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Dear ACUA Friends and Colleagues,

We have another successful Midyear Conference on the books!. I am sending a huge “Thank You” to Will Hancock and the Host Committee for a great time in Louisville. I enjoyed visiting with many of you and hope that all the Midyear participants arrived back to our offices enlightened, refreshed, and having met new and interesting people that we will have a connection with for years to come.

In addition to bringing us excellent conferences twice a year, the **Professional Education Committee** brings our membership many webinars throughout the year that provide insightful information for no or low cost CPE, which continues to be a valuable resource for our members. Also, the ACUA Faculty “Training for Travel” program was developed to assist member institutions with arranging for training to be provided by an ACUA Faculty member in exchange for payment of the Faculty member’s travel expenses. See our website for more information on these opportunities.

The **Recognition Committee** has focused on recognizing ACUA members and volunteers for all of their commitment to the ACUA and the internal audit industry. Internal auditors add tremendous value to their institutions. However, others may not understand the purpose and value of internal auditing in higher education. An internal audit awareness campaign is important to advocate for the value of internal audit and build relationships across your campus. Check out the resources developed by this committee and begin planning for Internal Audit Awareness Month in May!

ACUA’s Volunteer Appreciation sub-committee provides a **Volunteer Spotlight** each month to recognize the efforts and great work of our member volunteers. This month’s volunteer spotlight highlights Marion Candrea from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and the work she is doing as Co-Director of the Governmental Affairs Committee. I would like to thank the many volunteers who dedicate their precious time to keep these values alive and move ACUA forward!

While September may seem far away, mark your calendars and plan early to attend another great networking and educational event. The 2018 Annual Conference in New Orleans marks the **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the first ACUA meeting and is ACUA’s first Annual Conference in the Big Easy since 1967!

Regards,

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INTEGRITY • OPEN SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE • MUTUAL TRUST & FRIENDSHIP • RESPECT • COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE • INNOVATION

## Volunteer Spotlight: Marion Candrea

Marion Candrea is Manager of Audit and Advisory Services at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She has been a member of ACUA for 10 years and during that time has served as a member of the second cohort of the *ACUA Leads!* Program, a proctor, a presenter at two annual conferences, and a member of the Internal Audit Awareness Committee. Currently, Marion is serving in her third year as Co-Director of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

**ACUA: Why did you become an ACUA volunteer?**

**Marion:** After attending my first ACUA Conference in 2010, I immediately recognized the value this organization adds to auditing in higher education. I also realized how expansive the group was! I've been involved in volunteer efforts my whole life, and I know that becoming involved as a volunteer can help you navigate large organizations and connect on a more personal level. My first volunteer role in ACUA was at the subsequent conference as a proctor, and I haven't stopped volunteering since!

**ACUA: What is your favorite ACUA memory?**

**Marion:** There are so many to choose from, it's hard to select just one! One year, I volunteered to man a shift at the ACUA booth at an Annual conference. At the time, the booth had a "selfie stick," and one of our jobs was to encourage individuals or teams to take selfies while showing their love of ACUA. It was so much fun to laugh and bond with new faces that approached the booth, while also being able to share why I personally love the organization so much.

**ACUA: What have you learned as an ACUA volunteer/member?**

**Marion:** I've learned that the resources that exist within the ACUA community are vast, and I have yet to find a scenario or situation unique to my institution that a peer of mine has not encountered. This has proved to be invaluable not only to me personally, but also to my university. I'm able to gather leading practices from peer institutions across the country and share this information with management at my own organization. Being an ACUA member benefits everyone! I have also learned that sometimes, it's just nice to know there are other people out there that understand the idiosyncrasies and nuances that exist within higher education. We truly work in an industry unlike any other...and there is never a dull moment!

**ACUA: What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?**

**Marion:** Never underestimate the importance and power of networking. I learned at an early stage of my career that investing in relationships are critical to both personal and professional growth. I've also always been a firm believer in the phrase "we have two ears and one mouth for a reason." To really connect with my peers, my supervisors, my clients, and even those in my personal world, I always try to consciously listen twice as much as I speak.

**ACUA: What are your hobbies/interests outside of audit?**

**Marion:** I love all things adventure! Two of my favorite things to do are traveling and running. And when I can combine those two things, well I am just in heaven. When I travel, I like to find local running groups that I can tag along with to see the streets of a new place through the eyes of a local. If anyone out there has recommendations for must-do destination races, please get in touch with me!

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