

Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2015

Gamma Iota Sigma

Alpha Kappa Chapter

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Gamma lota Sigma's Alpha Kappa Chapter had another outstanding semester with many opportunities for industry involvement. The chapter totaled around 150 students and 50 events. We greatly appreciate all of the alumni who came back and shared your career experiences with the current Gamma lota Sigma students.



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Risk Manager in Residence

Debbie Rodgers, Senior Vice President of Global Risk Management at Aramark and Business Insurance's 2010 Risk Manager of the Year, presented as the Risk Manager in Residence for the 2015 school year.

As the insurance industry becomes more culturally diverse, Debbie presented on "A Look At International Risk Management". Watch the Business Insurance video here.



Gamma Nationals

During the weekend of October 8th, sixteen GIS members had the opportunity to attend the 44th Annual Gamma lota Sigma International Conference in Rosemont, IL which celebrated its 50th anniversary. The members were able to network and build relationships with different chapters across the country. The agenda of the conference included a career fair, educational sessions, and a leadership seminar. On the Saturday of Gamma Nationals, students were lucky enough to attend a reception at the Aon Grand Ballroom which is located on Navy Pier in Chicago and volunteered in community service projects on Saturday. The Illinois State Alpha Kappa Chapter received recognition for their outstanding performances in the 2014-2015 year in the following categories: Alumni Relations, Chapter Management, Community Service, Membership Development, and Public Relations.

Insurance Professionals Speak to Gamma Members

This fall Gamma was fortunate enough to host a variety of speakers and companies throughout the semester. There have also been many companies including including Swiss Re, Travelers, FIGO Pet Insurance, Marsh, Amica, RLI, Gen Re, along with others. In addition, there were great opportunities availa-

ble for students to hone their professional skills through such activities as Toastmasters, internship prep seminar, mock interviews, resume critiques, communication and business writing workshops and more. During the general meetings there were presentations by RLI on catastrophe modeling and State Farm's Woman's Network on transitioning from college to the workforce.





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Alpha Kappa Volunteers

Giving back to the community is one aspect that Gamma lota Sigma prides itself. The Alpha Kappa Chapter has been no different, having done five different community service projects during the fall semester. The first project was during the Gamma Nationals Conference where the students went to different areas of Chicago and cleaned up parks, beaches, and neighborhoods. During the Insurance Week of Giving the students gave back to Illinois State University by cleaning up the quad. Also during that week we co-hosted a blood drive through the American Red Cross. In the month of November students helped Habitat for Humanity by putting in siding and windows on a house close to the ISU campus. The last volunteer opportunity allowed the students to donate their time by helping the Midwest Food Bank sorting food.

Golf Outings

During the week of September 21st through 25th the Alpha Kappa Chapter celebrated with a week of golf. To start the week off a group of students traveled to Itasca, IL for the Association of Lloyd's Brokers Golf Outing. Following this event, students sharpened their golf skills though group golf lessons. Lastly, the tradition of the Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing was continued this semester. A great group of alumni were able to return for this event and the students had the opportunity to network with the alumni and discus emerging risks in the insurance industry. Conditions for the week were excellent and it was a great opportunity for a round of golf for both and catching up with some of the Katie School's past students. If you would like to join additional golf outings feel free to reach out to Jake Morris, the current chapter president.



Insurance Group.

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Lauren Melzer

SPOTLIGH Lauren graduated from Illinois State -University in 2008 with a BS in Insurance. While attending ISU, Lauren was on the Gamma Iota Sigma Executive Board and was selected for the international internship with Lloyd's of London. After graduation, Lauren spent three years at Travelers in their Middle Market underwriting group. In 2011, Lauren transferred to Hannover starting out as a Middle Market underwriter, then joining the Technology Team in 2013. Lauren Melzer is now the Regional Director of Technology at The Hanover

Due to Lauren's success she was awarded the Early Career Achievement Awards from Illinois State's College of Business. Lauren received the award at ISU on October 23rd where she met with faculty to discuss current industry trends and a Q&A panel with current insurance and finance students. Upon receiving the award Lauren stated "I am honored to be recognized for this award and attribute much of my success to the solid foundation I received at Illinois State University".

Lauren currently resides in Aurora with her husband. They



recently received the exciting news expecting their first child in March 2016. In her free time, Lauren loves to travel, spend time with family and friends, CrossFit and volunteer.

Michael Del Zoppo

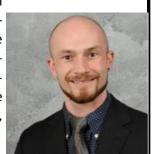
Michael is a senior Insurance Business Information Systems major graduating in May of 2016. He currently serves as Director of Fundraising for Gamma Iota Sigma. Throughout the fall semester, Michael has been involved in many professional development events the Katie School of Insurance hosted this year including: the Katie School Advisory Board Presentation, Katie School Executive Forum, and the Risk Manager in Residence. He is also very active outside the classroom as an advocate for student research, regularly attending webinars and local chapter events as a member

of both the RIMS and CPCU Society, and a mentor for lead-

ership programs through ISU's Business Week.

This October, Michael took students to the neighboring areas of Bloomington-Normal for GIS's annual Halloween Policy Fundraiser to raise money for Home Sweet Home. He also hosted and organized another fun event. As a certified social dance instructor, Michael invited all of the College of Business's Registered Student Organizations to learn how to dance salsa. Michael is very grateful of the opportunities the Katie School of Insurance and GIS pre-

sent to students and said, "I am very happy with our chapter's involvement this semester. There have been many events for members to be involved in which represents Gamma Iota Sigma's core values of friendship, knowledge, integrity and fidelity".



Gamma Birthday Week



The Alpha Kappa chapter celebrated the 50th birthday of Gamma Iota Sigma with a salsa dancing party. Under the direction of Michael Del Zoppo, a senior insurance major, students were taught the proper etiquette for salsa dancing. This event was a great way for students to relax and have fun while taking a break from their studies. Gamma partnered with the Midwest Food Bank to help alleviate hunger and poverty during the holiday season.





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INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS



Above: South Africa

Daniel Liedke & Micheal Del Zoppo

Below: London, England

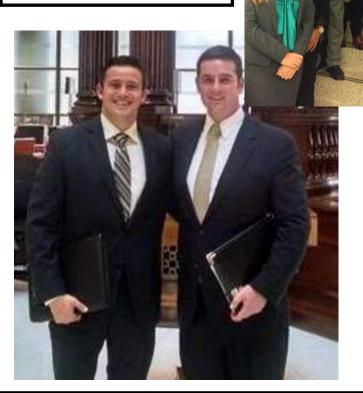
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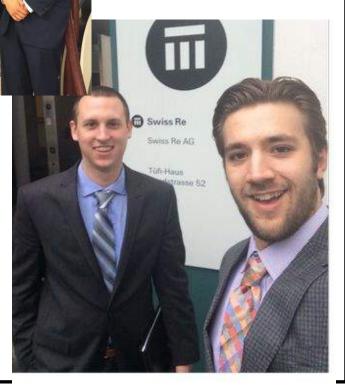
Above: Bermuda

Stefanie Arapidis & Courtney Guzzino

Below: Zurich, Switzerland

Ben Dyer & Stephan Weber







Where Are They Now?

2015 Officer Updates



Nate Yanz Commercial Broker with Marsh



Michelle Godbey Claims with Zurich



Ryan Curran Commercial Underwriter with Great American



Thomas Fitzgerald Reinsurance Underwriter with Munich Re



Frank Busch **Commercial Broker** with AmWINS



Renee Gerdisch Commercial Broker with Marsh



Brianna Gato **Excess Underwriter** with Gen Star



Katie Daley Commercial Broker with Aon



Jenny Trowitch Commercial Underwriter with AIG



Spencer Richardson Commercial Broker with AmWINS



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Chris Ashley (12) moved to a Surety Bond position with Travelers at the end of July 2015 in Detroit, MI. He became engaged in September 2014 and is getting married June 2016.

Matt Calcagno (12) and his finance, Sarah, were married on October 10, 2015. They met while attending Illinois State University.

Kevin Conner (06) is coming up on his 10 year anniversary in 2016 at Travelers in Chicago. He was promoted to Managing Account Executive at the end of 2014 with responsibility of managing a team of four Middle Market Underwriters as well as managing his own book of business. He and his wife, Beth, welcomed their second child on Halloween 2015. They have a 2 year old son, Keegan, and a baby girl, McKenna, who keep them very busy at home in Arlington Heights.

Ryan Curran (15) continues to work for Great American Insurance in the Specialty E&S Division in Cincinnati and he passed CPCU 520. Spencer Richardson, Frank Busch and Thomas Fitzgerald have all met up with him in Cincinnati.

Steve Dubiel (07) is currently living in Playa Del Rey, CA loving the ocean, mountains and sunshine. He works primarily in Downtown Los Angeles as the Casualty Manager for AlG's Energy and Construction team and his territory includes CO, UT, Southern CA, NM, NV, AZ. He and his wife, Katie, are loving Cali and loving road tripping up and down the coast.

Chris DuCharme (04) has been at CEM Insurance Company for 9 years and is now the Chief Operating Officer. He married his girlfriend of 5 years Kate Feldt (U of I) on September 6, 2016 in Chicago were they still live.

Amanda Ehrhardt (13) and her fiancé, Michael, were engaged the day after Thanksgiving 2015. They are busily planning the wedding which will take place September 3, 2016. She has one more CPCU exam left to take and plans to complete it in time to qualify for the commencement in Hawaii. Hopefully she will see many of her fellow KS alumni there as well!

Brett Glaser (13) will be relocating to Chicago from Atlanta in July or August 2016 for General Star as an underwriter in the Property Brokerage Division.

Kevin Halteman(06) and Spira were married in May 2015 in a beautiful Indian and American fusion wedding in the California wine country with their honeymoon in Greece and Turkey. He started a new job with Kaiser Permanente in September 2015 as the Digital Strategy & Communications Lead.

Katie (Fahrner) Hyc (06) and her husband welcomed their second girl into the world on Aug 2, 2015 – Gwenevere Marie Hyc. She also completed her CIC designation in July 2015.



Above: Sarah and Matt Calcagno



Amanda Ehrhardt and Michael Weiman



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Michael Kohlhase (01) is now working for RT Specialty after his employer, A.J. Renner & Associates, was acquired by RT Specialty – Chicago. In the transition, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and his practice continues to center around Life Sciences and Healthcare. He and his wife, Kristin, have been married for 9 years and have a son, Nicholas, who is currently in the 1st grade. They reside in Crystal Lake, IL.

Diana (Camper) Lister (09) has been with BITCO Insurance Companies In add (formerly Bituminous) for 6 ½ years and is currently an Underwriter in the small accounts unit. She also began coordinating BITCO's Underwriting Training Program in December 2015. However, the most exciting update is that she just obtained her CPCU designation in November 2015 and will be attending the conferment ceremony in Honolulu, Hawaii in September 2016. She and her husband could not be more excited!!

Bert Margis (04) and his wife, Kimberly, are expecting a baby girl in May!

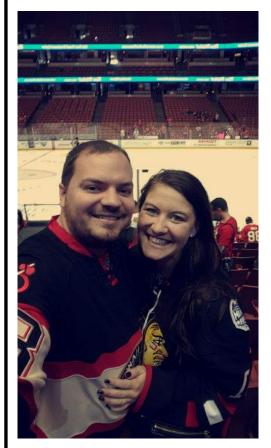
Allie Matejka (12) is still out in California enjoying the warm, sunny weather along with Travis Dean (also a 2012 graduate). She received her CPCU designation in July 2015 and is looking forward to Hawaii in 2016. Travis and she were both promoted to Injury Claim Trainers within State Farm and this opportunity calls for lots of travel across the next two years. They saw the Chicago Blackhawks as they came out to California for a couple games so attached is a photo.

Anna (Christianson) Millikin (13) earned her CPCU and ARe designations in 2015 and is looking forward to seeing other Katie alumni in Hawaii:). She continues to work at RLI as a risk analyst for our exposure management team in Peoria and she speaks on Dr. Ma's alumni panel to her risk management students.

Laura Nance (11) obtained her CPCU designation and became engaged to Matt Rauba (ISU Accounting grad – 2008) in August 2015.

Joshua Rayborn (12) transitioned from insurance sales to insurance training with American Family Insurance, in January of 2015. For the job change, he also moved to Northwest Missouri. Joshua is currently working on 2 designations, the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and the Accredited Small Business Consultant (ASBC) designations.

Mitchell Valadez (14) is still a P&C underwriter with Liberty Mutual and transferred to the Orange County, CA office from Chicago! He has almost completed his CPCU and appreciates the continued contact with the Katie School!



Allie Matejka and Travis Dean



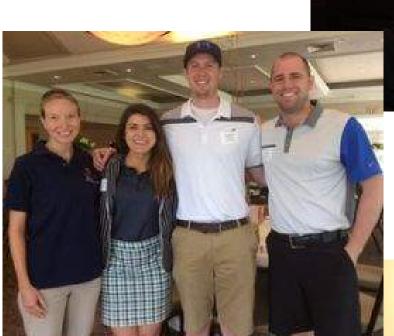
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Katie School Golf Classic





Above: Dawn and Patrick Forden

Above: Laura Nance, Mira Andreeva, Jackson Gardner and Phil Mancione

Right: Peter Walsh and Patrick Doyle





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Katie School Golf Classic





Above: Kevin Conner and Nick Nudo



Above: Peter Walsh, Michael Savanelli and Bill Jones



Above: Jeff Van Winkle, Laura Nance, Jackson Gardner and Kyle Shallenberger

Above: Mike Carls and Jason Preston



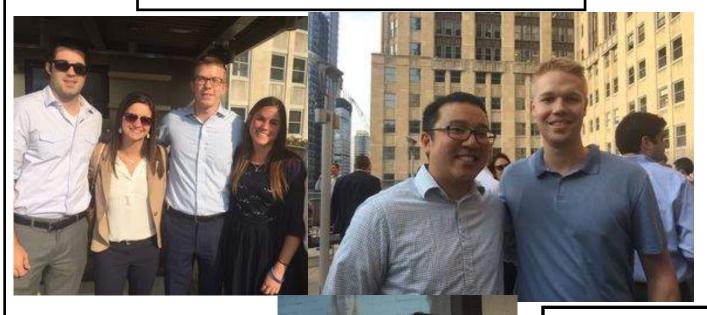
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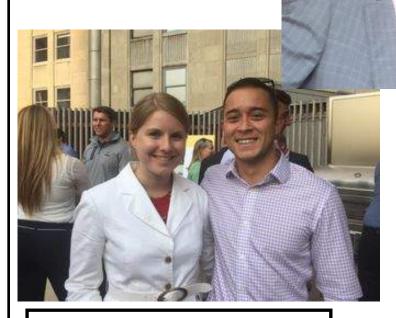


City of Hope Reception



Above: Ryan Schnoor, Katie Dalo, Tommy Mullins, Christy Johnson Above: Andy Vuong, and Mikkel Vogele

Left: Chris Craveiro



Above: Sarah Turek and Jeremy Gallico

Above: Tommy Mullins and Kevin Burt



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Cubs Games



Above: Chris Craveiro, Mira Andreeva and Kerri Maess



Above: Erin Dullard, Jimmy Oakes, Shelby Brajewski, Jackson Gardner and Jean Celestin



Above Back: Courtney Lamar, Phil Mancione, Stan Yanz, Eric Mutch

Front: Sarah Turek, Ashley Rieger, Matt Murphy and

Doug Standerfer



Above: Jon Perry, Kelsey Mroczka, Vanessa Contreras and Jeremy Gallico



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Cubs Games



Above: Andy Vuong, Kerri Maess, Jon Perry, Kevin Conner, Jeremy Gallico, Vanessa Contreras and Chris Hubbard



Above: Bill Lally, Jeremy Gallico, Casey Koontz and Kelsey Mroczka



Above: Bert Margis, Chris Hubbard and Dan Hibbs



Above: Matt Britton and Kevin Conner



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ALB Golf Outing



Above: Bill Lally, Eric Mutch, Sean Fitzgerald, Dani Engelke, Jake Morris, Dan Leja and Tom Groff



Above: Mike Kohlhase and Mikkel Vogele



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Company Visits



Left: Back—Micheal Del Zoppo, James Peachey, Tanner Schultz, Stephan Weber, Ben Dyer and Kevin Kostyk

Front: Stefani Arapidis, Courtney Guzzino, Jane Carver

and Ashley Rieger



Above: Jon Perry and Kyle Powal



Above: Elyse Klimek and TJ Krzmarzick



Above: Mike Liedke and Javier Zavala



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Chicagoland Risk Forum



Above: Adam Beach, Max Baumgartner, James Peachey, Dani Engelke, Dennis McKinnon with his Super Bowl Trophy, John Perks, Mike Cancelliere and Ben Dyer



Above: Brian Warszona and James Peachey

Above: Ryan Fitzpatrick and Laura Meade



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Chicagoland Risk Forum



Above: Jonathan Falco and Dani Engelke

Above: Natalie Cabernoch-Froehlich and John Perks



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Chicagoland Risk Forum



Above: Shoba Rajanahally and Max Baumgartner



Above: Adam Beach and Ellen Menas



Above: Patty Grass and Ben Dyer



Above: Mike Cancelliere and Marie

Kupferschmid



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Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing



Above: Allen Kus, Dani Engelke, James Peachy and Dylan Smalley



Above: Nick Valaitis, Ethan Witting, Scott Walding and Michael Cappel Above: Tom Van Kooten, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jason Rehor and Joe lavarone



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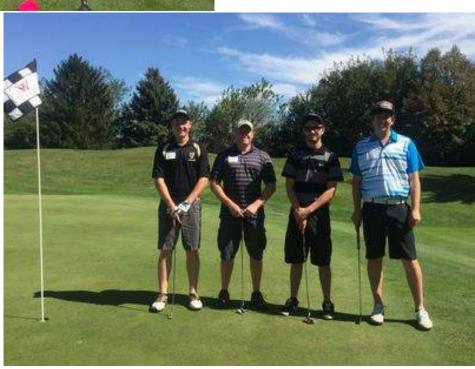
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Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing



Left: Tom Groff, Travis Ahrens, Rebekah Verbeke and Jane Carver



Above: Sean Fitzgerald, Mark Whitlock, John Kibler and Karl Schramm



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Lloyd's Symposium—EKU



Above: Dana Thomas, Elyse Wright, Pat Talley, Adam Beach and

Tanner Schultz



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Gamma Nationals—Rosemont



Above: Vanessa Contreras



Above: Sarah Turek, Allen Kus, James Feiner and Eric Mutch



Above: Jake Timmins and Jon Perry on the alumni panel



Above: Amber Derkson and Kevin Conner



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Gamma Nationals—Rosemont



Left: Ben Delinski





Above: Karly Shannon

Left: Andy Vuong, Jake Timmins, Jon Perry and Debbie Babcock



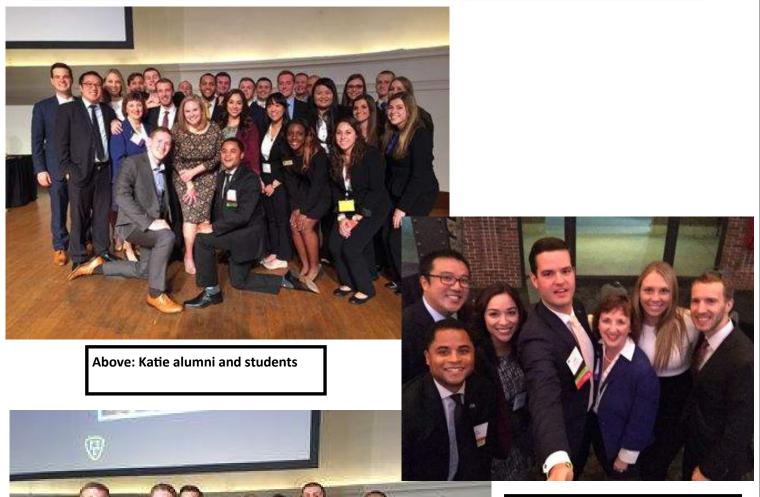
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Left: Tommy Mullins, Stan Yanz, Jake Timmins, Jon Perry, Lauren Peggau, Andy Vuong, Mark Rogina, Vanessa Contreras, Jean Celestin, Karoline Kniss and Scott Adams



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Gamma Nationals—Rosemont



Left: Jake Timmins receiving the first Gamma Alumnus of the Year award



Above: James Feiner



Above: Sarah Turek and Eric Mutch



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IICF Battle of the Bands



Above: Eric Mutch and Andy Vuong



Above: Mike Liedke



Above: Eric Mutch, Andy Vuong, Debbie Babcock and Chris Craveiro



Above: Adam and Marcie Stephan



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Katie School Alumni Allover





Above: Jason Engle

Above: Vanessa Contreras and Kristine Wissmiller



Above: Debbie Babcock and Vanessa Contreras



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Above: Drew Hannan, Nicole Pfeiffer Million, Brent Denton and Patrick O'Brien



Above: Debbie Babcock and Jason Engle



Right: Maegan Lunte, Adam Johnson and Paul Sikora



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Above: Kate, Madison and Thomas Daly

Above: Adam Green



Above: Nate Yanz



Above: Steve and Matt Dubiel



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Katie Alumni in the Classroom



Above: Michelle Szczepaniak, James Peachey and Dulces Torres



Above: Erin Dullard and Mike Liedke



Above: Jon Cappel and Jake Morris



Above: Jeremy Gallico with students



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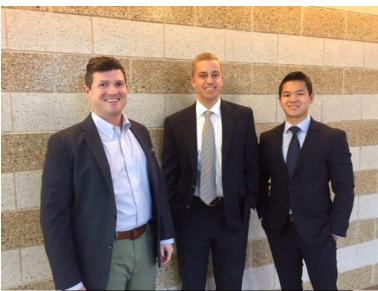
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Katie Alumni in the Classroom



Above: Jennifer Morrill



Above: Matt Yoder, Jeff Schulz and Tom Ear



Above: Tanner Schultz and Tommy Mullins



Above: Erin Dullard, Amanda Ehrhardt and Blake Kuppersmith with students



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Katie Alumni Holiday Social



Above: Ryan Ward, Mark Rogina, Jackson Gardner, Brianna Gatto and Nate Yanz

Above: Laura Meade and Toby Petzel



Above: Casey Koontz, Bert Margis and Chris Hubbard



Above: Casey Koontz, Jim Bowen, Allen Kus, Jon Perry and Tom Ear



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Above: Jeremy Gallico, Stephanie Hitchins, Vince Porter, Allen Kus and Elyse Klimek



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Above: Ben Delinski, Matt Murphy and Allen

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