



The Next Generation of Internal Audit



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

After listening to many people talk about their careers and what they do, I decided that this is the path that is most interesting to me.

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

I worked on a Case Competition that focused solely on internal audit. This gave me real-world experience that deepened my knowledge and interest.

What is the most important advice you were given?

I was told to research different opportunities. There are likely options that you wouldn't expect. It is important to find the path that interests you most.

How did attending the Internal Audit Student Exchange help you grow personally or professionally?

This was the first year that I attended and it helped me build my communication skills while interacting with other professionals and students.

What is your dream job? Why?

My dream job would be one that provides the opportunity to travel. I love new adventures, and having the ability to see the world while doing what I love would be amazing.

What is your favorite quote? Why?

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." – Robert Frost

I think this quote is very important because no matter what happens in life, it will move on and keep going. There is always an opportunity to make your life better.

Who is your personal role model? Why?

My grandmother is my role model. She traveled to America alone at 17 to start a new life. This inspires me to keep dreaming and working toward my goals.

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