



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get ready for Spring time for Continuous Professional Education events! We have a host of events scheduled to provide high quality NASBA CPEs to our members.

Get Ready for our Spring Professional Development Training Conference in May which will provide 12 NSBA CPEs!

We are also happy to announce that Mr. Dennis Dycus will be our premiere speaker at the annual chapter professional development conference which is scheduled for May 22nd & 23rd. Stay tuned for more details regarding the topics and agenda. Registration is now open so reserve your spot-registration ends May 18th.

Be sure to bring an old book to contribute to our first book drive, which will provide support to "*Turning the Page*", a D.C. and Chicago-based organization that works with Chicago public schools. The Chapter will be collecting gently-used books, CDs and DVDs.

In addition, we all have plans for the 2018 Fall Into Training event, scheduled for Monday, August 20th in partnership with the Illinois Internal Auditors Association. Mark you calendars.

We continue to look forward to a successful 2018 so please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Dycus".

Chapter President 2017-2018

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Thursday, May 3rd** – May Executive Committee Meeting
- **Friday, May 18th** – ACFE/IIA Fraud Conference (Hoffman Estates – Sears Corp Ctr.)
- **Tuesday May 22-23rd** – **Chicago Chapter Professional Development Conference (Metcalfe Federal Bldg.) - 12 NASBA CPEs**
- **Saturday, July 21-25th** – National AGA Conference (Orlando, FL)
- **Fall-Into-Training 2018** - Chicago AGA and Illinois Internal Auditors Association Fall Conference - 7 NASBA CPEs

RECAP OF PAST EVENTS:

The AGA Chicago Chapter is proud to announce that it has awarded two scholarships for 2017/2018 school year. Natalie Lopez, a student at Loyola University - Chicago, was awarded AGA Chicago Chapter's Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award. The scholarship recognizes outstanding college students in the field of accounting or finance who have achieved positive academic records and been rated highly by professional references. Jiaqi Li, also a student at Loyola University – Chicago, was awarded AGA Chicago Chapter's Matthew Matczynski Award in Leadership/ Community Involvement scholarship. This scholarship was named after past Chapter president Matthew Matczynski who's leadership helped guide this Chicago Chapter for many years. The Leadership/ Community Involvement scholarship recognizes individuals with strong leadership qualities and community service involvement. Both scholarship recipient received \$1,000 towards their tuition and free AGA student memberships.

[Natalie Lopez - A senior at Loyola University Chicago](#) will be graduating in May 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, and is pursuing a Master of Science in Accountancy degree at Loyola University Chicago in Fall of 2018. Natalie chose to pursue a degree in accounting because the challenges that accounting presents as it will help her to achieve her goals. After graduation, she is planning to take the CPA exam and pursue a career in public accounting. One of her goals for the future is to start her own tax practice in her local community. The professors at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business have provided Natalie with many opportunities and experiences that will help her career advancement and become a strong business professional. The AGA Chicago Chapter's Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award will assist her financially in pursuing her higher education and in turn will help her achieve her long-term career goals. She is honored and grateful to be the recipient of the AGA Chicago Chapter's Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award.

[Jiaqi Li - A current Master of Accounting student at Loyola University Chicago](#), set to graduate this year in May, is planning to sit for the CPA exams after graduation. She is also preparing for more interactions with senior partners and professionals to further improve her communication skills. Her future endeavor is to become a tax professional and a CPA and help clients solve complex tax issues and gather different experiences. Jiaqi heard about the AGA Chicago Chapter Matthew Matczynski Award in Leadership / Community Involvement scholarship through one of her professors at Loyola University Chicago. As the recipient of the AGA Chicago Chapter's Leadership/ Community Involvement Scholarship award, she appreciates the honor as it is a great encouragement to her future development.

Community Service Events:

BOOK DRIVE

The Chicago AGA Chapter is hosting a Book Drive in support of **Turning the Page**, a D.C. and Chicago-based organization that works with Chicago public schools, we will be collecting gently-used books, CDs and DVDs. Please, look through your home library and see what you might wish to contribute to this worthy cause. Books and media can be dropped off in the following manner:

Option A – AGA- Chicago's 2018 PDT (May 22-23rd) in the Ralph H. Metcalfe building. We will have donation boxes at the registration desk or can be given to any AGA-Chicago board member.

Option B –Please contact Chanel Castaneda (ccastaneda@agachicago.org or 312-596-5453) to arrange a drop off.

If you want to receive a **receipt for a charitable contribution** for use in your 2018 tax filing next year, please email Chanel and she will arrange to collect needed info about your donation and then arrange for your receipt. The last date of the book drive will be **May 31st**.

CGFM:

Are you planning on obtaining the CGFM professional certification this chapter year? If so, there are resources available to help make this goal a reality! The AGA Chicago chapter has a copy of the official AGA CGFM study guides, that chapter members can borrow for free. The Chapter will also pay 50% of your exam costs upon completion!

For additional details, or to check out a study guide, contact CGFM Director Raul Nieto at raul.nieto@ed.gov.

Additional information on the AGA Intensive Review Course, such as how to register, can be found at www.agacgfm.org/

Community Outreach:

Several CEC members are participating in the 2018 Ruck Sack March in support of Veteran's Suicide Prevention. Members will be walking 20 miles from Highland Park to Lincoln Park on Friday, May 25th. Come walk with us for a great cause! See Tom DiLisio for details.

If walking isn't your thing, join us on Sunday June 10th in Skokie for the 2018 Honor Ride which supports adaptable bikes for disabled Veterans. The ride can range from 25 to 100 miles beginning and ending in Skokie.

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