



Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter Spring 2012

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Gamma Students Attend RIMS 2012 in Philadelphia

This year the 2012 RIMS Conference was held in Philadelphia April 14-18 and 12 lucky Gamma students were able to attend this conference.

Students landed in Philadelphia on Saturday and the next day participated in the Zurich sponsored Community Service Day benefitting a local charity "Cradles to Crayons." During the day students helped inspect and package donated clothes and goods to be distributed to poverty stricken areas of Philadelphia, all the while chatting and networking in a social setting with industry professionals.

The actual conference was described by nearly all students as an incredible experience that provided many great memories and experiences. Incoming Gamma

president Brett Glaser said that "being in a setting with large amounts of professionals from all over the world, as well as over 200 students from different parts of the country allowed me to gain a great understanding and some positive connections to take forward in my career."

Besides the professional setting, students had a spectacular social/personal experience throughout the week as well. Gamma students visited the Liberty Bell, sampled countless cheese steaks, had the opportunity to meet the GM of the Oakland Athletics, Billy Beane, and took in a free concert by One Republic presented by ACE. A couple of lucky students also had the opportunity to meet boxing legend George Foreman during this experience of a lifetime in Philadelphia.

Exec. Board Attempts to Deliver Insight into Insurance

This semester the GIS Executive Board decided to hold the first annual "Fields in Insurance" discussion for general members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. Student members had provided feedback stating that they wanted to discover more about internship experiences or general knowledge within the different fields of the industry.

As a result, the executive board was able to pool their experience and provide students

with an open forum discussion based on underwriting, brokerage, and actuary internship experiences. Gamma president Aaron Augustyniak said that "we have already received a great deal of positive feedback, primarily because students were able to gain an insight and hear stories about some of our experiences and possibly determine which career path or company internship might be right for them."

Top Right: Gamma Students at RIMS Community Service Day. Bottom Right: Gamma Students present at Intro to Insurance Presentation

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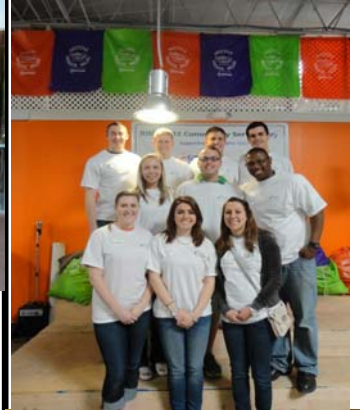
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Gamma Students and Drummers Outside AJG Reception in Philly

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Gamma Students Place Second at Risk Management Challenge

Four Gamma students (James Feiner, Christy Johnson, Allen Kus, and Ashley Rieger) volunteered to travel to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA to participate in a case study competition involving a merger with Coca-Cola. Students from 8 different schools from across the nation were required to review confidential materials regarding this merger, submit a 10 page paper, and prepare a 20 minute presentation on findings and recommendations for a consolidated risk management program.

Participant Allen Kus said that “The challenge was great for many reasons. Learning about real life risk management practices, displaying our knowledge of insurance as students, hearing immense amounts of positive feedback and congratulations, as well as representing the Katie School are among the reasons this challenge was a great moment in my college career.” Look out for ISU next year, as all indications point to this challenge continuing in the future.

After the initial presentation, ISU was selected as one of the top three teams and was required to present once again to a room filled with industry professionals that were ultimately required to select the winner of the competition. Host VCU ended up being selected the eventual winner of the challenge, but all Red-birds were very pleased with the second place result.



Alpha Kappa Continues to Host NAPSLO Symposium

March 30-April 1 marked the 9th annual NAPSLO Extreme Risk Takers Symposium held at the Wyndham in downtown Chicago. This event has been popular with students in the past, and this year was no exception as President Aaron Augustyniak and advisor Debbie Babcock coordinated a very successful event. Approximately 100 students attended the event from 9 different schools.

This year, students were once again treated to a night of dinner, dancing, and drinks aboard the Odyssey Dinner Cruise and had a wide variety of speakers attend the event to inform students about the surplus lines industry. Some of the guest speakers were from organizations such as: Lloyd’s, RT Specialty, Aon, and United Airlines.

The incoming historian of Gamma, John Mahoney thought the NAPSLO Symposium “gave me a great deal of insight to an area of the industry that I previously didn’t know much about but am not increasingly interested.” John and many others look forward to the next symposium this upcoming year.

2012 ISU NAPSLO Attendees



Gamma Helps Charity through Dodgeball Tournament

In another effort to offer different and new activities to Gamma members, Director of Publicity Ashley Rieger spearheaded the first annual Gamma Dodgeball Tournament benefiting Easter Seals. The Easter Seals charity provides assistance to those in the local community that have Autism, disabilities, or other special needs.

Ashley thought that the event was a great event that incorporated charity and competitiveness. Gamma members enjoyed raising money for a worthwhile organization that does not charge patients, but operates completely off donations. In total, about 40 members attended the event with a total of around \$150 dollars sent to Easter Seals to continue assisting those in need.





Where Are They Now?

Ever wondered what old friends from school may be doing now? Here are 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 1/2 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, were 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 became 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 Photos



The victorious Gamma Games Team of Eric Mutch, Alum Jake Timmins, Mark Rogina, Zach Kramer, and Brett Glaser



Alum Jon Perry and Current Gamma Student Katie Dalo at Gamma Games



Alum Tommy Mullins Speaks to Students on the NAPSLO Internship at the NAPSLO Symposium in Chicago



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Fourth Annual Gamma Games 2012

A busy schedule and upcoming Easter Holiday did not stop alumni and students from attending the always fun filled Gamma Games. After attending the Gamma Initiation Ceremony earlier on that morning, the group of excited participants headed to the Illinois State University Alumni Center to compete against one other in fun filled games that required random talent and intellectual superiority.

When all the competition had ended, the team of Jake Timmins, Eric Mutch, Brett Glaser, Mark Rogina, and Zach Kramer emerged victorious in the competition. We would like to send a big thank you to ex-Presidents Jake Timmins and Jon Perry for attending the initiation ceremony and speaking to current members, as well as alumni Jake Hankins, Kelsie Griffin, and Laura Nance for joining in the Gamma Games event. Thank you once again for your support.

Incoming and Outgoing Gamma Officers



Gamma Games 2012



Gamma Students and Alums at Association of Professional Insurance Women Lunch

Alum Drew Hannan and HR Rep Kelly Dippold Present about Lockton to ISU Students



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Gamma Students with Bermuda Premier Paula Cox at the Bermuda Booth at RIMS 2012

Gamma Students Visit COUNTRY Financial

