# KATIE SCHOOL OF INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT





### KATIE SCHOOL SUPPORTS DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Katie School believes that diversity prepares students for work in a global society. By experiencing diverse environment in college, students are creating a foundation to be comfortable working and interacting with a variety of individuals of all nationalities. DEI influences students to seek out a broader range of friends. Educational interactions among racially and ethnically diverse groups results in positive learning outcomes. It promotes strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills by exposing students to key challenges and different perspectives faced by students from different races, ethnicities, and nationalities.

# The Katie School supports Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions by:

- Working with College Greenlight to Attract Top College-Bound Students to Illinois State University to study Risk Management and Insurance (RMI) or Actuarial Science
- Providing Summer On-Campus Programs where students can learn about risk, how to manage risk and careers in the risk and insurance profession
- Working with diverse student organizations across campus to host events to bring insurance industry awareness to a varied group of students
- Working with industry partners to promote opportunities for students to have mentors, internships, and to attend conferences







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The Katie School supports global insurance education. We believe that this is critically important for creating a workforce with the capabilities and mindset to tackle the world's toughest challenges of global risk interdependence such as pandemics and climate change, and it exposes students to ways in which business is successfully conducted in other countries. Students with an international exposure can better build relationships between people and communities, solve problems, and think creatively.

Going abroad to interact and observe how industry practitioners do business helps students acquire skills that influence their career paths, increase their maturity and help them better understand their cultural values and biases.

Almost 40% of companies surveyed missed international business opportunities because of a lack of internationally competent personnel.

# The Katie School supports Global Education through the following:

- International Internships
- Virtual Internships
- International Speakers
- Conferences











### KATIE SCHOOL'S SUPPORT FOR STUDENT INNOVATION

Today's industry employers actively seek students that can work effectively on a **team**, **self-manage** and **motivate**, apply critical thinking skills to an **unstructured problem**, and communicate their recommendations. The Katie School helps to fund and support the ISU Innovation Consulting Community which provides students with projects to develop these habits and skills and provide **real-world business use-case** project experience. Participants learn **project management**, **leadership**, **self-awareness**, and **innovation**. Employers increasingly seek to hire students who are skilled at collaboration, working with cross-disciplinary teams, and solving real-world problems for the industry.

# The Katie School is involved in supporting Student Innovation through:

- Real world Projects with Industry clients
- Katie School Symposium on Innovation in Insurance



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News Views The magazine of the college of business at illinois state university



# **STUDENT TEAM EXPLORES** DRONE USES

PLUS Student Financial Literacy An Alum's Passion for the Alamo II Business Week's Continued Growth



# Women Founders of Insurtech Firms Panel

Panelists: Jennifer Byrne, Co-founder and President, Quesnay Inc., Insurtech Investor and Advisor Kate Terry , Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer, Surround Insurance



### KATIE SCHOOL'S SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# The Katie School supports professional development through:

- 100 Point Badge Program for Students by taking professional insurance exams, conducting industry research, attending presentations by industry executives, and developing "soft skills" in businesswriting, presentations, and consulting
- Over 80 industry presentations for students each year on key issues and trends facing the insurance industry
- Gamma lota Sigma leadership opportunities for students
- Internships
- Industry team competition
- Professional development workshops
- Alumni mentoring program
- Support for professional exams (CPCU, ARM, ARe...)
- Research on cutting edge innovations in insurance such as blockchain, the use of drones, and insurtech developments











### KATIE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The mission of the insurance industry is to provide for people in times of need. We at the Katie School believe that students who are interested in working in such an environment find value in community service. Our Gamma lota Sigma chapter is committed to serving others and has been recognized by the College of Business with the Outstanding Service/ Volunteer Organization award through its very active volunteer work.

### Community service activities have included:

- Habitat for Humanity
- American Red Cross
- Midwest Food Bank
- Active Bloomington Garden
- Normal Library
- Wishbone Donation Collections
- Operation Gratitude
- YMCA
- Home Sweet Home Ministries









### KATIE SCHOOL AND THE POWER OF NETWORKING

Our industry is all about relationships and the personal element, and the most connected people are quite often the most successful. This concept is shared early in the educational experience of our students and reinforced through:

- Etiquette dinners
- Katie School alumni mentoring
- Workshops on

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- o Professionalism
- o Proper LinkedIn presence
- o Conference etiquette
- o Leadership development

These activities assist students to build confidence and self-esteem as they begin shaping their personal brand and network. Outfitted with their own business cards, they are fully equipped to interact and engage industry professionals as they seek their suitable career path within insurance and risk management.







Katie School
by the Numbers

Based on the funds received from industry, each year the Katie School supports students through such things as scholarships, exam reimbursements, and paid conference attendance. This helps in attracting, retaining, and developing talent for the insurance industry. Here are some of the key metrics illustrating those areas

### Over 3000 graduates

working in the insurance industry

Over \$170,000 in scholarships and awards annually

**Over 100 students per year** doing industry internships

**Over 100 actuarial exams** fees paid for students annually

**Over 80 presentations** annually from industry experts

### **Over 50 students**

attending industry conferences each year

### **Over 100 students**

in **Gamma lota Sigma** on an annual basis



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### Katie School Program Milestones

The following are some of the key program developments in the life of the Katie School. These have helped Katie School to raise funds for students, enhance industry practitioner education opportunities, recruit students from high schools, and provide scholarships and professional development experiences.

**1991 –** Katie School Golf Classic

- **1991 –** Katie School Executive Forum
- **1991 –** Gamma lota Sigma Alpha Kappa Chapter
- **1995** APIW (Association of Professional Insurance Women) Scholarship Recipients
- **1996** Midwest High School Student Actuarial/ Analytics Academy
- **1996** Lloyd's of London Partnership
- **1998** Spencer Scholar Recipients
- **1999** Katie School International Internship Program
- 2003 Spencer Risk Management in Residence Program
- 2005 Insurance Financial Regulators Program
- 2008 Redbird Risk Management High School Program
- **2012** Katie School Hall of Fame
- 2014 Katie School Certificate in Leadership and Business Acumen

### Katie School's Industry Engagement

One of the unique features of the Katie School is its engagement with industry. From its inception the Katie School was designed to be guided by industry needs, and this approach has provided students with unprecedented industry professional development, career opportunities, and exposure to risk issues.

The Katie School works with about 130 different companies and organizations. The following represent the 2021 Katie School Advisory Board:

- Afni, Inc.
- AIG
- Aon
- AXA XL
- Business Insurance
- Chicago RIMS
- Chubb
- CNA
- COUNTRY Financial
- Gallagher
- Gen Re
- Illinois Dept. of Insurance
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Lloyd's America
- Munich Re
- Pekin Insurance
- Pinnacle Actuarial Resources, Inc.
- RLI Insurance Corp
- RT Specialty, LLC
- State Farm Insurance
- Surplus Line Association of IL
- Swiss Re
- Travelers
- Zurich North America

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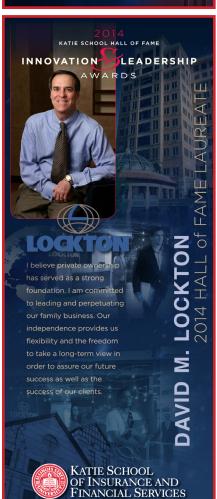


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2012 Patrick G. Ryan

2014 David M. Lockton

2016 Edward B. Rust, jr. Mark Willis

# 2018 J. Patrick Gallagher, jr.

