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Dear ACUA Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying Spring and are having some warmer weather! I am so excited to inform you of a new members-only resource appropriately titled – **Kick Starters**. These short guides on higher education audit topics are developed by subject matter experts to help you plan and perform your next audit. This task force has developed a process that includes the selection of content, cultivation and review of material, dissemination through a multichannel communication strategy, and dynamic response to continuing issues. **Kick Starters** will include background information, key risks and controls, sample audit steps, common audit issues, and other information to **kick start** your next audit on these topics. This new member-only resource would not have been possible without the hard work from the following volunteers – Justin Noble (Vice President), Brian Mikell (Board Member at Large), Meaghan Smith (Communications Committee Chair), Nikki Pittman (Professional Education Committee Chair), and Kara Kearney-Saylors (Standards & Best Practices Committee Chair). Be on the look-out as of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to see **Kick Starters** on several **Environmental Health and Safety** topics developed by our colleagues from Texas A&M University System. *We need volunteers to assist us with guiding this effort*, so please reach out if you are interested in getting involved!

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 ALL ACUA Volunteers in honor of April's National Volunteer Week. I would like to thank the many volunteers who dedicate their precious time to keep these values alive and move ACUA forward. I hope you enjoyed seeing ACUA's volunteers highlighted on our social media accounts this month!

September will be here before we know it – 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!

Don't forget about Internal Audit Awareness Month in May! 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 the Recognition Committee on our website under resources.

Regards,

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## Volunteer Spotlight

This year, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> was National Volunteer Week. Thank you to all the ACUA members who volunteer their time to make ACUA such a wonderful organization! If you are interested in becoming an ACUA volunteer, check out committee information and contact details on the ACUA website [http://acua.org/About/ACUA/ACUA Committee ChairsPlus.asp](http://acua.org/About/ACUA/ACUA%20Committee%20ChairsPlus.asp). Here are some reasons why #ACUAVolunteersRock:



Please contact Toni Stephens ([tmesser@ntdallas.edu](mailto:tmesser@ntdallas.edu)) or Terri Tarbett-Wallace ([Frances.Tarbett@usm.edu](mailto:Frances.Tarbett@usm.edu)) if you would like to nominate a current volunteer for the next ACUA Volunteer Spotlight.

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