



The Next Generation of Internal Audit



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

In researching nontraditional options as an accounting major, I discovered that internal audit aligned with my entrepreneurial aspirations to help businesses understand their issues and reach their full potential.

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 provided exposure to an unparalleled network of internal audit professionals that I would not have access to anywhere else, and allowed me to really understand the profession itself.

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

Talking to internal auditors of all levels at the IAEP Conference in 2017 gave me an understanding of various aspects of the profession. It was also beneficial to talk to and hear the perspectives of students from other universities around the world.

What are your professional goals?

Long-term, I want to have my own business helping companies with their strategy and implementation; I want to leave my mark on the world, and I feel that this type of challenging and exciting work will allow me to have the most impact.

What is the most important advice you were given?

Keep an open mind. If you are open to opportunities, you may find something you never knew you had a passion for.

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

Network, network, network. Go to those school events. Talk to professionals. Add recruiters on LinkedIn. Just show up and you're already well ahead of the curve.