “The mentor can be a voice of reason, a confidante, or simply someone who can listen and empathize with the person who’s looking for work,” he said. “They can bring a broader, more rational focus to the job-search process.”

A couple of years ago, Shantea Stanford, became senior audit manager. “Being employed as senior audit manager. “Being employed as senior audit manager, the company provided an outside placement service, Lee Hecht Harrison, and they helped me a lot,” she said. “They suggested contacting the Institute for Internal Auditors.”

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How to place an internal auditing job on the IIA website:

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*Note: The policy of the Atlanta chapter of the IIA forbids running job placement ads from search or recruiting firms.

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■ Recruitment products/pricing.
■ Create employer account.
■ Access your employer account.

Also available:
Advice and resources for managers and job seekers.
More non-auditors discovering benefits of IIA

By Randy Sotherland
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the duties of internal auditors have stretched across organizations, an increasing number of other professionals have joined the Institute of Internal Auditors to network and gain a better understanding of the field.

“Today you look at an internal auditor as an overall business person,” said Pam Jenkins, the IIA Atlanta chapter’s membership chair and senior vice president of internal audit at Wendy’s/Arby’s Group Inc. “Many internal auditing shops are concentrating on enterprise risk and business processes. I think the broader focus of being an internal auditor has attracted different people [to IIA] than simply internal auditors. The new CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) is not just a typical auditor. It’s generally someone who understands business and risk assessment and has a good business mind.”

Out of the more than 1,800 members claimed by the Atlanta chapter, approximately 250 are not part of the profession, although they often work closely with internal auditors in their organizations. These non-auditors have titles such as director of corporate compliance, risk and control assessment manager, and director of insurance claims.

Many of the non-auditors are from the IT side of the business, said Stacy Gensler, internal audit manager at Cousins Properties Inc. “What we do as IT auditors is help out the financial auditor in making sure that the [accounting and financial] systems process the data correctly so that they can rely on the reports being generated,” she said.

With IT creating many of the tools that make internal auditing possible, it was only natural that the two groups have a close relationship. Gensler serves as president of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Atlanta chapter, an IT auditors group that meets annually in joint session with IIA Atlanta. Many ISACA members have also joined the internal auditors group, she said.

“Having that dialogue between IT and accountants means they can speak both languages,” Jenkins said.

IT auditing involves implementing principles such as segregation of duties, in which different people are required to handle different parts of the financial process to reduce opportunities for fraud. These systems prevent the same staff member from entering employees into the system and then setting up their pay information as well. About half of IT auditors have financial backgrounds themselves, added Gensler, who has a bachelor’s degree in economics and an MBA.

The number of non-auditor members of IIA has grown steadily over the past four years, said Nancy Thomas, IIA-Atlanta’s chapter administrator.

“Many non-auditors see it as a great networking opportunity, where they can meet people who are in the internal auditing profession.”

Reasons for membership can vary. Companies seeking to develop an internal audit department might seek guidance and recruit members through the organization.

“They may use the organization to find an internal auditor,” Thomas said. “Many companies don’t have an internal audit department, but use IIA to find a good match for their company that can come in or serve as a consultant.”

Other professionals may simply want to keep up with business issues that can place internal auditors at the center of a company’s processes.

“Enterprise risk assessment is one of the top issues that a lot of companies and a lot of audit departments are looking at as they decide how they should assess risk companywide,” Jenkins said. “Having a network of internal auditors allows you to bring a lot of that back to your company.”

The Institute of Internal Auditors can also help businesses make sure they are following best practices with their financial processes. Members can also enroll in a wide variety of continuing education programs on current issues within the profession.

“When I look at my department and ask, ‘Am I doing best practices?,’ I can safely say ‘Yes,’ ” Jenkins said. “Through the organization I know a lot of other CAEs (chief audit executives) from large companies and what they are doing.”

The organization also attracts the sub-specialties of internal auditing, such as certified fraud examiners who have their own organization, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

“We can offer opportunities not just for internal audit, but also for the various aspects of internal auditing,” Thomas said.

Professionals who want to move into the field often join the organization as part of their transition. Among these groups are operations specialists who are often already familiar with internal auditing through their own jobs.

Among the membership are also vendors and business development professionals, Thomas said.

IIA-Atlanta, the nation’s sixth-largest chapter, has members representing more than 130 companies.

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From hindsight to foresight, internal auditors weather a changing profession

A s a young college graduate in 1975, I became an internal auditor and I have made it my career ever since. I actually began right here in Atlanta at the Trust Company Bank. So many things here have changed since, and much like this dynamic city, the internal audit profession has evolved, too. I can say for certain, from the decades I’ve been a part of this profession, it has seen more change in the last decade than in any period before. Around 2000, we had Y2K and the technology boom, only to find ourselves in the onset of a global recession in 2001. Then came the global terrorist attacks that changed the focus to business continuity planning, disaster recovery and security. A series of spectacular corporate failures brought on by financial fraud in 2002 shifted many internal auditors’ work to testing financial controls. And as the decade came to a close, the recent economic crisis totally reshaped the landscape of our profession in the early 2000s, as many internal audit executives were suddenly ushered in for their first extended conversations with the board and the audit committee, and then fell short when trying to communicate.

First of all, organizations must continue to embrace a “risk-centric” strategy. As internal auditors, we must be able to understand how risk impacts the organization, how internal auditing plays a role in risk management, and how organizations can use risk assessment and risk management as part of an overall strategy. If internal auditors aren’t capable of providing insight on how effectively risks are managed, we may become irrelevant. The internal audit profession must continue to expand its “portfolio of services.” Internal auditors should be positioned to provide advice to management and boards, and not shy away from providing it. The last thing an organization needs is an internal audit department that stands back until an event happens, and then shows up and “bayonets the wounded.”

As professionals, we have to recognize there are times when we have the opportunity to come in as an advisor — during the process of implementing a new system, for example — and offer advice. Technology is also a tremendous opportunity for internal auditors in the next decade. Although every internal auditor is not an information technology specialist, all of today’s internal audit practitioners must have a level of understanding of IT. Who would have ever thought that technology would pose such risks — and such rewards? Since the beginning of my career, I’ve seen a total evolution of IT solutions for virtually every aspect of an organization. Social networking, the use of mobile devices to share company information, and technology-based systems for financial management are all common on the radar of internal auditors. What’s next to come?

Internal auditors of the next decade also must have dynamic communication skills. This is one area that I think really hurt our profession in the early 2000s, as many internal audit executives were suddenly ushered in for their first extended conversations with the board and the audit committee, and then fell short when trying to communicate.

These internal auditors were pushed out — and someone who had a much more polished and effective style stepped up to the plate. And finally, internal auditing always has, and always must, strive for unflinching integrity and ethics.

Take, for example, Cynthia Cooper, who was one of the whistle-blowers at WorldCom. She worked for the chief financial officer, who was threatening her throughout in an effort to cover up his actions. She was being intimidated, but she managed to maintain unwavering courage, knowing all the time that if she were seen as exposing the company and her job. But her professional duty mandated she remained steadfast in her efforts to uncover the truth. While her circumstances are extraordinary, they are not unheard of, and internal auditors must be prepared to do what is right.

Internal auditing, in its most elementary fashion, has been about providing hindsight. We’ve been brought in to assess what has happened. But this doesn’t allow us to influence the outcome. So now internal auditors are providing insight — looking at current operations and providing advice on how things can be enhanced.

But ultimately, I envision internal auditors demonstrating their full value by providing foresight. Foresight involves looking ahead and providing proactive advice that strategically benefit the organization.

Foresight may be an aspiration for some, but it’s at the core of what internal auditing can deliver, and what highly successful organizations value.

Chambers is president and CEO of The IIA Global Headquarters.

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VIEWPOINT

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Susan Bell
Managing partner, Ernst & Young LLP, Atlanta office

Pressure: Economic pressures across most industries during this recent recession did impact many businesses, causing them to challenge the organization and corresponding value delivered. Many internal audit functions have been impacted, with value being measured in terms of keeping the company out of trouble and helping to improve the business. However, I believe executives realize the tremendous importance of internal audit and have been supportive of continued internal audit coverage of risks.

Efficient: IA departments with budget pressures can continue to provide great risk coverage, by, among other things, coordinating risk “lines of defense” with other areas of the business and performing integrated audits designed to identify potential pervasive or emerging risks.

Priorities: I would expect to see CAEs increasing their investments in data analytics and other means to achieve greater risk coverage for both traditional and emerging risk areas.

Kathryn K. Epps
Director, School of Accountancy, Kennesaw State University

Pressure: Corporations have faced increasing budget pressures in recent years as a result of the economic recession, and internal audit budgets have been cut along with the budgets of other key corporate functions. Additionally, the rapid expansion of many corporate internal audit functions after the passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in 2002 has been followed by an evaluation of the appropriate level of resource allocation to internal audit services in recent years.

Efficient: The alignment of the goals of the internal audit department with the needs of the organization should be analyzed in resource allocation decisions.

Priorities: As internal audit budgets stabilize, the chief audit executive should continue to emphasize the value of the internal audit function to key stakeholders. Professional development of internal audit department staff should also be a priority in order to enhance both auditing skills and business/industry knowledge.

Dan Giannini
President, Atlanta chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors

Pressure: Internal audit services are no different than other operating costs. As a result, they have been under pressure to keep costs in line with operating income. These costs are also bundled with all other internal and external financial operating and compliance costs to arrive at a rational relationship of the total cost to revenues.

Efficient: Budget reductions create a greater focus on risk. Based on risk analysis, certain procedures can be eliminated or put on a cycle basis. In addition, the results of the risk analysis may indicate that proposed reductions may not support the risk profile and could represent a level of risk the company may not accept.

Priorities: Risk continues to be the priority for chief audit executives. Risk, however, is expanded beyond the financial to general business operations, regulatory and compliance risk. As a “C-suite” executive, focus on business continuity and market perception is key to enterprise sustainability.

Kessel Stelling
President and CEO, Synovus Bank; audit committee chair, Board of Regents of University System of Georgia

Pressure: I think the recession has had a drastic effect on all companies. They have had to adjust the way they spend and operate and operating models to cope with declining revenues. All those areas were affected and internal audit is certainly not immune.

Efficient: No. 1, an audit department has to adopt a risk-based audit plan. They need to do it if they have not already done so, because audit plans need to adjust with companies’ expectations and risks. Audit departments have to increase the use of technology. Also, audit departments have to coordinate their activities with other functions in a way that’s integrated in order to eliminate redundancies.

Priorities: Here are a few: design and implement a flexible, comprehensive risk-based audit plan that appropriately aligns with company objectives and strategies. Additionally, I think maintaining a professional staff with the knowledge, skills and competencies to do the job has to be a priority. Another priority is staying close to, and communicating with, key stakeholders.
Strong speakers highlight 2011 IIAA calendar

By Leslie Williams Johnson  

With momentum still strong from hosting last year’s international conference, and armed with a lineup of highly regarded speakers, the Atlanta chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors has a full plate of offerings for members throughout 2011. In keeping their certifications active, certified internal auditors (CIA) must have between 40 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) credits each year. The Atlanta chapter of IIA offers more than 40 hours of training through a number of events, which tend to be well-attended.

While earning credits, members get the chance to hear esteemed professionals speak to the chapter April 15.

“We try to concentrate on how internal audit can add value to the business,” Mulcahy said. Only hosted in the U.S. every other year, the conference was last in Atlanta in 1970. “It’s not easy to get,” Mulcahy said. The 2011 international conference is July 10-13 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Kramer’s annual conference is a “must-attend event for auditors,” Mulcahy said. And Hollis is expected to give perspective on being an audit committee member and chief audit officer at Morehouse College, representing the dream of many internal auditors to go from auditor to reporting to an audit committee to being on an audit committee, he said.

In addition to having noted speakers, conference attendance by chapter members was solid—a round 600, double the number of members a host city typically sees, Mulcahy said. The success of the conference has had a lasting effect on the chapter, which already had been in a good place, its leaders say. “Our membership is very strong now,” said chapter President Paul McClung. “We’ve had good success with our monthly meetings. Things seem to be going very well.”

The scheduled speakers include:

David Sawyer, president of the Georgia Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, who addresses the group March 11;

Betty Siegel, president emeritus of Kennesaw State University, on April 15;

Paul Lapides, co-founder and director of the Corporate Governance Center in the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, and professor of management and entrepreneurship at KSU, on March 11;

C.O. Hollis Jr., recently appointed to the Audit Committee of the city of Atlanta, speaks March 11;


On Feb. 4, Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens was scheduled to address IIA Atlanta with an update on changing laws, enforcement and regulations.

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Having recognized speakers and holding events in quality, respectable venues are two ways the chapter has kept interest and participation strong.

“If we can attract the chief audit executives, the next thing you know, all of his or her staff start showing up,” Mulcahy said.

The IIA Atlanta chapter’s Big Splash event is another opportunity for members to get continuing education credits at a low cost, he said.

The Big Splash has grown bigger every year since its start in 2006; last year’s event was part of the IIA International Conference. This year, the Big Splash takes place Sept. 9 at the Cobb Galleria and offers eight hours’ CPE credit.

“It’s clearly lacking the trend,” Mulcahy said of the Big Splash’s success and the chapter’s overall growth in the midst of a stalled economy. “All our indicators are way up.”
Choosing to be an exceptional leader: Certification, standards and peer review

“N”obody can prevent you from choosing to be exceptional.” — Mark Sanborn, keynote speaker and noted author of “The Fred Factor,” told 2,800 of us from Atlanta and around the globe at the 2010 Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Conference in Atlanta.

Sanborn further explained that his postcard carrier, Fred, brings passion, energy and exceptional service to the job every day. He noted that’s probably why D.C. Forbes, the legendary founder of Forbes magazine, said, “There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive.”

Sanborn also noted that being exceptional in an industry gets there through being professionally certified, following standards and undergoing peer review.

Exceptional leader

The late Bill Bishop, a mentor of mine and the luminary president of the IIA Global was an exceptional leader. Bill was kind enough to allow me to take a show-off of dirt (from Florida it actually was sand) at the groundbreaking for the IIA Global headquarters in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He agreed to deliver our keynote speech for me at the 2001 Association of Health Care Internal Auditors (AHIA) Annual Conference. While I felt pretty good about his support, Bill decided to share an additional teaching moment with me. He started by asking “Are you a CPA?”

“Yes,” I responded.

Bill followed up, “When you worked at a CPA firm, you were probably less busy getting your CPA right?”

Absolutely,” I responded again. I went on to note that employees were required to be CPAs to be promoted.

Bill then asked me why, as the then-chief (internal) audit officer of Emory University, I had taken the time to become a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) Message sent and received! Bill — and he was right then and is right now — was asking me if I had internationally recognized certification for internal auditors.

Five years later, after Bill Bishop had passed, I was elected IA Atlanta chapter president but still had not become a CIA. In my inaugural talk to the chapter in June 2006, I said I would take and pass the CIA exam, I find it a tribute to say that later that year I accomplished what I said I would do, and what Bill Bishop had challenged me to do.

The Certified Internal Auditor designation

Absent a personal challenge from the IIA president, the IIA brochure suggests some additional benefits to earning the CIA:

1. Distinguish yourself from your peers.
2. Carry weight with internal and external clients.
3. Develop your knowledge of the best practices in the industry.
4. Demonstrate your proficiency and professionalism.
5. Give you personal satisfaction of achievement.
6. Lay a foundation for continued improvement and advancement.

The number of IIA Atlanta chapter members with the CIA designation has been rising. For those who are certified:

Congratulations! For those who are not, I challenge you to become certified just as Bill Bishop challenged me.

I hope to see your CIA cer- tificate at the May 13 monthly meeting of the Atlanta chapter where I usually honnour the new CIAs. And by the way, we waive the $75 lunch and meeting fee for those receiving their new CIA certificate.

Do you need a review session to become certified? The Atlanta chapter is again bringing in the well-known CIA professor Glenn Summers of LSU to teach his CIA Review course. He will be teaching several sessions at Morehouse College March 4-7. Internal Auditing standards are codified in the Internal Standards of the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. In accordance with the IIA Standards effective Jan. 1, 2009, “the Chief Audit Executives must develop and maintain a quality assurance and improvement program that covers all aspects of the internal audit activity.” (Standard 1308)

The program provides a professional audit program. A phrase best known to audit committee members of the board, the CEO, the CFO and accountants and auditors is “…in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.”

Less well known is the internal audit phrase of “conformity with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.” This phrase is not on the internal audit report but can only be used if the standards are being followed. For those using the phrase, congratulations on being an exceptional leader! For those not there yet, I challenge you to use the phrase if allowed and to position yourself to be allowed to use the phrase in the future.

Peer reviews: Auditing through leadership

Who audits the auditors? That is a question that we often hear, usually after something has gone wrong. For internal auditors, the answer to the question is peer reviews or “Quality Assessment Reviews.” It has been part of the IIA’s recognition of the KSU in recent years.

Walter Massey was a keynote speaker at the international conference where the theme was “Auditing through Leadership.” Massey, former chairman of the Board of America board who has served on audit committees of major corporations such as Bank of America, McDonald’s Inc., Delta Air Lines and Motorola knows something about both auditing and leadership. Now president emeritus of Morehouse College, Massey led Morehouse as president from August 1995 to June 2007. He is well-acquainted with peer reviews in the academic settings of Morehouse College and Stanford University, asked for an external peer review of the Morehouse College Internal Audit Department in 2006.

Morehouse Chief Audit Officer C.O. Hollis Jr. says of the peer review, “It’s a validation of our internal audit program which gave the president and the audit committee comfort and confidence.”

McClung on the stage of the International Conference in Atlanta 2010 in the IIA Atlanta chapter’s own Fred Masci, vice president, Internal Audit at PRGX Global, is a “Fred” who brings passion, energy and exceptional service to the job every day. Fred Masci is an exceptional leader too. He’s a CIA, follows the IIA standards and has a peer review. For those of us who work in the government and not-for-profit sector are very familiar with peer reviews as it is required by the “yellow book,” the government rule book on auditing. Shouldn’t internal auditors be more like Fred the postman and do more than what is required by bringing and documenting exceptional service?

Be a Fred (Masci)

According to Mark Sanborn from the stage at the International Conference 2010 in Atlanta, the IIA Atlanta chapter’s own Fred Masci, vice president, Internal Audit at PRGX Global, is a “Fred” who brings passion, energy and exceptional service to the job every day. Fred Masci is an exceptional leader too. He’s a CIA, follows the IIA standards and has a peer review. He is already moving forward to be a Fred (Masci).

Fred Masci serves on the IIA Atlanta chapter’s 2010-2011 board of governors, and is president of Mulcasy Accounting and Risk Consulting.

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Director of the School of Accountancy. Internal auditors work in companies to make certain the businesses’ internal controls and accounting procedures are working correctly and efficiently.

“The School of Accountancy has demonstrated our commitment to internal auditing through our offering of the first internal audit courses,” Epps said. “The IIA recognized our progress in 2010 by promoting us within their Internal Audit Education Institute. The IIA had previously qualified us for a grant from the IIA’s Academic Advancement Fund. We believe that the positive response to our application is, in part, attributed to the IIA’s recognition of our School of Accountancy’s well-recognized graduate faculty with teaching and research success in auditing and internal auditing, such as Drs. Rich Clune, Dana Hermannson, Audrey Granling, and Sri Ramamoorti.

The money will also be used to add grading to teaching assistants in the internal auditing field and provide continuing education opportunities for internal audit faculty members, Harmon said.

More than 350 students have taken internal audit courses at KSU, said Clune, the director of the internal audit initiative. The students have learned that if they have earned their internal audit certifications they are in demand at companies such as companies and organizations as UPS, Shell, Ernst & Young, Praxair, Boeing, Coca-Cola, CCE, PRGX, Assurance, Southern Co. and the Board of Regents, he said. “This could not have been done without the support of and strong partner- ship with the Atlanta chapter [of the IIA]. We believe the IIA recognition of the KSU and [Atlanta chapter’s] partnership was key to the favorable grant award decision.”

New internal audit curriculum at KSU will be developed after consulting with chief audit executives and reviewing procedures from leading companies, Clune said.

“By matching our world-class internal audit faculty with world-class internal audit leaders and then listening to these practitio-

ers, we will take their ideas into our courses,” he said. “We are truly fortunate to have the financial support of the IIA and the Atlanta chapter to be in a position to participate in such a unique endeavor.”

The IIA’s Atlanta chapter has 1,900 members while its international membership includes more than 150,000 members. Kennesaw State’s initial foray into an internal audit curriculum came through a partnership with the Atlanta chapter, Harmon said.

“Since that time, IIA has worked closely with us and has been seemingly impressed with the national, and even international, footprint KSU has in internal audit,” said McClung. According to IIA Atlanta chapter President Paul McClung, a senior internal auditor at Mueller Water Products Inc., the IIA decided to simply support the continued momentum they’ve seen at Kennesaw State.

“KSU has really taken the position that they want to grow the internal audit area; they’ve completed all the steps of working with the IIA to get into the partnership program and they’ve really done all the right things to move this program forward at a pretty rapid pace,” McClung said.

The gift is a one-time grant but the school can apply for a 2012 grant in the fall.

“Continued financial support is predi- cated on demonstrated success and progress, so 2011 will be a busy year,” Clune said.

Audit leaders: IIA Atlanta Chapter board of governors members Richard Clune, William Mulcasy and Fred Masci.
John M. Fuchko III

Title: Chief audit officer and associate vice chancellor

Age: 33

Career highlight: Being named the top auditor in the University System of Georgia

Family: Wife, Sheree; seven children

Hobbies: Reading, especially Russian literature, classics and poetry; running; volunteering with the National Guard

John is a young guy but when you are working in a life-and-death environment, things that seemed like a big deal before don’t seem so major.

by Tonya Layman

A t 33, John M. Fuchko III has established himself as a leader in the University System of Georgia. But he began showing leadership traits long before he started his career there.

A product of the university system, Fuchko earned his undergraduate degree in political science magna cum laude from Kennesaw State University in 2003. While at KSU, he edited the student newspaper, served as president of the Student Government Association and chaired the USG’s Student Advisory Council to the Board of Regents. He was named KSU’s Student of the Year and spoke at the university’s spring 2000 commencement and fall 2006 convocation.

“When I was a student, I met with the chancellor and presented to the board [of regents],” Fuchko said. “Most students have zero interaction with the board, but I got an appreciation for the system.”

Today he serves as chief audit officer and associate vice chancellor of internal audit for the university system. He enjoys being part of a system that creates so many memories for people.

“Everyone remembers college. It sets the course for the rest of your life. I have a chance to impact people in a very personal way by improving things behind the scenes in a place that people remember and care about,” he said.

The importance of institutions like universities was underscored for Fuchko during a year serving in Iraq as a captain in the Georgia Army National Guard.

“One thing that struck me about Iraq is it is lacking in institutions, especially educational ones,” he said. “If we don’t have a strong system of education or if that system weakens over time and doesn’t do what it needs to do, that would be a tragedy for our country and for our standing in the world.”

In Iraq, Fuchko led Charlie Company of the 221st Military Intelligence Battalion, 506th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. He served as a military intelligence officer in Iraq during 2005 and 2006 and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Fuchko is currently earning a second master’s degree in intelligence.

“I earned the Bronze Star after some intelligence operations that I was involved in helped target folks that needed to be detained,” he said. “I enjoy intelligence work — it’s very similar to parts of auditing because it involves consulting, investigations, putting the puzzle pieces together and passing along the information to make the system run efficiently while maintaining objectivity. In both arenas, you are providing good information so others can make the best decisions.”

Fuchko also brings a business background to the university system after having served as a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and director of planning and budget for a small manufacturer.

Fuchko, who joined the system’s Office of Internal Audits in July 2006, has served in this role since May 2009. Before that, he was the system’s assistant director of compliance, where he oversaw the university system’s compliance program, Enterprise Risk Management Initiative and the development of the USG’s ethics policy. He was appointed assistant director one year after he was hired as auditor-in-charge in July 2006 to lead teams responsible for conducting internal audits of the university system.

Fuchko’s goals for this year are to place more on-campus auditors, operate the system in a more business-like fashion, develop and implement leadership skills, and support the next generation of auditors through the office’s intern program, begun in July 2009.

Kessel Stelling, president and CEO of Synovus Bank and audit committee chair for the Board of Regents, said Fuchko’s experience is extraordinary, especially considering his young age.

“John is a young guy but when you listen to his accomplishments — the father of seven, his military service and a desire to continue learning — he is a remarkable guy. I am a big fan of John’s,” Stelling said. “From an audit background you expect him to be detailed and focused, but he is also a very strategic thinker.”

Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. agrees.

“It has been a pleasure to watch John mature and develop his leadership skills here at the University System office,” he said. “He has brought a high level of energy and discipline as he has worked with his staff to help create a needed culture of enterprise risk management throughout the system. His focus on performance audits, as well as the traditional type of auditing we conduct, as well as ethics and ethics training has strengthened our operations from the Board of Regents to every one of our 35 institutions.”

In addition to his diverse background, Fuchko credits his success to a high level of personal integrity and, as the eldest of eight siblings, learning early on to get along with different people and not get “flabbergasted.”

“I am young compared to a lot of my peers and even some of the folks who report to me, but I have always been a very calm person. I don’t take things personally and I don’t overreact when dealing with stressful situations,” he said. “I think being deployed helped with that, too. When you are working in a life-and-death environment, things that seemed like a big deal before don’t seem so major.”

USG Office of Internal Audit Internship Program

Start date: Summer 2009

Number of graduates to date: 3

Former interns employed as internal auditors: 2 (third is in another paid internship)

Future plans: Move two to three students through intern program annually; currently recruiting to fill two positions

Intern job description:

• Unpaid position
• Perform audits of USG system institutions under close supervision of senior staff auditor
• Conduct interviews
• Prepare working papers
• Assist with report writing

Qualifications:

• Junior or senior students pursuing an undergraduate or master’s degree in accounting or business-related field
• Fundamental understanding and use of audit and financial software; proficiency in department’s analytical and word-processing software
• Reasoning ability for carrying out instructions and analyzing problems
• Competency in problem-solving, interpersonal skills, oral and written communication, teamwork, dependability and ethics

Source: University System of Georgia, John M. Fuchko III
Who’s Who in The Institute of Internal Auditors, Atlanta chapter

H ere is our second annual listing of members of the 2010/2011 board of governors for The Institute of Internal Auditors, Atlanta chapter. Board members include the chapter’s officers: President Paul McChung; Chairman David Bilko; Vice President – Secretary Connie Brown; Vice President of Member Services Pam Jenkins; Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Tim O’Connell; Vice President of Volunteer Resources Glenda Ostrander; and Chief Financial Officer Terry Longstreth.

ALAN BARNES
Assurant
Director of risk and advisory services

Education: Bachelor’s degree, accounting, University of Alabama at Birmingham; bachelor’s degree, finance, Auburn University; MBA, Information systems management, Kennesaw State University

Career highlights: Barnes has direct responsibilities for the compliance audit activities for the Assurant Solutions division. Barnes was previously the director of internal audit and the Sarbanes-Oxley project manager for Neenah Paper Inc. He is a certified internal auditor and a certified public accountant in Georgia and Alabama.

www.assurant.com

DAVID BILKO
SunTrust Banks Inc.
Senior vice president, corporate operational risk officer

Education: Bachelor’s degree, economics and history, University of Virginia; MBA, Georgia Mason University

Career highlights: Bilko has been with SunTrust since its predecessors since 1987. He was named the corporate operational risk officer on May 1, 2010. Bilko is a certified employee benefits specialist, and graduated from the audit management program at the Bank Administration Institute’s Graduate School for Bank Administration.

www.suntrust.com

CHRIS BLALOCK
Equifax Inc.
Senior vice president of internal audit

Education: Bachelor’s degree, The University of Georgia

Career highlights: Blalock joined Equifax in April 2003 as assistant vice president of accounting administration. In December 2004, Blalock was promoted to senior vice president of internal audit. In addition, Blalock implemented and manages the current Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program for the organization. Blalock is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

www.equifax.com

CONNIE BROWN
Jefferson Wells International Inc.
Director, risk advisory services

Education: Bachelor’s degree in business administration, Paine College

Career highlights: Brown manages the risk advisory services practice for Jefferson Wells’ Atlanta office and has more than 20 years of internal audit and controls experience and expertise. She is a certified internal auditor and certified public accountant. Her responsibilities have included providing clients with specialized technical expertise in governance, risk management and compliance.

www.jeffersonwells.com

RICHARD CLUNE
Kennesaw State University
Associate professor, School of Accountancy

Education: Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

Career highlights: Clune has been teaching full time at Kennesaw State University since 2002, upon his retirement as an audit partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). As an associate professor in KSU’s School of Accountancy, his primary teaching responsibilities are in the auditing field and he is leading KSU’s internal audit education initiative.

www.kennesaw.edu

ANTHONY CLUNKER
Protiviti
Managing director

Education: Bachelor’s degree in accounting, master’s degree, Georgia State University

Career highlights: Clunker has more than 20 years of experience including both “Big Five” public accounting and private practice. He is a frequent speaker on a range of topics, including data privacy, and governance risk and compliance. Additionally, he is certified in financial forensics and is a certified public accountant, certified information systems auditor and certified internal auditor.

www.protiviti.com

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Chief audit officer

Education: Bachelor’s degree, political science, Kennesaw State University; MBA, Management, Georgia State University

Career highlights: The Georgia Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau selected Fuchiho to attend the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., to obtain the master’s of science in strategic intelligence. Fuchiho oversees the University System of Georgia internal audit, enterprise risk management, and compliance and ethics program functions.

www.usg.edu

C.O. HOLLIS
Morehouse College
Chief audit officer

Education: Bachelor’s degree, accounting, Hampton University; MBA, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Career highlights: Hollis is chief audit officer in the department of internal auditing and advisory services at Morehouse College. He held executive positions at Atlanta Life Insurance Co. and The Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co. He is a member of the audit committee of the city of Atlanta and serves on the board of the Georgia chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. In 2005, he received the Bill Bishop Award from the Atlanta chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

www.morehouse.edu

STEVEN K. DONOVAN
United Parcel Service Inc.
Vice president, corporate internal audit and corporate compliance and ethics

Education: Accounting degree, University of Indianapolis

Career highlights: Donovan joined UPS in 1976 as a package handler in Indianapolis and after earning his degree, joined the UPS Indiana accounting department as a supervisor. Donovan joined the corporate finance and accounting staff in 1996. He assumed his current role in 2003.

www.ups.com

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EMMA COSTELLO
Thomas Ray & Associates
Principal

Education: Bachelor’s degree in accounting, Texas State University

Career highlights: Costello began her career in corporate internal audit in Houston. She relocated to Atlanta in 1995 and worked for the “Big 4” consulting companies. Since 2001, Costello has specialized in health benefit audits for self-insured companies.

www.thomasray.com

STEVE J. LAMEIER
Oxford Industries Inc.
Chief audit executive

Education: Bachelor’s degree, accounting, and associate’s degree, business administration and computer sciences, Thomas More College

Career highlights: Prior to joining Oxford Industries in 2008, Lameier was the vice president of internal Audit at First Data Corp. Lameier is a certified public accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Georgia Society of CPAs and The Financial Executives Network Group.

www.oxfordinc.com

BRIAN LAY
Ernst & Young LLP
Executive director, advisory services

Education: Bachelor’s degree in business administration, and master’s degree in accounting, University of Central Florida

Career highlights: Lay has served with Ernst & Young LLP for 17 years. Lay combines strategic solutions with actionable plans and accountability to address client needs and business risks. He has also led enterprise risk and process optimization engagements, with a focus on achieving sustainable results. Lay is a certified public accountant in Georgia and Florida.

www.ey.com
TERRY LONGSTRETH  
Accretive Solutions  
Director of business development  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business, finance and MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** Longstreth has more than 20 years of financial management, business development and leadership experience. Prior to joining Accretive Solutions, he was a senior analyst for the financial strategies group for Bank of America.

www.accretivesolutions.com

FRED MASCI  
PRGX Global Inc.  
Vice president of internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Columbus State University; MBA, Auburn University  

**Career highlights:** Masci is responsible for leading PRGX's internal auditing, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and whistle-blower hotline activities. His previous experience includes being chief audit executive at two other public companies and financial reporting manager at another public company.

www.pr gx.com

PAUL ROBERT MCCLUNG  
Mueller Water Products Inc.  
Senior director internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Louisiana State University; MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** McClung began his professional career as an internal auditor with Hughes Supply and also spent more than 10 years with Arthur Andersen LLP and Deloitte LLP. McClung is a member of the Finance Committee for Rosewell United Methodist Church.

www.muellerwpr.com

SHARON MCCULLOUGH  
Beazer Homes USA Inc.  
Director of internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Massachusetts; MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** McCullough has more than 17 years of business experience and 13 years in internal audit and finance leadership roles. She held positions at John H. Harford Co. and Invesco prior to joining Beazer Homes USA Inc. as the head of internal audit in 2009.

www.beazer.com

SUE MILLS  
Tatum  
Practice leader, consulting  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business, Montana State University; Advanced Management Program, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania  

**Career highlights:** Mills, who is a certified public accountant and has about 30 years of finance, accounting, risk management and internal audit experience, is practice leader of consulting at Tatum. She chairs the Atlanta Internal Audit and Compliance Council.

www.tatumllc.com

NORM PARKERSON  
Grant Thornton LLP  
Executive director, advisory services  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, business administration, LaGrange College  

**Career highlights:** Parkerson is an executive director in the advisory services group of Grant Thornton LLP. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, he worked within the consulting service lines for a “Big Four” firm.

www.grantthornton.com

GIDGE ROBERT  
Georgia-Pacific LLC  
Vice president internal audit  

**Education:** Graduate, Washington University in St. Louis  

**Career highlights:** Sobel recently joined Georgia-Pacific as vice president of internal audit. He previously held a similar position at Minot. He has published two books and speaks on internal auditing and risk management. Sobel is vice chairman of professional development for the IIA Global Headquarters board.

www.gp.com

PAUL SOBEL  
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**Education:** Graduate, Washington University in St. Louis  

**Career highlights:** Sobel has more than 30 years of experience in auditing and finance, including setting up and leading audit departments and finance organizations for large manufacturers. He directs an audit group at Verizon Wireless in Alpharetta. Radford also serves on the IIA North American board of directors.

www.verizonwireless.com

WILLIAM J. MULCAHY  
Mulcahy Accounting and Risk Consulting  
President  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Philadelphia University; master's degree, Mercer University  

**Career highlights:** In 2007, Atlanta’s IIA chapter dubbed its honor for an outstanding local leader “The William J. Mulcahy Excellence Through Leadership Award.” Prior to starting a consulting firm in 2008, Mulcahy was with Emory University.

www.billmulcahy.com

VIJAY PINTO  
Deloitte LLP  
Director  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Rutgers State University; MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** Following his employment at Arthur Andersen LLP in 2002, Pinto joined Deloitte LLP where he serves as a director leading internal audit marketplace activities. Pinto has also served as acting director of internal audit.

www.deloitte.com

GLENDA OSTRANDER  
Gwinnett County Public Schools  
Director of internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Florida A&M University  

**Career highlights:** Ostrander is the director of internal audit for Gwinnett County Public Schools, having moved to the metro Atlanta area from Tallahassee, Fla., in January 2007. She is responsible for administering a broad, comprehensive program of internal auditing within the school district. Prior to assuming her duties as director of internal audit, she served in a similar role for Leon County Schools in Tallahassee. Ostrander is a member of the Atlanta chapter of the Association of Government Accountants and the Georgia chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

www.gwinnettk12.ga.us

WILLIAM J. MULCAHY  
Mulcahy Accounting and Risk Consulting  
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www.tatumllc.com

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www.grantthornton.com

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Verizon Wireless  
Senior director internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business administration, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; MBA, Michigan State University  

**Career highlights:** Radford has more than 30 years of experience in auditing and finance, including setting up and leading audit departments and finance organizations for large manufacturers. He directs an audit group at Verizon Wireless in Alpharetta. Radford also serves on the IIA North American board of directors.

www.verizonwireless.com

STERLING ROTH  
Georgia State University  
Chief audit officer  

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business administration, University of Colorado at Denver; MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** Roth was an IIA chapter member, director of Air Force financial audits and Air University chief financial officer in a 30-year Air Force career.

www.gsu.edu

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www.go.com

JANICE WOLFE  
Beazer Homes USA Inc.  
Director of internal audit  

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration, LaGrange College; MBA, Georgia State University  

**Career highlights:** Wolfe has been a credentialed internal auditor with Beazer Homes USA Inc. since 2007. She assumed her duties as director of internal audit in 2009.

www.beazer.com

www.accretivesolutions.com
The Atlanta Chapter holds joint meetings with ISACA and ACFE each year.

The Atlanta Chapter will host Student day at Kennesaw State University on April 22, 2011. This is a free event available to all Accounting and Finance students in the State of Georgia.

The Atlanta Chapter hosted the 2010 IIA International Conference with over 2,600 attendees from 99 countries.

The Atlanta Chapter has provided a $50,000 grant to Kennesaw State University in conjunction with the IIA Internal Auditing Education Partnership.

The Atlanta Chapter will host the Big Splash Event at the Cobb Galleria on September 9, 2011. This event features excellent speakers/training sessions and offers 8 CPE hours.

The Atlanta Chapter is the 6th largest chapter in the world and has been serving the Internal Audit profession for over 62 years.

The IIA Atlanta Chapter welcomes members and non-members to all events. To join our distribution list, please send an email to atlantaiia@comcast.net. For more information, go to www.theiia.org/atlanta.