

Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni News Spring 2011

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GIS Alpha Kappa hosts NAPSLO Symposium

This year our chapter of GIS was asked to host the NAPSLO Symposium and it was held March 25-26 at the Wyndham Chicago. Our president, Jake Timmins, took on a great challenge of coordinating the weekend event and pulled it off flawlessly.

We had a great turnout with over 100 students coming to join us from all around the U.S. and we even had a group from our neighbor up north, Canada.

That first night we were able to see a great view of the Chicago skyline from the Odyssey dinner cruise while enjoying an evening of

good food, laughter and making new friends.

Day two was packed with speakers from all over the Surplus Lines industry. They included members of NAPSLO executive board, members of Lloyd's North America, and professionals from numerous companies.

The weekend went so well that we have been asked to host the event again next year, and we hope to have the privilege for years to come. *-Keith Gallagher*



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Left: Gamma members waiting to board the Odyssey



Alumnus Brent Dawson diving into frigid water for Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Luncheon with Liberty Mutual



Students conversing over lunch with Liberty Mutual

Mid February this year Lauren Mirel from Liberty Mutual came to Illinois State to meet with some members of Gamma Iota Sigma. She made the trip in from their home office in Boston to talk with students as Liberty Mutual has this year decided to make Illinois State University one of the schools they sponsor.

Lauren had lunch with a

group of students in an effort to grow the relationship between our program and Liberty Mutual. She also offered insight into the insurance industry and working in it as she herself is not far removed from being a student.

We had a great opportunity to learn what the culture and ideals of Liberty Mutual were from Lauren and we look forward to a strong relationship with them into the future. *-Scott Adams*



Gamma Iota Sigma members at the 2011 initiation, getting ready for a day of Gamma Games



RIMS 2011 - Vancouver

Eleven students from the Katie School were fortunate to attend the 2011 RIMS conference which was held in beautiful Vancouver this year. For most of the students it was their first trip to Canada and they had a fabulous time.

The students landed in Vancouver on Saturday April 30th and stayed through Wednesday May 4th.

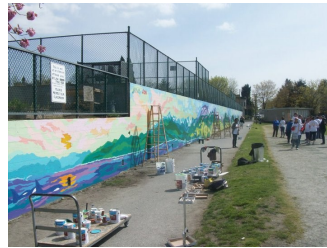
On Sunday the students took part in a community service event that was sponsored by both RIMS and Aon. The students along with about 75 industry professionals were bussed to a local community center which included a soccer field. The volunteers worked on three different projects: repainting a 400 foot mural, assembling 8 new soccer benches, as well as painting a new mural on a storage container. The day was a huge success and it was a great time to also get to interact with some of the children who use the community center on a daily basis.

Sunday night kicked off the opening ceremonies for the annual conference. Students' schedules for the week consisted of early mornings with long nights, networking until late in the evening each night. During the days we would spend time at different sessions led by business profes-

sionals as well as making the rounds at the tables in the Exhibit Hall which was huge, about 2-3 football fields in size!

Overall the conference was a huge success and the students had the opportunity to interact with hundreds of individuals working in the industry! The students are very thankful for such a great opportunity and a wonderful trip that the Katie School provided.

-Jake Timmins



Above: One end of the 400 ft. mural
Below: Students outside of the conference center with Vancouver in the background.



Teams anxiously waiting the updated scores between rounds of games at the Gamma Games

This year's Gamma Games was yet another success. The day started out with new members going through initiation in the CAT Auditorium and we were lucky enough to have speakers including our current president as well as three past presidents, who we would like to give a special thanks to: Jeremy Gallico, Jon Perry, and Kerri Mathews. After the initiation ceremony, there was a lunch for all current and past Gamma members, which allowed for students to meet alumni who are now experienced in the insurance industry.

After lunch everyone was able to change out of their suits and head over to the Circus Room in the Bone

Relay For Life

On April 8, Illinois State University held its annual Relay For Life and this year Gamma Iota Sigma took an active stance to turn this into one of our major philanthropic events. With the partnership of Liberty Mutual, we were able to make a very generous donation and the night went really well.



Gamma members getting ready for a night on the quad

We arrived on the quad around 6pm to get our table set up and to get ready for the night. We had a great time out there as we came prepared with our bags set, Frisbee, football, baseball and gloves. These were all excellent ways to not only have fun with each other, but also a great way to get those walking the path to stop by for a while.



A special thanks to Liberty Mutual

When others would stop by, we had baked goods set up on our table as well as refreshments, all in an effort to continue to raise money for the great cause that is The American Cancer Society. The night was an overall success and everyone had an outstanding time. We look forward to continuing to grow this event just as the Gamma membership has grown, and again we would like to thank Liberty Mutual for their generosity. *-Kelsie Griffin*

Gamma Games 2011

Student Center for a day filled with fun games. The students and alumni were mixed in teams for a laid back, fun way to get to know each other. After the fun of all of the games in the Circus Room, we moved into Old Main where we tested the teams' knowledge. The trivia game is where everything was decided, but as long as everyone had a good time, we all won. — *Laura Nance*



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.

Emily Babiarz (2010) started a new role at Zurich in the Operational Transformation group working on change management for the underwriting community. Also, as of Friday May 13 she became engaged and is planning a wedding for July of 2012!

Samantha (Andrick) Carroll (08) is currently working at The Hartford handling auto claims where she has been since graduating in 2008. She was married last September and is currently living in Indianapolis.

Steve Dubiel (07) is currently working for Chartis (formally AIG) in Chicago and was promoted to Sr. Underwriter in January in the primary construction division. He is also finishing up his CRIS and ARM designations this year.

Mike Flaherty (02) just completed his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification and is still working at FSB Wealth Management located at First State Bank of Bloomington as a Financial Advisor. He has been there a little over 3 years.

Todd Gordon (00) is an Associate Managing Director/Portfolio Manager at The PrivateBank in Skokie, continuing his career in the commercial lending/underwriting industry. He and his wife (Emilie) are expecting their second child in August.

Gabrielle Goravica (11) starts the underwriting trainee position at Liberty Mutual on June 6th and is most excited!

Tyler Hall (Dec 10) started his job with Chubb in January after graduation in the Chicago branch in Personal Lines Underwriting and is currently going through a one year training program.

Jake Guimond (09) has completed the ARM, CRIS, and AIS designations and has moved into a new role as the Carrier Liaison for Assurance Agency in Schaumburg.

Jake Hankins (10) just finished up his first year at COUNTRY Financial as an Associate Business Continuity Analyst and was recently promoted to Business Continuity Analyst. He is in the process of completing his ARM designation and also fixing-up his first home in Bloomington.

Kevin Halteman (06) moved into a senior underwriter of west coast Technology business this year with Zurich NA. He developed a National Property Sell Guide across the organization and additionally was appointed by RVP to assist building a west coast Commercial Property practice from the ground up. He picked up snowboarding, mountain biking, and competitive sailing

which are all things he thought he might never do.

Clark Kays (05) wrapped up a seven-month round the world trip covering three continents and 24 countries and is currently Assistant Vice President at Marsh (Aviation & Aerospace) in Chicago as of May 2011. His responsibilities include national benchmarking and West Coast business

Michael Kohlhase (01) is still a broker with A. J. Renner & Associates, and he and his wife Kristin have a two year old son, Nicholas.

Joe Lee (05) received a promotion last fall and is now an audit manager at McGladrey & Pullen in Springfield, specializing in the audits of banks and insurance companies. His twins, Michael and Abigail, will turn 2 this August which keeps him and his wife quite busy.

Laura Nance (11) is doing some traveling before she starts her position at Aon on July 18, 2011.

Josh Rayborn (11) participated in the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network- College Financial Representative internship program during the spring semester of his senior year in college. Upon graduation, he became a full-time Financial Representative in the McClure Financial Group at the Chet Bandy agency in Normal.

Kristi (Ammirati) Thurnall (00) had a baby boy, Dane Emery, in late October 2010 and has also been at Motorola for 10.5 years. She was recently promoted to Distribution Finance Controller at Motorola Solutions – the Public Safety Communications business after Motorola split into two companies.

Greg Veselsky (05) and his wife April just had their first child on June 2, 2011, Noah James Veselsky! Greg is working as a Loss Prevention Consultant for Synergy Coverage Solutions and April is working as an independent premium auditor.

Kristine (Matzke) Wissmiller (04) recently hit her one year mark with Travelers with her previously 6 years of insurance experience spent with Chubb. She is working on specialty lines for financial institutions out of the St. Paul office and handles the states of North Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota. She has also embarked on getting her RPLU and is almost, almost finished with her CPCU.

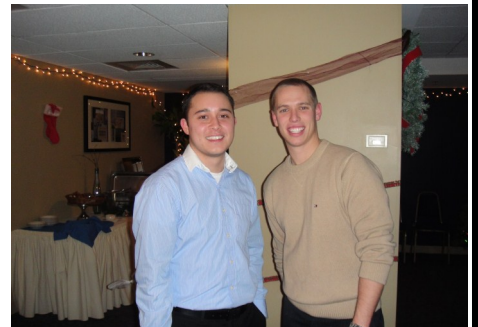
Elisa Yaeger (03) is working in St. Louis as an Account Manager and continues to be with FM Global. She made the transition in October and is enjoying being close to her family and being a happy homeowner. It's hard to believe that it's been 8 years since she was at ISU and she keeps in touch with **Ryan Burks (03)** who moved to Orlando late last year with CNA.

Alumni Cocktail Social



Above: Mike Miler, Ken Stewart and Kevin Conner

Below: Jeremy Gallico and Matt Nowaczyk



Above: Matt Nowaczyk, Stephanie Hitchins, Vince Porter, Kristin Johnson, Jeremy Gallico and Jake Timmins.

Below: Ben Tiffany, Mike Hayden, Chris Craveiro, and Andy Vuong





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Katie Alumni and Students at Gamma Games 2011!!!



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This year's and next year's officers at the transition dinner at Bloomington Country