



New Orleans, Louisiana
September 27 - October 1, 2026



2026 AuditCon Program Matrix

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

3:00 PM	6:30 PM	Registration open	
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES RECEPTION	
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION	
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Exhibit Hours	

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

7:00 AM	4:30 PM	Registration open			
7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Exhibit Hours			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST (Provided)			
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Opening Comments			
8:15 AM	9:30 AM	KEYNOTE - Tucker Bryant			
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Networking/Visit Exhibitors/Refreshment Break			
10:00 AM	11:15 AM	How Far Will you Go	Level Up: A Journey Through Audit Leadership and Capability Building	The State of AI Readiness in Higher Education Internal Audit: Insights from the 2026 ACUA Member Survey / AI Roundtable	What Audit Committees Actually Need: Turning Internal Audit & Compliance into Decision Ready Insight
11:15 AM	11:30 AM	Transition			
11:30 AM	12:20 PM	Beyond the Basics - Youth on Campus	The Borrowed Lens: Why the Best Auditors Think Like Air Traffic Controllers, Landscape Architects, and Magicians	The Krewe of Compliance: Research Data Security Updates	Developing a Collaborative Relationship Between Risk Management and Internal Audit
12:20 PM	1:15 PM	LUNCH (Provided)			
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	HALL OF FAME			
1:45 PM	2:45 PM	GENERAL SESSION - Higher Ed Risk Leadership: A Fireside Conversation			
2:45 PM	3:15 PM	Networking/Visit Exhibitors/Refreshment Break			
3:15 PM	4:30 PM	New Auditor Roundtable	Bench Strength: Leveraging Student Workers and Graduate Assistants to Expand Audit Coverage on Campus	Leveraging GenAI for IT Audit	Measuring What Matters: Strategic Planning and KPIs Roundtable Under the New Global Internal Audit Standards
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	PINOT WITH THE PARTNERS			

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

7:00 AM	4:30 PM	Registration open			
7:00 AM	3:15 PM	Exhibit Hours			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST (Provided)			
8:00 AM	8:10 AM	Opening Comments			
8:10 AM	9:25 AM	KEYNOTE - Trent Russell			
9:25 AM	10:00 AM	Networking/Visit Exhibitors/Refreshment Break			
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	Ins and Outs of Title IV: Navigating Federal Financial Aid	Student-Athlete Revenue Sharing	Who Owns the Cloud? Auditing Distributed Cloud Risk Across Campus	From Oversight to Insight: Preparing Your Board for Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
10:50 AM	11:05 AM	Transition			

11:05 AM	12:20 PM	(P)Cards on the Table: Unmasking Risk Through Advanced Transaction Profiling	High-Performance Auditing: Driving Institutional Impact through the CORP Framework and Igniting Talent Growth	Beyond Assurance: The Strategic CAE Roundtable	Hotline Management: A Journey of Lessons Learned, Best Practices, and Protocols in Investigations
12:20 PM	1:00 PM	LUNCH (Provided)			
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	AWARDS & OFFICER TRANSITION			
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION - You Can't Do a Thing if you Ain't Got That Swing			
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Networking/Visit Exhibitors/Refreshment Break			
3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Influence or Irrelevance - The Communication Skills Higher ed Auditors Must Master	From Risk to Relevance	AI-Den: Swing for Efficiency	IIA Standards Hands-On Workshop: Building a Practical Conformance Strategy Through Peer Roundtable Discussion
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	EVENING SOCIAL EVENT - HOUSE OF BLUES			
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026					
7:00 AM	12:30 PM	Registration open			
7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Exhibit Hours			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST (Provided)			
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	Understanding and Assisting with Athletics Compliance Risks	Beyond the Testing Checklist: Building Trust, Credibility, and Influence in Internal Audit	Follow the Money: How to Build a Risk-Based Royalty Audit Program That Delivers Results	IIA Topical Requirements - Application for the Real World (Part 1)
8:50 AM	8:55 AM	Transition			
8:55 AM	9:45 AM	Auditing When Every Dollar Matters: Enrollment Budget Pressure & Strategic Risk	Overcoming Cultural Resistance: Rebuilding Trust in Internal Audit	Protecting Your Animals and Employees Involved in Animal Research	IIA Topical Requirements - Application for the Real World (Part 2)
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Networking/Visit Exhibitors/Refreshment Break			
10:15 AM	11:05 AM	Revenue, Reputation, and Risk: Auditing Online Certificate Programs	Campus Construction Audits - Overview and Experiences	What I've Learned In My 14 Years As A CAE	A.I. Étouffée: Smothering Risk Before It Spreads
11:05 AM	11:15 AM	Transition			
11:15 AM	12:30 PM	Fraud Detection, Rebuilt: An Unusual AI-Assisted Journey from Concept to Deployment	Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler	AI Governance in Higher Education: What Changed in the Last Year—and What are Internal Audit's Tactical Next Steps for Auditing	A Small Shop Roundtable - Improvising with Purpose
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)			
1:30 PM	2:20 PM	Your First Audit Agent: An Interactive Workshop on Applied AI (Sponsored by EisnerAmper)			
THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 2026					
7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration open			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST (Provided)			
7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Closing Remarks			
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	Game Changers: Navigating Internal Audit Activities Through Athletics Transformation	Family Trips and Federal Funds: A Fraud Case Study (Part 1)	Finding Your Rhythm: Preparing for an External QA Under the Global Internal Audit Standards	
8:50 AM	9:00 AM	Transition			
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Beyond the Lease: Auditing Third-Party Student Housing Oversight	Family Trips and Federal Funds: A Fraud Case Study (Part 2)	From Federal Policy to Fieldwork: Translating COGR's Advocacy Efforts into Actionable Internal Audits	
9:50 AM	10:00 AM	Transition			
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	Securing Research Data: Compliance, Controls, and Incident Response	Adapting with Confidence: A Risk Assessment Approach for Campus Footprint Changes	Planning for Success(ion)	
10:50 AM	11:00 AM	Transition			
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	Ethics in Higher Education: A Research-to-Practice Framework for Internal Auditors	Beyond Automation: Human-Centered Auditing in Higher Education	Grant Management Best Practices	