



Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter Fall 2011

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Alpha Kappa Chapter

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Redbirds Attend Gamma Iota Sigma National Conference, Will Host in 2012

Ten members of the Illinois State University Gamma Iota Sigma Executive board represented the Alpha Kappa Chapter in Columbus, Ohio this semester at the Gamma Iota Sigma National Conference. The conference was from October 13-15 and marked the 40th annual gathering of Gamma chapters from across the US.

This conference provided ISU students with the opportunity to network with both insurance professionals as well as students from different risk management/ insurance programs across the nation.

Executives from companies such as: Markel, Brown & Brown, Travelers, and Chartis spoke to students on various current and relevant topics in the insurance throughout this conference. Additionally, students were able to attend smaller specialized sessions to develop

Gamma General Meeting Speakers

This fall semester, Gamma was lucky enough to have insurance professionals present to students during two of the four general meetings. The first presentation came from Bryan Squibb, president of AU North America, LLC headquartered in Naperville. Mr. Squibb presented to Gamma members on the topic of trade credit insurance, something relatively new to the United States, but very common to the Lloyd's market.

During the third general meeting, Gamma members had the opportunity to hear the expe-

a better understanding of the industry.

The opportunity students found most beneficial though was the job fair that allowed students to have exposure to approximately 40 different companies offering internship or full time opportunities.

Our Alpha Kappa Chapter was also honored and highly recognized during the conference. Illinois State received the Superior Chapter Award that recognizes chapters that have excelled in all areas of chapter management. ISU was one of only 4 chapters to receive this prestigious award!

Also announced was that Illinois State will be hosting next year's National Conference. The conference will be held in downtown Chicago and more information will be available soon as details are finalized.

riences and expertise of Rick Roberts through the Risk Manager in Residence Program. Mr. Roberts is the Corporate Risk Manager for Ensign-Brickford Industries, Inc. located in Connecticut.

Luckily for ISU students, Mr. Roberts honored his commitment and spoke a week later than originally planned because of a large November snowstorm on the east coast that required risk management implementation at Ensign-Brickford as a result of this weather system.

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2011 Katie School Gamma National Conference Attendees



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Mr. Rick Roberts (center) and Katie School members prior to the annual Risk Manager in Residence Presentation at ISU





Gamma Students Travel to Las Vegas CPCU Conference and REBEX Chicago

Three lucky Katie School students took a gamble and decided to accept the offer to attend the 67th Annual CPCU Conference at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bet paid off and all students left Vegas with a better understanding and recognition of the CPCU designation.

As Scott Adams stated about his experience "Getting to interact with professionals who were being recognized for their completion of their CPCU designation and hearing about how the CPCU is advancing their careers served as great motivation for me to continuing to pursue the CPCU designation."

Other Gamma Members that attended this conference were Dan Fuld, Historian, and Ashley Rieger, Director of Publicity.

Many deserving juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend the REBEX Chicago 2011 Conference. For nearly all students, this was their first introduction into a large scale

networking and industry event.

"With the help of my mentor I was able to network and receive many business cards and learn these types of conferences are a huge key to success in the insurance industry." –Eric Mutch

In the spring semester, the Katie School will provide deserving Gamma members the opportunity to travel, interact with insurance professionals, and learn about the industry at both the NAPSLO Symposium hosted by the Katie School in downtown Chicago and the 2012 RIMS Conference located in Philadelphia.



Halloween Policy Fundraiser A Complete Success

The Alpha Kappa Chapter has in recent years been performing fundraising centered around the Halloween holiday. The Halloween policy fundraiser has Gamma Iota Sigma members travel around the Bloomington-Normal to sell policies to homeowners offering clean-up services in the event that any "Halloween Tricks" occur on their property. "Premium amounts" were not specified by Gamma as any donation was greatly accepted to help with overall chapter operations.

This event spanned a total of three days after typical class hours and was set up by the VP of Fundraising, Matt Marwitz. Approximately 25 Gamma members participated in this event and written premiums totaled over \$400 for one of this event's most successful years yet. Some of the bigger fundraising and community involvement events to look forward to in this spring semester will be the Polar Plunge and Relay for Life.

REBEX 2011 Katie School Attendees



Katie School Students, Alumni Hit the Links

The Annual Katie School Student/Alumni Golf Outing provided a Friday for current students to be relieved from any possible Gen Ed classes and alumni a day out of the office. A surprisingly warm October day provided Gamma and Katie School members with the opportunity to both practice their swing and network with recently graduated Illinois State graduates.

About 30 golfers took part in the afternoon of fun. Alumni traveled from Central Illinois, the Chicago area, and even as far as Texas to take part in this event. The winning team of Adam McGuckin ('07-Zurich NA), Matt Nowaczyk ('09 ACE USA), Katie Jean ('13), and Nathan Johnson ('12) posted a score of 58 (-13). After a great round at the links, students helped alumni relive their time at ISU with beverages and cheese balls at Pub II.

Left: Casey Koontz ('11), Luke Munro ('12), Bill Lally ('11) and Will Cullen ('11)



Right: The winning group of Adam McGuckin, Matt Nowaczyk, Nathan Johnson, and Katie Jean



Where Are They Now?

Ever wondered what old friends from school may be doing now? Here is list of some of the things people are doing.

Ryan Doyle (09) is entering into his 3rd year with Arthur J. Gallagher as an account executive. He brokers insurance for public and nonprofit organizations and works on an insurance pool of 24 municipalities throughout Illinois. He also handles a large school pool in Wyoming and has been traveling a lot, busy with creating new business opportunities. He is engaged and will be getting married in November! He misses all of his friends on the 4th floor at the Katie School office and the insurance professors.

Steve Dubiel (07) is currently going on 5 years working with Chartis construction. He was promoted to a Senior Underwriter in January of 2011 and covers a wide territory which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Indiana, Nebraska, and the Chicago suburbs. He handles a book of business in the 12-15 million dollar ranges and looks forward to conquering new challenges in 2012.

Tammy Henkels (04) has been at Lockton Denver now for about 6 and a half years and she completed her CPCU designation last March! She was also asked to be a part of the leadership development program last year. She bought a place about 2 years ago and will be finished with final "renovation" next month. The exciting news she has is that she is learning Spanish!

Kristin Johnson (10) is still in the Commercial Property division at Chartis in Chicago and she became an underwriter in August 2011 after completing the Professional Associate training program.

Diana Lister (09) has been in Denver for a little over a year now as an underwriter for Bituminous Insurance. She and her husband are loving every moment out here, especially when they can look up anytime they are out and about and see the Rockies. In November, they became first time homeowners and

they are also looking forward to adopting a puppy in the very near future.

Maegan (Fidel) Lunte (05) and her husband, Jason, had a baby girl - Audrey Elizabeth - on June 21, 2011. Maegan still works for Zurich in Schaumburg, IL, but has been promoted into a monoline Property underwriting role.

Brian McCoy (01) moved to Oklahoma City in July to work for AAA Insurance as a claims supervisor. He and his wife had a second child in 2011, Dylan McCoy.

Amy (Walters) Onken (06) was recently promoted to Vice President of California Small Risk at Midwest Insurance Company, a workers' compensation insurance specialist. She oversees the Small Risk Unit in California and works out of the Springfield, IL headquarters. She was married in June of 2009 and has a beautiful 3 month old daughter, Emily.

Dow Ragan (01) joined Gallagher Bassett in November 2011 as a Workers' Compensation Supervisor. He and his very lucky fiancée, Patricia, are set to be married in May 2012. They reside in St. Louis, MO.

Jayne Rector (Dec11) has recently begun working at Arthur J. Gallagher's RPS Wholesale Division, Avreco, in Downtown Chicago. Also, as of January 4th, Jayne is recently engaged!

Ben Tiffany (09) finished his CPCU on January 17th, 2012 and is a Construction Surety Underwriter for Chubb handling accounts in Chicago, St Louis and Indianapolis.

Jake Timmins (11) currently resides in Kansas City, MO and has begun working in the property division of the Westrope Broker Training Program. At the 2011 Gamma Iota Sigma National Conference, Jake was presented the Alan C. Williams award, given to the member "that sets the best example for all other members and is our best "ambassador"."

Alumni Gatherings



Doug Johnson, Andy Vuong, Jeremy Gallico and Stephanie Hitchins.



An alumni panel speaks in an insurance class. Jon Perry, Samantha Carroll, Chris DuCharme, Jake Guimond, Jamie White and Brandon Nicol.



Jon Perry and Clark Kays

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
APRIL 6TH! GAMMA
GAMES 2012!**



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MORE INFO TO COME
SHORTLY**

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Left: Katie School Students attend a Peoria Chiefs baseball game hosted by partner RLI.



Right: Katie School Students with alum Vince Porter during visits to both Arthur J. Gallagher and Chartis this October



Left: Students Mira Andreeva, Matt Calcagno, and Lauren Peggau participate in the CPCU Expo



Right: Students Brett Glaser, Aaron Augustyniak, and Eric Mutch meeting and networking with alumni and employers at ISU's career fair

Katie School Alumni at ISU Career Fair



2nd to Right- Jon Perry (Travelers) and other co-workers



Robb Murphy (Pekin Insurance)



Erin Carr (Swiss Re) with Katie School Student Ashley Rieger