



The Next Generation of Internal Audit



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Why do you choose to pursue a career in internal audit?

I did not choose internal audit, it chose me after an internship with a local school district. I like how internal auditors can promote change and drive improvement.

How has participating in the IAEP program at your university given you an advantage in comparison to others looking for internal audit jobs?

IAEP program participation shows employers your commitment to the profession, provides networking opportunities, raises your awareness of career possibilities, and expands your skill set.

Have you received a scholarship from the Internal Audit Foundation or your local IIA chapter? What did that opportunity mean to you?

I received an “Outstanding Auditing Student” scholarship from The IIA’s El Paso Chapter. This vote of confidence in my talents as a future internal auditor reaffirmed my commitment to the organization and profession.

Have you attended the IAEP Conference in previous years? How did that opportunity help you grow personally or professionally?

I attended the 2017 IAEP Conference; the emphasis on team work, engaging with new people, and public speaking enhanced my ability to communicate with auditors and clients.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is one that challenges me every day, where I am serving others as part of a supportive team focused on achieving shared goals for an organization making a positive social impact.

What is your favorite quote?

“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms — to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.” — Viktor Frankl. This reminds me to respond to difficult situations with a positive, resilient attitude.