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Dear ACUA Friends and Colleagues,

Summer is upon us! For many of us that means wrapping up a fiscal year (and audit plan), but hopefully it also means that you are looking forward to our annual conference in New Orleans! The 2018 conference 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! The **Professional Education Committee** has been busy planning for our upcoming conference and has some exciting changes planned! After reviewing member feedback from last year's conference survey, the following items have been incorporated into the upcoming conference. Mark your calendars and plan early to attend another great networking and educational event!

- Breakfast options will be enhanced to include a greater variety of hot options and protein-rich selections.
- The Monday night event will be offered as a beverage and popcorn reception with a film screening of the fraud documentary *All the Queen's Horses*, followed by a Q&A session with the film director. This event provides additional optional CPE at no extra cost!
- Menus will be posted in the mobile app.

The **Kick Starters Taskforce** has been exceptionally busy issuing seven new tools for our members, including topics related to safety, international activities, IT system access controls, student billing and A/R, and donor gift disbursements! These short guides on higher education audit topics are developed by subject matter experts to help you plan and perform your next audit. I hope you have enjoyed reading these new tools and gained ideas for kick starting some upcoming projects! This work will be transitioning to the **Standards and Best Practices Committee** and *we need volunteers to assist us with guiding this effort*, so please reach out and get involved!

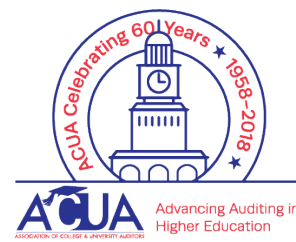
The **Recognition Committee** accepting nominations for several awards! ACUA honors its members each year at the annual conference with awards to those members who demonstrate commitment and excellence in higher education internal auditing for excellence in service, professional contributions, and rising stars. Please help us honor our members by submitting a nomination **by July 1<sup>st</sup>** for one of the following awards: *Member Excellence in Service Award*, *Outstanding Professional Contributions Award*, and *Rising Star Award*. See the ACUA Awards page at <http://acua.org/Membership/Awards.asp> for more information.

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 Kevin Robinson from Auburn University and the work he has done on behalf of ACUA in many roles, including currently serving as an ACUA Ambassador. I would like to thank the many volunteers who dedicate their precious time to keep these values alive and move ACUA forward!

Regards,

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

## Volunteer Spotlight: Kevin Robinson

Kevin Robinson is Associate Vice President for Audit, Compliance, and Privacy at Auburn University. He has been a member of ACUA throughout his career and says, “As a department, we’ve benefitted greatly from ACUA so we want to contribute and help others however we can.” Over the years, Kevin has served as ACUA President, Board Member, and Membership Committee Chair. He continues to volunteer as part of the ACUA Faculty and ACUA Ambassadors programs.



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

**Kevin:** I’m not sure it was a conscious decision but one where I asked to help with a membership project and things just continued from there.

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

**Kevin:** Probably back in the day, when ACUA had themed dinner dance events, and our department would go all out in our costumes. It was fun for our department but also fun to compete with other schools for the best costumes. We always defeated Texas Tech. Always!

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

**Kevin:** The importance of building relationships in our profession. I have so many bright people I can call upon for advice through my ACUA interactions.

**ACUA: What is the best piece of advice you’ve ever received?**

**Kevin:** “Your job as an internal auditor is not to write audit reports; it’s to effect change at your institution.” That was something Pat Reed said that I have always remembered. Pat was an ACUA President, and I learned a great deal being on the Board with him.

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

**Kevin:** I love college sports so I attend a lot of things at Auburn. I even keep the score at AU basketball games, which is fun, especially last year when we won the SEC. I live on a lake so I spend a lot of time on the water and on my boat.

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