



Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni News Spring 2010

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Gamma Iota Sigma Springs into 2010!

Officer Transition Dinner

The transition dinner gives graduating officers a chance to meet with new officers to discuss their positions and give any advice they may have. The event was held at the Bloomington Country Club this year. Graduating, returning, and new officers discussed new ideas for next year's Gamma officers to make the chapter even better. We talked about some successes from the past year and offered suggestions and possible changes for next year. The graduating seniors talked about their specific officer roles and gave the new officers some insight into what they would be doing in their position.

-Kristin Johnson



The 2009-2010 Gamma
Executive Officers



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Gamma members enjoying the
Business Week Etiquette Dinner

NAPSLO Symposium in Chicago



Katie School
students at
NAPSLO

Twenty members had the chance to attend the National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices (NAPSLO) Symposium this year in downtown Chicago, hosted by Olivet College. We started off by learning about the internship opportunities avail-

able to juniors and seniors. This internship allows the candidate to spend five weeks with the carrier side of the business and

another four weeks on the brokerage side. Friday evening we attended a boat cruise on Lake Michigan and Saturday was filled with sessions about surplus lines, including presentations by industry professionals. We learned a lot about the surplus lines industry while enjoying the city of Chicago!

-Katrina Williams



Gamma members before a
presentation on safety and loss
control by Hortica Insurance

Gamma Iota Sigma at the Polar Plunge!

On Sunday February 28th, Gamma members volunteered their time to take a dip into Miller Park Lake. Sound cold? Definitely, but the crazy antic was done for a good reason. Every year Special Olympics of Illinois holds the Polar Plunge at different lakes around the state. At this event there are different groups or teams that take turns running into the lake, walk around a buoy, and then sprint out of the cold water. Each plunger on the team had to raise \$75 which goes toward the Special Olympics held in late May to early June. The total amount raised in the Miller

Park location was \$80,000 and this was only one of twenty- four locations. All of the students who volunteered agreed this was a rewarding experience that assists individuals who are part of Special Olympics to live their dream.

-Elyse Klimek



Gamma members about to get their feet wet



Some of the Plungers making the Plunge...

Remember, it was Febru-

Let the Gamma Games Begin!

Gamma Games this year was again a huge success. All of the hard work put in by the executive board really paid off as everyone had a great time. Students and industry professionals were paired together on teams of four with a total of eight teams competing in eight different games. Those games included Bucket Head, Limbo, Post-it Note Fencing, Waste-Basketball, Rubber Band Archery, Movin' On Up, Ping Tac-Toe, and Egg Roll Relay. It was a great time watching all the teams root each other on while never losing their own competitive edge. Some of these teams really got into it! After the games were over there was a Jeopardy-style trivia round that the teams also enjoyed where they could wager points they had earned during the games round. It was a fun-packed and exciting day and we all cannot wait for the 3rd Annual Gamma Games next year!

-Jake Timmins



Gamma Games Champions: students Bill Lally & Laura Fisher and alumni Lauren Leggett & Stephanie Hitchins



Patrick Doyle and Doug Johnson face off in Egg Roll Relay



Tom Ear goes "head-to-head" with Jeremy Santana in BucketHead

Gamma at RIMS Boston!

From April 24th through the 29th, nine members of the Alpha Kappa chapter were able to attend the annual RIMS conference in Boston, Massachusetts. During the students' time at RIMS they were able to participate in a community service day which benefited the Boys and Girls Club of South Boston. The students were paired up with industry risk managers and built bookshelves for the center. Students were also able to attend the different industry sessions that were being held throughout the conference. For example,

some students were able to sit in on a forum of CEOs from major brokerage houses as well as carriers and listen to the current problems and issues that are being faced in the industry today. The conference gave a great overview of the new and exciting products in the insurance industry and offered a great way for the students to network with industry professionals in the risk management field as well as the broker and carrier sides.

-Taylour Vranek



Students attending the Arthur J. Gallagher reception in Boston at RIMS

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. If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail Debbie Babcock at debbie.babcock@ilstu.edu.

Amber Armand (07) is at Travelers in Naperville, IL in Bond and Financial Products and recently became engaged. Her fiancé's name is Ryan, he works at Grainger Industrial Supply in Northbrook and their wedding date is October 15th, 2010 in Downers Grove! Best wishes to Amber and Ryan!

Diana Camper (09) transferred with Bituminous Insurance Companies to St. Louis in the middle of February to continue her work as an underwriting trainee in that branch office. She also became engaged in the middle of December and is planning her wedding for the middle of November of this year! Best wishes to Diana and her fiancé!

Erin Carr (05) transitioned from Arch Insurance Group where she was a National Accounts Casualty Underwriter for four years to Swiss Re working as an Assistant Vice President in the Casualty Facultative Client Markets Division.

Mark Coyle (00) is a consulting underwriter at Liberty Mutual Middle Markets in Warrenville, IL and has a 2 ½ year old son Finn and he and his wife are expecting a baby girl soon.

Ryan Doyle (09) is in the Religious Nonprofit Unit within the Public Nonprofit Division at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co in

Itasca focusing on nonprofit organizations and different religious and non religious churches. So if any of the students know of anyone that runs a church or nonprofit, he would love to talk to them.

Steve Dubiel (07) is in his 3rd year working for Chartis as a primary (WC, GL, Auto) construction underwriter in the areas of Chicago, Dallas, Minnesota, Indiana, and Nebraska. He works with large contractors on their insurance programs as well as large wrap up programs including the Dallas Cowboys stadium, Minnesota Twins stadium, as well as with a large general contractor in Indiana. He is pursuing both his CPCU and ARM designations.

Derek Dudgeon (08) is an underwriter in Little Rock, AR for Bituminous Insurance and writes primarily casualty line construction. He is also currently working towards his CPCU designation.

Kevin Halteman (06) moved to San Francisco in April 2009 as a Product Launch Leader for the Northwest Region in the Zurich Marketing group to launch marketing & sales strategy of new campaigns both internally and externally for the NW region to brokers & wholesalers.

Kyle Littell (05) is still at Great American Insurance and has been for a little over 3 years now. He is presently a Senior Underwriter and currently working on obtaining

his Associate in Fidelity Surety & Bonding (AFSB) designation... only one more course left! He and his wife are expecting their first child in March!

Michael Matherly (07) started working for Interstate Chemical Company in November 2007 as an Account Representative and he was married on June 13, 2009.

Adam McGuckin (07) is working as an Account Manager in Zurich North America's Group Captive business unit and is responsible for handling two medium-sized captives totaling nearly \$20,000,000 in premium. In 2009, he finished and received both CPCU and ARM designations, designations he started while being a Katie School student.

Angie (Knapp) Schrock (04) continues to work at Auto-Owners Insurance as a Commercial Lines Underwriter and loves it. She and Jason moved to Eureka in October 2009 and had their second daughter, Alivia Faith, on December 28, 2009.

Ben Tiffany (09) is in the Associate Program at Zurich and is working in the Chicago Office with the Construction Underwriting Team to learn how to underwrite Construction accounts (Auto, GL, WC) as part of his Underwriting Rotation. His program ends in April and he hopes to remain in Chicago.



Alumni & past Gamma Presidents Eric Pan, Maegen Lunte, Kerri Mathews, and Jon Perry spoke at this year's Initiation



Heather Acerra from RLI Insurance answers a question during her presentation on Negotiating Job Offers.



Alumna Kristin Church playing Movin' On Up against Rebecca Kagan during Gamma Games



Gamma members speak to a high-school class about Gamma, the Katie School, & careers in insurance for the Ambassador Program

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Gamma Initiates its New Members & Officers

Gamma Initiation, a yearly celebration that takes place during the spring semester, took place on April 16th, 2010 at 10:30 am. The ceremony acknowledges our wonderful new members that we have recruited over the past year and we had a great turnout. Four past presidents of Gamma spoke about the Katie School and how being involved in Gamma Iota Sigma helped them tremendously once they entered the working world. Each offered advice for graduating members as well as newer members who are looking to become more involved in the organization. The ceremony concluded with the initiation of the new members, and was followed by a luncheon for the newly initiated and existing members as well as the alumni that were present at the event.

The New Officers for 2010-2011

President	Jake Timmins
VP of Student Relations	Elyse Klimek
VP of Internal Affairs	Bill Lally
Treasurer	Kelsie Griffin
Secretary	Laura Nance
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Director of Fundraising Efforts	Jayne Rector
Director of Volunteer Efforts	Drew Hannan
Director of Alumni Affairs	Keith Gallagher
Actuarial Liaison	Jeremy Santana
Historian	Rebecca Kagan

Spring 2010 Gamma Iota Sigma Calendar

January 20	First General Meeting	Mar. 29	Etiquette Dinner
January 29	Heritage Manor Volunteering	April 07	Katie School Advisory Feedback Session
February 04	Funny Bone Outing		Student Recognition Dinner
February 09	COUNTRY Financial Day	April 09	Ambassador Program
February 10	RIMS Luncheon	April 14	RIMS Luncheon
February 16	Internship Fair	April 16	Initiation
February 19	COUNTRY Financial Visit		2nd Annual Gamma Games
February 24	ISU v Indiana State Basketball Game	April 21	Fourth General Meeting
February 28	Polar Plunge	April 25– 28	RIMS Conference
March 17	Third General Meeting	April 30	Finals Study Break
March 18	Officer Meet 'n Greet	May 8	May Commencement
March 19	Business Week Volunteering		
March 24	Officer Transition Dinner		
March 26-28	NAPSLO Symposium		