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The Institute of Internal Auditors Beach Cities Chapter

STUDENT NIGHT 2015

Please join us for Student Night 2015 with an informative presentation, and earn 1 CPE.

Topic: Unlocking Secrets to Success in Professional Services

Speaker: Maggie O’Keeffe, MBA

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Time: 5-6:00pm registration/meet the firms networking; 6-6:45pm dinner; 6:45-7:45 pm speaker; 7:45-8:00pm raffles; 8:00pm more networking

Cost: IIA members: $35 (non-members $40; students are free with a valid current student ID)

Location: Reef Restaurant
880 S. Harbor Scenic Drive
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 435-8013

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Student Night 2015, please contact Nadia Valencia at nxvalencia@gmail.com or by phone at (323) 252-6306 or Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or by phone at (310) 732-3019.

Please refer to pages 8-10 for additional details. Also, the Student Night 2015 is scheduled in lieu of the lunch meeting at the Holiday Inn Torrance in April 2015.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi everyone!

We enjoyed one of the best ever Internal Audit Seminars held on March 19, 2015 at the Toyota Auto Museum. The nine speakers were all experts in their fields and very experienced professionals that kept us captivated by their information-packed presentations. The comments I heard from the attendees were all positive and corroborated by the comments received in the seminar evaluation forms. This all-day event is a signature event for the chapter and it is particularly heart-warming when we have almost 100 attendees from absolutely top notch organizations. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the event and I want to thank the chapter leadership that put this event together. It takes a lot of dedication, time, planning and outreach efforts to organize an event of this caliber and it is particularly gratifying when everyone enjoys the event. I hope you were able to see the cars in the museum and take photos to share with family and friends. Please make sure that you take the time to enjoy some photos we took at the seminar that are published in the newsletter (page 11). It might bring back some fond memories. Additional photos will be available on the chapter website in the near future.

I want to thank the 27 organizations that participated in the seminar and the members of these organizations that came to the event. In particular, I want to thank the largest contingents of attendees who came from:

Northrop Grumman
UCLA
Port of Los Angeles
Toyota
Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority
City of Long Beach, Office of the City Auditor
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Thank you for coming and making this event successful.

Please remember our next major chapter event is the Student Night scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at The Reef restaurant in Long Beach. We have almost 100 students that have registered as of March 20 and it is looking like we shall have an excellent turnout, of between 150-200 students from a variety of colleges and universities. We have an excellent speaker from PricewaterhouseCoopers and have already obtained firm commitments from several world-class sponsors and recruiters. However, in order to provide meals to such a large group of students requires funding and, therefore, we are actively looking for corporate or individual sponsors for this event. Please request the organization that you work for to sponsor a table for 10 students at a cost of $300. Further, I request that you contribute to making this event a success by making a personal donation for sponsoring one or more student meals, at a cost of $30 per student. The chapter is not looking to make any profit from this event but we are committed to providing a service to the next generation of auditors and a service to the IIA in helping recruit good, quality students to the internal audit profession. We encourage you to come to the event and see the benefit of your personal contribution firsthand. Please help make this event a great success!

All checks should be made payable to “Beach Cities IIA” and may be mailed to:

Treasurer
IIA-Beach Cities Chapter,
2415 W. 233rd Street,
Torrance, CA 90501.

More details of the Student Night 2015 are available on the chapter website at: https://chapters.theiia.org/beach-cities/Pages/default.aspx under the “Training & Events” tab and in the newsletter. Please check out the “Upcoming Events” in the top left hand side of the “Beach Cities” tab on the website for the forthcoming events.

As you know, we held our annual elections for the chapter leadership positions on March 19, 2015. Each year we give our membership the opportunity to elect members that they wish to see in leadership positions in the chapter. The election results are published in this month’s newsletter in the 2015-16 Officers and Chairs Section (page 3).

I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to continue as your president for the second consecutive year and shall do my very best to live up to the trust you have placed in me. I am also grateful for a very competent and committed board that you have elected for the next fiscal year.

Planned Change of Day We hold our Lunchtime Seminars
We have heard from several members that the third Thursday of the month is creating a conflict with their work schedules. Consequently, we would like to change to holding the lunchtime seminars on the third Wednesday of each month. This proposed change is going to be effective from the first lunchtime seminar we hold starting in September 2015. There will be no change to the seminar scheduled on May 21, 2015.

The chapter exists to serve your needs and we constantly look for ways to engage you and encourage your participation to make this chapter what you expect it to be. Please feel free to contact any board member with questions, comments or suggestions to help us improve the service we provide to you. Board member and committee chair contact information is available on our chapter website under the “About Us” tab.

Thank you.
Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

STUDENT NIGHT 2015
IIA-Beach Cities Chapter has organized a Student Night for several years. The purpose of Student Night is to provide a service to students in the South Bay region, to
inform and educate them about the possibilities that exist for them should they choose to join the accounting and auditing profession. Additionally, it is hoped that the students get an opportunity to interact with recruiters from a myriad of companies and provide a win-win opportunity for both recruiters and students in providing employment opportunities that may exist in recruiting organizations for the most suitable candidates.

**CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA) EXAM REVIEW COURSE**

Ronald LaPlante, CIA, CFSA, CPA, CMA, CFE, CFM has returned to the Los Angeles area and will be holding a live CIA review course. Dates and details are on page 7.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (Camarillo, CA)  
  [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (San Bernardino or Bakersfield, CA)  
  [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Project-Based Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (West Coast)  
  [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Senior Audit Manager, Public Accounting (Irvine, CA)  
  Contact Ryan Sharp at (619) 955-7472 and/or Ryan.sharp@accountingplacementsdirect.com

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**CALENDAR CORNER**

April 16, 2015: Student Night at the Reef Restaurant, Long Beach - Maggie O’Keeffe – “Unlocking Secrets to Success in Professional Services”

May 21, 2015: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway – Randy Light – “Audit Tips for Insurance, including ACA”

June 7-8, 2015: 4th Annual Southern California District Conference in Anaheim, CA

July 6-9, 2015: 2015 IIA International Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada

**GLEIM REVIEW SYSTEM**

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Gleim has been preparing candidates for success with their extensive self-study course for the CIA exam for over 30 years! The Gleim Review System enables you to identify your weak areas so you know where to focus your efforts and GUARANTEES that you will pass each exam part the first time. Our goal is that you achieve success while minimizing your frustration, cost, and time.

As a member of the chapter, you are eligible for 20% off all Gleim's CIA Review materials, as well as Gleim CPE. To take advantage of the reduced prices, please contact our chapter representative, Melissa Leonard.

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See www.learncia.com/chapters for special member discount pricing.

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See our website at www.TheIIA.Org/BeachCities for additional newsletter details. Please advise Jim Olds at jolds@portla.org if your email address changes, or if you no longer would like to receive these newsletters.
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Syllabus – Torrance Area Class

Part 1 – Internal Audit Basics  Cost $75

   Saturday Morning 8:30-noon  April 11, 2015
   Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Ethics, IIA Code of Conduct, Charters, IIA Standards Review, Control Frameworks, Fraud Awareness, Sampling, Obtaining and Analyzing Data, Work Documents and Evidence

Part 2 – Internal Audit Practice  Cost $75

   Saturday Afternoon 1:30-5:00  April 11, 2015
   Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Internal Audit’s Unique Role in an Organization, Establishing Plans, Assurance and Compliance, Financial, Environmental and Consulting Engagements, Oversight of Engagements, Dissemination of Engagement Results and Follow-up, Fraud Tendencies and Controls

Part 3 – Internal Audit Knowledge Elements  Cost $350

   5 Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  April 18th and 25th, May 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2015
   Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Class 1 – Organizational Theory, Behavior, Governance and Risk Management, Communication, Strategic Management
Class 2 – Information Technology
Class 3 – Financial and Intermediate Accounting I
Class 4 – Intermediate Accounting II and Cost Accounting
Class 5 – Finance, Economics and Regulatory Topics

Cost for ALL THREE Parts – $500, includes all handouts and lectures

Cost for Parts 1 and 2 $150, Cost for Parts 1 and 3 or 2 and 3 $375

Cash or Checks Payable to Ronald LaPlante

The DEADLINE to register for Parts 1 and 2 is April 8, 2015

The DEADLINE to register for Part 3 is April 15, 2015
THE BEACH CITIES CHAPTER (IIA) PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

**STUDENT NIGHT 2015**
“Unlocking Secrets to Success in Professional Services”
(1 CPE)

**Keynote Speaker:**
Maggie O’Keeffe -- Manager, Risk Assurance
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

**Date:**
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

**Location:**
REEF RESTAURANT, 880 S. HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE
LONG BEACH, CA 562-435-8013 (NEAR THE QUEEN MARY)

**Agenda:**
5:00-6:00 pm  REGISTRATION / MEET-THE-FIRMS NETWORKING
6:00-6:45 pm  DINNER *(Chicken, Beef, Fish, or Vegetarian Pasta)*
6:45-7:45 pm  PROGRAM
7:45-8:00pm  RAFFLES
8:00pm  MORE NETWORKING
FREE EVENT FOR STUDENTS!

IIA MEMBERS $35 and NON-IIA MEMBERS $40
Students must provide a valid, current student ID.

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TO REGISTER with meal choice, PLEASE CONTACT:
KATHRYN ANDRUS at kandrus@ducommun.com no later than April 6, 2014
Mail Checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” to 2415 W. 233rd St, Torrance, CA 90501
or pay at the door

Note: No-Show will be responsible for paying the full price of meal ordered

Speaker Information:

Maggie O’Keeffe is a Manager in the Risk Assurance division of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (PwC). Maggie’s expertise is transforming internal audit and risk management teams from being purely compliance providers into becoming trusted and valuable business associates.

Maggie holds an engineering degree in Materials Science and an MBA with global emphasis from Pepperdine University. Maggie recently returned to the United States after spending four years as a Manager at PwC, Brisbane, Australia.

Prior to PwC, Maggie was employed by the Boeing Company in the United States, India and Australia. Maggie worked as a Project Manager in Defense, Space & Security and Commercial Airplanes.

Maggie’s engineering background gives her the ability to solve business problems with a scientific objective. Her understanding of business operations coupled with her passion to solve problems, consistently improves business performance.
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