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Gamma Iota Sigma Kicks off Spring of 2009!

RIMS Goes Orlando

The Risk and Insurance Managers Society held their annual meeting in Orlando from April 18-23. Fourteen Katie School students had the privilege of attending the RIMS Conference for five days.

I was fortunate enough to attend RIMS, and thought it was extremely educational, beneficial, and fun. I was able to network with various industry professionals, as well as learn about current events that are affecting the insurance industry. My peers and I were able to volunteer at Give the Kids the World. We helped pull weeds, lay mulch, paint, and clean up the grounds. Afterwards, we were treated to a tour of the facilities. Back at the conference, we walked around the convention room, and saw all the booths. It was astonishing to see all of the companies that are involved in the insurance industry. There were insurance com-

panies, brokers, agencies, third party administrators, lawyers, and even insurance markets like London and Bermuda. It was great to see all of the insurance related companies coming together to discuss the future of the insurance industry. We were able to attend certain seminars like "Understanding Commercial General Liability Policies". I thought this seminar was very interesting and it enhanced what was taught my commercial liability class.

Attending RIMS was a tremendous opportunity, and I was happy to be a part of it.

-Ryan Doyle



Katie School students attending Arthur J. Gallagher reception at RIMS

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Gamma Iota Sigma members with Chubb Insurance

Gamma Visits Travelers



Katie School students visiting Travelers

Gamma students were given the opportunity to go to Travelers. On January 20 two groups of students went to their Naperville and Chicago offices. Upon arrival, the Gamma members toured the building for a general idea of all the different departments in the building. During our visit to the Naperville office, we were paired up and allowed to job shadow professionals in different

departments. We went out to lunch with many of the professionals and met them in an informal setting. This allowed students to network on a different level, which is very important to graduating seniors. We learned about products such as surety bonds and commercial lines. Company visits are the best way to learn about the industry or a specific company and Travelers was no exception.

- Andy Vuong



Aida Martinez from State Farm talks to Gamma students about Career Do's and Don'ts



Gamma Iota Sigma Attends NAPSLO in Chicago, IL

This year we had the opportunity to attend the NAPSLO Symposium in Chicago hosted by Olivet College. It was a great opportunity for Katie School students because we had the chance to learn about Surplus Lines insurance. Surplus lines is something that is touched on by only a few pages in our text book. It was great to see what other opportunities, within insurance, are available.

We also had the chance to network with great industry professionals within the surplus lines industry. The event consisted of an opening presentation about the NAPSLO (National Association for Surplus Lines Offices) internships available to juniors and seniors. This internship is a great opportunity because each intern receives a mentor to assist him or her throughout the process and is placed for 5 weeks on the carrier side and 4 weeks on the broker side of the business. After learning about the internship opportunities, we had dinner on Lake Michigan on a wonderful boat cruise. The rest of the trip consisted of sessions hosted by accomplished surplus lines under-

writers and brokers. We had the pleasure of learning about various surplus lines topics. Overall we learned a great deal about a very exciting part of the industry. We are very grateful to have had the privilege to attend!

-Vanessa Contreras



Gamma members attending NAPSLO in Chicago



A couple of Gamma students wearing their NAPSLO t-shirts

Let the Gamma Games Begin!

On March 20, 2009 the Alpha Kappa chapter hosted the first annual *Gamma Games* in which industry professionals and Katie School alumni participated on teams with current students. Individuals tested their athletic abilities with games like Post-it Note Fencing, Rubber Band Archery, and WasteBasketBall among others. The 2 ½ hour extravaganza brought over 50 people together for a more informal – yet very effective – networking event for the recruiters, students and alumni. Though excellent teamwork was found within each team, Kevin Conner, Emily Deters, Stephanie Hitchins, and Ben Tiffany took home the first-place prize as well as industry-wide bragging rights. Congratulations again!

Great job to everyone who participated, all GIS officers, and everyone in the Katie School who made the event such a success! We look forward to the 2010 Games!

-Jeremy Gallico



Gamma Games Champions



Gamma Game Competitors



Post-it Note Fencing and Rubber band archery

Gamma Volunteers at Bloomington Day Care

On February 20, 2009 twenty members had a chance to volunteer at Bloomington Daycare. Bloomington Daycare is a day care that caters to low income families and single parent families. The kids are from age five and under. For a lot of us it was our first time playing with kids of this age. However, the kids loved us and we had a fantastic time playing with them. The daycare staff was truly grateful for us being there. The day was filled with activities for the kids. They had pancakes and eggs for breakfast, which we had to clean up after them. In fact, there was a lot of clean up jobs to be done that day. After breakfast, some of us went outside to run around with the kids. We did not spend too much time

outside, because it was a bit chilly out, but a warm day for February. When we came in we read some stories to them and played different games. After a couple of games it was time for lunch. After lunch we had a difficult time getting the kids to take a nap. However, once they were all settled in we went out for lunch. Then, we came back to start round two of our day, which just consisted of more of the same activities. It was so rewarding watching the little kids smile and laugh when they played with us. It was a fantastic day that was enjoyed by everyone.

-Patrick Doyle



Some of the officers for Gamma excited about planning the Spring semester

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.

Troy Ahearn (98) is currently the Compliance and Operations Audit Supervisor, Commercial Underwriting, at Lincoln General Insurance, a Division of Kingsway America. He and his wife, Melissa (Taverna) Ahearn (Political Science '98) live in Plainfield IL. She is a Purchasing Manager with Mack Pump Equip Co. They welcomed their first child, Dylan Patrick, in April 2007.

Kristi Ammirati (00) is still at Motorola after 7 years and is currently a Senior Financial Analyst for the Subscriber and Accessory product portfolio in their Government and Public Safety business. She went back to school in January for her MBA, attending Northern Illinois with an expected graduation of December 2008.

Stephanie Buckner (07) is in Commercial Surety at Travelers in Naperville and has signed up for ASFB 151 in December so she is studying hard! She is getting her feet wet working with producers and loves her job!

Mark Coyle (00) had his world change with the birth of his son, Finnigan (Finn) William Coyle, born on August 31st with a bunch of hair. Mark has been working for over a year as an underwriting specialist at Wausau Insurance Companies in Downers Grove.

Shelly Crawford-Stock (98) has become one of the

principals/owners of C F & H Insurance Agency, Inc. C F & H Insurance Agency, Inc. has office locations in Monticello, Sullivan and Windsor, IL. She is also currently serving as Monticello Rotary Club President and as Vice-President for Monticello Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband Tim (Stock) reside in Monticello, IL.

Joe DeVary (00) has assumed a position as an Associate Agency Manager with COUNTRY Insurance in Madison County near St. Louis. He had previously spent 5 yrs as a multi-line agent in McLean County with COUNTRY. His responsibilities will include hiring, training, motivating, and assisting agents during all stages of their career as a multi-line agent.

Amy Gilmore (02) continues to work at Iowa Mutual as a senior commercial lines new business underwriter and recently purchased a house in DeWitt, IA.

Tara Gleeson (05) started working for Chubb Insurance in Chicago as a personal lines underwriter in July. Previously, she had worked at COUNTRY Insurance in Bloomington as a claims adjuster and billing specialist. She lives a few blocks from Wrigley Field and is enjoying every minute of it!

Sara Hogan (00) continues to work at Aon Risk Services as an Account Specialist for Risk Management accounts and has been here since graduation. She recently had another baby boy on 7-7-07, Caleb, and has a 2 1/2 year-old as well, Gabriel. Sara and

her husband, Dan, live in Chicago and he runs a mentoring program for fifth through eighth graders at a school on the west side near where they live.

Abiola Kalejaiye (04) is a financial analyst at Newark and is also a 2011 JD Candidate at DePaul Law School.

Kurt Konkey (00) has been at Travelers since 2001 and is currently the Managing Director of the Public Company Underwriting Business Segment. The PCL group underwrites Director's and Officer's Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Kidnap and Ransom, Fiduciary Liability and Crime.

T.J. Krzmarzick (05) has been with AIG Excess Casualty as an underwriter for a little more than two years now and will be taking his 4th CPCU test later this year. On September 9th he completed Ironman Wisconsin in 12 hours 52 minutes (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, and a 26.2 mile marathon). Other than that he has been watching the Cubs / Bears and hanging out with friends & family.

Maegan (Fidel) Lunte (05) works as an Account Manager (aka underwriter) for the Religious Segment at Zurich North America in Schaumburg, Illinois. She has been part of this team since her graduation from the Zurich Associate Program a year and a half ago. Outside of work, Maegan recently was married to Jason Lunte (Accounting '05) on the first of September. They currently live in Buffalo Grove, Illinois and could not be happier.



All of the new inductees for Gamma posing on the College of Business staircase



Gamma Games competitors going head to head in Wastepaper Basketball



Gamma members enjoying the ISU vs. UNI Basketball Game



Alumni Bill Jones, Erin Corbin, and Adam Johnson spoke at this years initiation ceremony

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Gamma Initiates its New Members and Officers

Initiation took place on March 20, 2009 at 11:00 am. This is a yearly celebration that takes place once a school year, usually during the spring semester. The ceremony acknowledges our wonderful new members that we have recruited over the past year. There was a great turnout for the ceremony and we initiated over 80 new members. The ceremony began with three alumni speaking about the Katie School and how being involved in Gamma Iota Sigma helped them tremendously once they entered the working world. The three speakers were Adam Johnson and Erin Corbin, both from State Farm, and Bill Jones from Lockton. Each offered advice for graduating members as well as newer members who are looking to become more involved in Gamma. The ceremony concluded with the initiation of the new members. Following the initiation ceremony there was a luncheon for the newly initiated and existing members as well as the alumni that were present at the ceremony.

The New Officers for 2009-2010

President — Jeremy Gallico	Historian — Tyler Wood
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Spring 2009 Gamma Iota Sigma Calendar

January 21	First General Meeting	March 18	Third General Meeting
January 30	Travelers Company Visit	March 20	Initiation/1st Gamma Games/ Alumni Social Hour
February 10	Aida Martinez from State Farm	March 24	Monical's Pizza Fundraisers
February 17	2009 Spring Internship Fair	March 24	Officer Meet and Greet
February 18	2009 Spring Job Fair	March 27-28	NAPSLO Symposium
February 18	Second General Meeting	Mar. 30-Apr. 3	Business Week Events
February 20	Volunteer Day at Bloomington Day Care Center	April 15	Fourth General Meeting
February 24	ISU vs UNI Basketball Game	April 18-23	RIMS Conference 2009
March 7-15	Spring Break	May 1	Finals Study Break
March 16	Officer Applications Due	May 9	May Commencement