



The Next Generation of Internal Audit



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Why have you chosen to pursue a career in internal audit?

I believe working in internal auditing is one of the best ways to fully understand an organization, as it requires attention to detail, and interpersonal and communication skills to be successful.

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

The elaborate conversations and depth of knowledge you can have with your prospective employer about your internship in internal audit sets you apart.

What advice do you have for someone looking to pursue an internal audit career?

You have your word, your name, and your reputation. Keep all three clean and never allow yourself to be compromised or others to influence your decisions and integrity.

What is the most important advice you were given?

Take risks, and never let failures stop you from trying again. Just ensure the risks you take are legal, defensible, and uphold the highest level of moral integrity and professional skepticism.

How did attending the IAEP Exchange help you grow personally or professionally?

Attending the Exchange provided an unparalleled opportunity to learn more about internal audit, improve my public speaking skills, work in teams, and create lifelong connections. Mock interviews with the Big Four and Darden Restaurants prepared me for real job interviews.

What are your personal goals?

I want to pass the CIA exam and pursue further education. I cannot imagine living a fulfilling life without expanding my knowledge and ensuring I am more valuable to my organization.

What is your dream job? Why?

COO — I enjoy making decisions, solving brain puzzles, interacting with talented people, and working in an ever-changing environment.

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