



Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni

Newsletter

Fall 2014

Gamma Iota Sigma
Alpha Kappa Chapter

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Redbirds Attend the 43rd Annual Gamma Iota Sigma International Conference in Dallas, Texas

Seven Gamma Officers traveled to Dallas, Texas for Gamma Nationals. These officers were offered the opportunity to attend a career fair with numerous different employment prospects. Additionally, students were able to interact with other Gamma members from different chapters across the country. Each day throughout the conference, Gamma members attended various insurance sessions. On the Saturday of Gamma Nationals, students were lucky enough to attend a reception in the Dallas Cowboys stadium. Gamma Nationals is a great way for Gamma Iota Sigma members to meet and connect with each other, as it will help them further on in their careers. The members of the Alpha Kappa chapter have said that they really enjoyed the experience and that it definitely helped them to grow on a professional level. The Gamma Nationals conference as well as many of the other conferences held this semester are definitely great influences on students, and their decisions as to what part of the insurance industry best fits them.

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2014-2015 Officers

- Nate Yanz (President)*
- Michelle Godbey (VP- Student Affairs)*
- Frank Busch (VP- Internal Affairs)*
- Brianna Gatto (Secretary)*
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- Spencer Richardson (Historian)*
- Renee Gerdisch (Director of Alumni)*
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- Dr. Yu-Luen Ma (Advisor)*

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Below: Alpha Kappa Officers at 2014 Gamma Internationals

Below: Gamma Members with Risk Manager in Residence, Jeff Strege



Insurance Professionals Speak to Gamma Members

This fall Gamma was fortunate enough to host a variety of speakers and companies throughout the semester. During Risk Manager in Residence week, Gamma hosted former risk manager of Chuck E. Cheese's, Jeff Strege who talked to students about the risks associated with managing a family entertainment and restaurant chain, and the experiences he has had in the insurance

industry. Alpha Kappa also hosted a Women's Networking group from State Farm Insurance. The panel has presented to Gamma for the past few years and has been a great chance for students to ask questions about the transition from school to work, and what types of things to expect once they start their careers. There has also been a lot of companies to visit ISU and present to Gamma students. Some of these companies include Swiss Re, Willis, Travelers, Amica, Amerisure, and RT Specialty,

along with others. These presentations give students the opportunity to interact with future employers and learn more about the companies they will be applying to for jobs and internships.





Alpha Kappa Volunteers

This semester Gamma members kept the tradition of community service alive with all the volunteer events the Alpha Kappa chapter held. Students in Gamma participated in a volunteer event at the Midwest Food Bank, where they sorted food. In addition to this, they also helped build homes for Habitat for Humanity, and cleaned up the quad during the annual Clean the Quad event. During the Week of Giving, ISU's Gamma chapter had nearly 100 hours of volunteer work.

One of the many great things that Gamma has to offer its members is the opportunity to give back to their community. This is something that the organization prides itself in and continually hopes to make its impact on both ISU and the Bloomington-Normal community.



Katie School Students and Alumni Take to the Greens

The Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing this year was a success! There were 20 returning alumni, which was the most alumni the outing has seen over the past several years.

Conditions were excellent for the event, and it was a great day for both a round of golf, and catching up with some of the Katie School's past students.

There was another golf outing in Itasca, IL shortly before the KS Alumni Golf Outing. This event was the ALB Golf Outing, which gave Gamma members yet another chance to brush up on their golf game and enjoy a nice day out on the course with fellow insurance students and alumni.





Where Are They Now?

Alumni Updates

Thomas Daly (08) shared that Madison Elizabeth Daly was born on Saturday September 27 at 2:15, 19 inches, 6 lbs. and 14 oz. She is a happy and healthy baby girl and her parents, Thomas and Kate, are doing great!

Steve Dubiel (07) and his wife moved to LA in January with Steve as an Underwriting Specialist back in the AIG Construction Division. In August of 2014 he was promoted to Casualty Manger of Energy and Construction for the SW territory after the combination of the Construction and Energy groups. He has 12 direct reports within the SW territory which includes LA, Orange County, Denver, Phoenix and the surrounding territories. In 2015 there will be more primary/xs cross training and more cross marketing.

Christopher DuCharme (04) is going on 8 years of working at CEM Insurance Company (Deer Park, IL). In July of 2014 he was promoted to Chief Operating Officer responsible for management of day to day operations for the program carrier. Chris also operates a philanthropic amateur sports organization named LTS Chicago which he founded with his now fiancé, Kate Feldt. Chris and Kate will be getting married during September 2015 in Chicago where they currently reside.

Tyler Hall (10) was recently promoted to Senior Personal Lines Underwriter this past quarter in the Chicago office of Chubb.

Doug Johnson (10) moved back to the Princeton, NJ home office at the start of September after a little over a year and a half in Munich Re's Chicago office. He will continue his role as a program underwriter managing specialized programs produced by managing general agents and program administrators in Munich Re's Specialty Markets division.

Karoline Kniss (14) graduated from the Liberty Mutual Excellence in Underwriting Training Program in November and also received her AU designation in November as well.

Eric Mutch (13) recently accepted a position with Gen Re in their Chicago office as a Property Facultative Underwriter moving from General Star in Chicago.

Matt Nowaczyk (09) recently relocated to Houston, TX still within ACE Surety to help manage the Southern territory where the territories include Houston, Dallas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Dow Ragan (04) is employed by Gallagher Bassett in St. Louis, MO. He was promoted to Branch Manager in July 2013 and manages the company's carrier practice book of business for workers' compensation. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Webster Groves, Mo.

Marcie Stephan (05) and her family welcomed a new daughter, Emily Joan in September and they are quickly adjusting to being a family of 4. She was also greatly honored to receive the Katie School Young Leader award in October. 2014 has been a great year and they cannot wait to see what 2015 will bring.

Jake Timmins (11) is nearing his 4 year mark with RT Specialty/Westrope and recently relocated with his boss from Kansas City, MO to Dallas, TX this past June. He is currently a Property Broker and he specializes in hurricane exposed commercial property. Jake also is the President of the newly formed GIS Alumni Council and is also a member of the GIS Executive Committee as the Alumni Representative. The Alumni Council is up and running in 4 cities so far (Dallas, Chicago, Philadelphia & Charlotte) so be sure to reach out to Jake if you are interested in joining!! Jake.Timmins@rtspecialty.com

Morgan Volk (12) currently lives in Chandler, AZ and is working as a Personal Lines Fire Underwriter at State Farm. Starting January 2015, she will be taking on a new role as an Underwriting Support Services Supervisor at State Farm. Her CPCU is more than 50% complete and she plans on completing it in 2015.

Stephanie (Sorensen) Wig (12) married another ISU College of Business alumnus, Joe Wig, in June and now as Mr. & Mrs. Wig, they live in a house in the Northern suburbs. She is still at ACE as a global property underwriter and looking forward to seeing the other Katie School alums this year at the different events!



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IICF Women's Forum



Above: Laura LaFortune, Lauren Seyller, Julie Gallagher, Sarah Anderson, Karoline Kniss, Kelsey Mroccka and Paiton Florey



Above: Marcie Stephan, Kelsey Mroccka, Erin Carr and Karoline Kniss

Right: Karoline Kniss and Elisa Yaeger



Above: Erin Carr and Erin Maciasz



Above: Karoline Kniss, Faye Callahan, Kelsey Mroccka and Paiton Florey





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Katie Alumni Cubs Games



Above: Jim Bowen, Tom Ear, Doug Standerfer, Jackson Gardner and Eric Pan



Above: Andy Vuong, Jackson Gardner, Doug Standerfer and Kevin Maess



Right: Patrick Henning, Dan Hibbs, Bert Margis, Chris Colwell, Laura Meade and Chris Hubbard



Above: Doug Johnson, Jackson Gardner and Kerri Maess

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Katie School Golf Classic



Above: Bill Jones, Kevin Kelly and Peter Walsh



Above: Alex Levi, Courtney Lamar, Zach Levi and Phil Mancione



Above: Tyler Hall



Above: Kevin and Kerri Maess



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Katie School Golf Classic



Above: Patrick and Dawn Forden



Above: Stephanie Miller



Above: Patrick Doyle and Matt Gullickson



Above: Kyle Shallenberger, Jeff Van Winkle, Kerri Maess and Jenna Milas



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Katie Alumni Allover



Above: Joanna Leggett and Faye Callahan



Above: Meredith Rambert Pidgeon



Above: Kevin Conner and Stephanie Hitchins



Above: Debbie Babcock and Vanessa Contreras

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City of Hope Reception



Above: Eric Mutch, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jeremy Gallico, Andy Vuong and Chris Craveiro



Right: Jeremy Gallico, Ashley Rieger, Eric Mutch and Bill Lally



Above: Jeremy Gallico and Elise Klimek

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Above: Jean Celestin, Phil Mancione and Ryan Schnoor



Above: Tommy Mullins and Jeremy Gallico



Above: Kevin Kostyk , Andy Vuong and Tyler Hall



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Above: Doug Johnson and Alyssa Martin



Above: Matt Britton with Bermudian students



Above: Blake Koppersmith, Mike Liedke, Amanda Ehrhardt and Erin Dullard at Swiss Re Day



Above: Adam, Wyatt, Cora and Jami Johnson



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IICF Ambassador Boat Cruise



Above: Kevin Kostyk, Jean Celestin, Dan Pettie and Chris Craveiro



Above: Kevin Burt and Ben Delinski



Above: Chris Anthony



Above: Dan Pettie, Doug Johnson and Chris Craveiro

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Above: Alexis Ramiro, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jayne Carver, Ashley Rieger, Ryan Curran, Kevin Kostyk, Jean Celestin, Nate Yanz, Brianna Gatto, Eleni Albani and Malebo Phala

Above: Corinne McCarter, Jake Timmins, Taylour Vranek, Paul Sikora and Vanessa Contreras



Left: Debbie Babcock, Jason Engle and Vanessa Contreras



Above: Brianna Gatto, Ben Tiffany and Nate Yanz

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Katie Alumni in the Classroom



Above: Laura Meade and Jim Bowen



Above: Dan Pettie



Above: Nate Yanz and Stan Yanz



Above: Brianna Gatto, Tommy Mullins and Frank Busch

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Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing



Above: Karl Schramm, Thomas Fitzgerald, Tommy Mullins and Kevin Kostyk



Above: Scott Walding, Bert Margis, Spencer Richardson and Chris Hubbard



Above: Michael Cappel, Mark Whitlock, Nick Valaitis and Kevin Ahlgrim



Above: Eric Mutch, Jordan Wayhart, Jean Celestin and Gene Baerwolf

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Above: Phil Mancione, Nate Yanz, Jake Timmins and Aaron Augustyniak



Above: Travis Aherns, James Peachy, Adam McGuckin and Jon Cappel

Katie Alumni at ISU Career Fair



Above: Corinne McCarter



Above: Jake Timmins

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IICF Rock for Charity



Above: Zach Kramer, Phil Mancione, Katie Dalo, Kevin Kostyk, Elyse Wright and Jean Celestin



Above: Joanna Leggett and Kevin Kostyk



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Katie School Alumni – Take Five



Left: Dawn Forden



Right: Matt Britton



Left: Marcie and Emily Steph-



Left: Casey Koontz and Eric Mutch



Right: Bill Jones

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Above: Mira Andreeva and Paul Timmerman



Above: Jean Celestin and Stephanie



Above: Dana Thomas and Ryan

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Above: Laura Nance, Jackson Gardner, Tom Ear, Jim Bowen, Brandon Nicol, Jenna Milas and Matt Marwitz



Above: Eric Mutch and Kevin Stelzer



Above: Allen Kus and Tyler Hall



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Above: Shelby Brajewski, Dan Pettie and Jenna Milas



Above: Sarah Coglianese Turek, Jayne Rector Carver and Mira Andreeva Timmerman



Above: Stan Yanz, Karly Shannon and Tommy Mullins



Above: Elyse Wright, Zach Kramer and Dana Thomas



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Above: Allen Kus and Matt Murphy



Above: Marcie Stephan and Toby Petzel

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Marcie Stephan 2014 Katie School Young Leader Award



Left: Marcie and ISU President Larry Dietz



Right: Marcie and Jim Jones



Left: Marcie and Berkshire Hathaway co-workers



Right: Marcie, family and Jim Parizek, award recipient