#### Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2016



Gamma Iota Sigma Alpha Kappa Chapter

Fall 2016

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Gamma Iota Sigma's Alpha Kappa Chapter had an excellent semester filled with many opportunities for industry involvement and volunteering. The chapter totaled around 120 active student members and over 50 events. We greatly appreciate all of the alumni who came back and shared your career experiences with the current Gamma Iota Sigma students.



#### 2016-2017 Officers

Nick Mullinax (President)
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Rebekah Verbeke (Historian)

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#### Risk Manager in Residence

David Williams, Director of Risk Management at San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, came to speak at Illinois State on October 17th-18th. Mr. Williams also brought his insurance broker, Jason Perry, who is a Senior



Vice President at Aon Risk Solutions.

David and Jason held a panel discussion while on



campus, which allowed students to gain insight into several roles within the insurance industry. Also, David and Jason attended several classes throughout their stay in which they discussed different ways to mitigate both common and obscure risks.

#### **Gamma Nationals**

*Debbie Babcock (Advisor)* Dr. Yu-Luen Ma (Advisor)

Throughout the weekend of September 29th, eight GIS members attended the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Gamma lota Sigma International Conference in Columbus, OH. While at the conference, members were given the opportunity to attend a variety of informational sessions. Two members gave an excellent presentation with the Alpha lota chapter titled "Creating an Alumni Alliance." The members also had the ability to network and interact with a variety of chapters. The national conference included a career fair that was available to all attendees. The Illinois State Alpha Kappa Chapter received recognition for outstanding performances in the 2015-2016 year in the following categories: alumni relations, chapter management, community service, membership development, and public relations. Along with this, the Alpha Kappa Chapter was given the Excellent Chapter Award at Gamma Nationals.





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#### **Volunteering with Alpha Kappa**

Members of the Alpha Kappa chapter did a variety of volunteer activities throughout the fall semester. As one of the main focuses of Gamma lota Sigma, the Alpha Kappa Chapter focused on giving back to the community. On average, the Chapter did one volunteer event per week. These activities included volunteering at the Midwest Food Bank, working on a house for Habitat for Humanity, and cleaning the quad. Along with local projects, the Alpha Kappa Chapter also participated in the volunteer activity at Gamma Nationals. To wrap up the semester, students created cards for military veterans for the holiday season.



Judy Cheng and Josie Herrington building a Habitat home



Gamma members cleaning the Quad

#### **Golf Outings**

The fall semester began with the annual Association of Lloyd's Brokers Golf Outing in Itasca, IL. While there, students were able to network with industry professionals and gain knowledge about proper golf etiquette. Following this event, the Katie School hosted the annual Alumni / Student Golf Outing on September 23rd at Weibring Golf Course. Many alumni were able to attend the event and talk with students about the transition from being a student to an industry professional. Overall, students and alumni both had an excellent time relaxing and getting to know one another on the golf course. If you would like to join additional golf outings feel free to reach out to Nick Mullinax, the current chapter president.



Bill Lally, Eric Mutch, Nate Horrie, Joe White, Brett Glaser, Ethan Witting and Sean Fitzgerald



Nick Mullinax, Maggie Flynn, Peyton Ferrara and Lauryn Appelbaum making blankets for children at the PLUS Conference

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#### Michelle Godbey

Michelle graduated from Illinois State

University in the spring of 2015 with a BS in Insurance. During her time at Illinois State, Michelle served as the Director of Community Service and the Vice President of Student Affairs for Gamma Iota Sigma. Within her role of Vice President of Student Affairs, she planned GIS's annual Gamma Games event. Upon graduation, Michelle began her career at Zurich North America as a Property Claims Specialist. She also completed the CPCU designation and plans to continue her insurance education in the future. In Michelle's spare time, she enjoys spending time with loved ones, traveling, and participating in volunteer events.

When asked what her favorite part of GIS was, Michelle stated, "My favorite part of Gamma lota Sigma was the variety of events that were put on from community service to company information sessions and socials. I learned that the insurance industry is very small and that you will most likely run into some of those people in the

future." Michelle is an outstanding example of a student who utilized what she learned during her time at ISU to further her success in the working world.

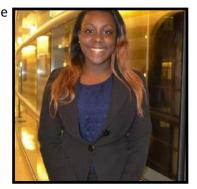
#### **Briana Allen**

**SPOTLIGH** Briana is a Senior Risk Management and Insurance Major graduating in

> May of 2017. As the current Vice President of Student Affairs, she has been actively involved with Gamma lota Sigma throughout the fall semester. Briana has attended conferences such as the Gamma Iota Sigma International Conference and the Chicagoland Risk Forum. Along with her participation in Gamma Iota Sigma conferences, Briana has attended many local events including monthly chapter meetings, volunteer efforts, and social outings. She is also in the midst of planning the annual alumni-student event, Gamma Games, which will be held on April 7, 2017.

> This past summer, Briana had the opportunity to be a NAPSLO intern. She spent the first half of her summer as a Lloyd's of London international intern, and then spent the remainder of her time in Dallas, Texas working for both AmWINS Group and Markel Corporation. Upon graduation, Briana will join Willis Towers Watson as part of the Graduate Development Program. Briana is thankful for all of the

opportunities that the Katie School of Insurance and Gamma Iota Sigma offer her.



#### **National Risk Retention Association Conference**

Five Katie School students were invited to the National Risk Retention Association Conference in Chicago in October and they had the opportunity to gain greater knowledge on captives and other risk retention vehicles. They networked with industry professionals from around the country and interacted with students from Roosevelt University.

L-R: Royal Charles, Michael Cappel, Vlad Gudzenko, Sara Ploch and Haley Eckstein



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#### **2016 INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS**



Back Row (L-R): Brett Brozovich, Judy Cheng and Ethan Witting Front Row (L-R): Matt Dubiel, Emily Tomaszewski and Briana Allen



**London, England** Briana Allen and Ethan Witting



**Zurich, Switzerland** Matt Dubiel and Brett Brozovich



**Bermuda** Emily Tomaszewski and Judy Cheng

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#### 2016 FALL CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event	Dress
*Aug. 26	Friday	5:00–10:30pm	Peoria, IL	RLI Chiefs Game	Bus. Casual
*Aug. 26-28	Fri-Sun	All Day	Columbus, OH	Gamma Iota Sigma Leadership Conference	Bus. Casual
^Sept. 1	Thurs	10:00am-3:00pm	ISU Quad	Festival ISU	Gamma Gear
^Sept. 7	Wed	12:00-3:00pm	ISU Quad	Back to School BBQ	Casual
Sept. 7	Wed	5:00-5:50pm	SFH 357	1 <sup>st</sup> General Meeting	Casual
*Sept. 8	Thurs	All Day	Chicago, IL	Katie Advisory Board	Bus. Professional
Sept. 12	Mon	All Day	Itasca, IL	ALB Golf Outing	Bus. Casual
Sept. 13	Tues	5:00-7:00pm	ISU Alumni Center	Mid-IL RIMS/ASSE Student Meeting	Bus. Casual
^Sept. 14	Wed	4:00-7:00pm	Bone Student Center	Fall Internship Fair	Bus. Professional
Sept. 16	Friday	12:00-2:00pm	SFH 412	AmWINS Product Recall	Bus. Casual
Sept. 17	Saturday	9:00-12:00am	Tipton Park	Autism Walk Volunteering	Casual
Sept. 19	Mon	5:30-7:30pm	Bowling and Billiards Center	Meet the Officers Bowling	Casual
Sept. 21	Wed	5:30-7:00pm	SFH 412	Zeiler Insurance Internship Program	Bus. Casual
Sept. 23	Friday	All Day	Weibring Golf Course	Katie Alumni/Student Golf Outing	Bus. Casual
Sept. 27	Tues	5:00-6:00pm	ISU Quad	Clean the Quad	Gamma Gear
Sept. 28-29	Wed-Thurs	All Day	Chicago, IL	National Risk Retention Association Conference	Bus. Professional
*Sept. 29-Oct.	Thurs-Sun	All Day	Columbus, OH	Gamma Nationals	Bus. Casual/ Professional
*Oct. 3	Monday	5:30pm	Chicago, IL	Katie School Hall of Fame	Bus. Professional
Oct. 4	Tues	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 353	Aon Info Session	Bus. Casual
Oct. 5	Wed	5:00-5:50pm	SFH 357	2 <sup>nd</sup> General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Oct. 7	Friday	8:15-10:15am	Bloomington, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual
Oct. 7	Friday	2:00-3:30pm	SFH 132	Business Meeting Survival Skills Workshop	Bus. Casual
Oct. 11	Tues	All Day	SFH	Pekin Insurance Day	Bus. Professional



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^Oct. 13	Thurs	4:00-7:00pm	Bone Student Center	Career Fair	Bus. Professional
Oct. 17-18	TBD	All Day	TBD	Risk Manager in Residence	Bus. Professional
Oct. 19	Wed	11:30am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Mid-IL RIMS Lunch Meeting	Bus. Casual
*Oct. 24-25	Mon-Tues	All Day	Chicago, IL	Chicagoland Risk Forum	Bus. Professional
*Oct. 26	Wed	All Day	Chicago, IL	Katie School Insurance Executive Forum	Bus. Professional
*Oct. 27-28	Thurs-Fri	All Day	Atlanta, GA	Troy University Symposium	Bus. Professional
Oct. 28	Friday	12:00-2:00pm	SFH 412	Zurich Captives Presentation	Bus. Casual
Nov. 2	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 366	3 <sup>rd</sup> General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Nov. 3	Thurs	11:30-1:30	SFH 412	Lockton Info Session	Bus. Casual
Nov. 4	Friday	12:00-2:00pm	SFH 412	TBD	TBD
Nov. 7	Monday	5:30-6:30pm	SFH 412	West Bend Loss Prevention	Bus. Casual
*Nov. 9-11	Wed-Fri	All Day	Chicago, IL	PLUS Conference	Bus. Professional
Nov. 11	Friday	12:30-4:30pm	SFH 412	Profit & Cash Workshop	Bus. Casual
Nov. 12	Sat	8:00am-12:00pm	Normal, IL	Habitat for Humanity	Casual
Nov. 15	Wed	11:30am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Mid-IL RIMS Lunch Meeting	Bus. Casual
Nov. 30	Wed	6:30-7:50	SFH 366	4 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting	Bus. Casual

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#### **Where Are They Now?**

#### **2016 Officer Updates**



James Peachey Marsh



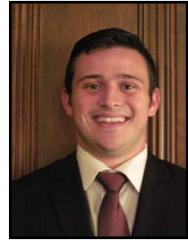
Jake Morris AIG



Ryan Fitzpatrick Marsh



Allison Slater Great American Insurance



Tanner Schultz Burns & Wilcox



Nick Valaitis Liberty Mutual



Michael Del Zoppo Mesirow /Alliant



Dylan Smalley AIG



Courtney Guzzino Lockton



Stefani Arapadis Topco Associates



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#### **Alumni Photos**



# 2016 IICF Women in Insurance Midwest Regional Forum Co-Chair: Marcie Stephan (2005)



#### Katie School Alumni in attendance

Front Row: (L-R) Erin Sanford and Vanessa Contreras

Back Row: (L-R) Jenna Milas, Kristine Wissmiller, Marcie Stephan, Debbie Babcock, Faye Callahan, Paiton Florey and Dani Engelke



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#### **Alumni Photos**



#### **2016 Katie School Golf Classic**



**Aaron Lareau** 



**Dawn Forden and Erin Sanford** 



Laura Rauba and Jackson Gardner

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#### **2016 Katie School Golf Classic**



**Bill Jones** 



**Eric Pan and Ryan Doyle** 



Dani Engelke and Javier Zavala



**Matt Murphy and Craig Hawes** 



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Dani Engelke and James Peachey



**Casey Koontz and Bill Lally** 



**Tyler Wood** 



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#### **Cubs Games**



Brandon Nicol, Eric Mutch, Jackson Gardner and Allen Kus



**Ashley Rieger and Allen Kus** 



Back Row: Kerri Maess, Andy Vuong, Stephanie

**Hitchins and Ben Tiffany** 

Middle Row: Jon Perry, guest, guest, Phil Man-

cione and Vanessa Contreras

Front Row: Javier Zavala and Matt Britton



Back row: Brett Glaser, Jackson Gardner, Eric

**Mutch and Debbie Babcock** 

Front Row: Brandon Nicol, Javier Zavala, Ryan Schnoor, Ashley Rieger and Mira Andreeva



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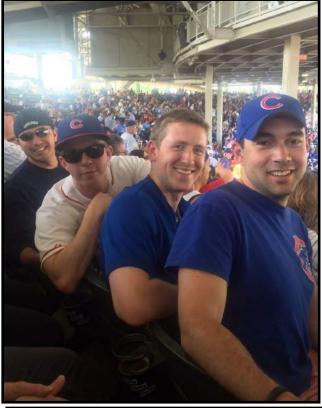
#### **Cubs Games**



Nate Yanz and Brianna Gatto



Jackson Gardner, James Peachy and Javier Zavala



Javier Zavala, Tom Mullins, Stan Yanz and Bill Lally



**Bill Lally and Stan Yanz** 



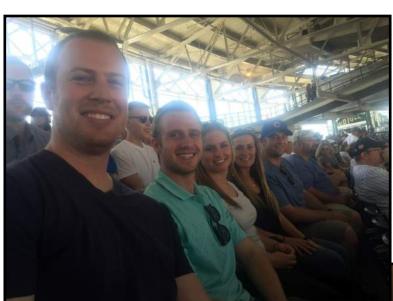
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#### **Cubs Games**



Jackson Gardner, Nate Yanz, Karly Shannon, Brianna Gatto and James Peachey



**Stan Yanz and Nate Yanz** 



**Karly Shannon and Stan Yanz** 



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## **Katie School Alumni/Student Golf Outing**



Nick Mullinax, Jon Perry and Brandon Nicol

Longest Drive – Stan Yanz

Longest Drive – Rebekah Verbeke

Closet to Pin – Matt Dubiel

Longest Putt – Brandon Nicol



Matt Murphy, Stan Yanz, Rebekah Verbeke and Matt Dubiel



<u>First Place Team</u>: Michael Cappel, Kevin Ahlgrim, Nate Horrie and Mark Whitlock

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Aarrieus Greer, Brandon Nicol, Jon Perry and Nick Mullinax



Sean Fitzgerald, Chris Hubbard, Bert Margis and Ethan Witting



Sean Fitzgerald, Nate Horrie, Ethan Witting, Matt Murphy and Stan Yanz



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#### **Career Fairs**



**Courtney Lamar** 





**Michelle Godbey** 

**Matt Murphy** 



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#### **Career Fairs**



Mike Paradiso





Vanessa Contreras

**Paiton Florey** 



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# Jake Timmins—Young Leader Award Katie School Hall of Fame Dinner



Jake with family and friends



Jake receiving his award from Briana Allan



Jim Jones, Mark Willis, Ed Rust, Jake Timmins and President Larry Dietz



Jake and Briana having a good laugh



**Debbie Babcock and Jake Timmins** 



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# Katie School Alumni at the Katie School Hall of Fame Dinner



Back Row: Bill Jones, Jake Timmins, Jason Preston, Ben Tiffany, Blake Kuppersmith, Chris Craveiro and Rob Peachey

Middle Row: Debbie Babcock, Patrick Forden, Jennifer Sendre, Elyse Klimek, Jean Celestin, Jake Morris and Ben Dyer

Front Row: Dawn Forden, Tyler Gillespie, Jon Perry, Sean Kelley, Faye Callahan, Sarah Turek, Mira Andreeva and Ashley Rieger

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# **Chicagoland Risk Forum (CRF)**



Nick Mullinax, Travis Ahrens and Matt Dubiel





Vlada Gudzenko and Laura Meade

**Patrick Henning and Michael Cappel** 



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# **Chicagoland Risk Forum (CRF)**



**Peyton Ferrara and Kyle Powal** 



**Travis Ahrens and Cori Maloney** 



Nick Mullinax and Raymond Hernandez



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#### **PLUS Conference**



Vanessa Contreras, Nick Mullinax, Peyton Ferrara, Maggie Flynn and Lauryn Appelbaum



Peyton Ferrara, Ryan Schnoor, Nick Mullinax, and Lauryn Appelbaum



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## **IICF Rock for Charity**



Eric Mutch, Brett Glaser and Faye Callahan



**Amy Johnson and Marcie Stephan** 

**Andy Vuong and Tom Mullins** 



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Faye Callahan and Ashley Rieger



Nick Nudo, Debbie Babcock and Mike Liedke



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#### Katie Alumni in the Classroom



**Anna Milliken from RLI and Nick Mullinax** 



Jennifer Sendre from Lockton with Deb Goldberg



Sean Fitzgerald, Corinne McCarter from Aon, Nick Mullinax and Michael Dirkes



Matt Dubiel, Steve Dudek from Travelers and Nick Mullinax



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Royal Charles, Sara Ploch, Dusti Butler from West Bend Insurance and Nick Mullinax



**Briana Allen and Rob Balough from AmWINS** 



Peyton Ferrara and Blake Kuppersmith from Swiss Re



Tom Groff and Mike Cancelliere from M3



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Justin Ramsey, Rob Murphy, Dave Hammond, Jamie Carton and Aaron Catterall from Pekin Insurance



**Tom Mullins from RT Specialty** 



Adam McGuckin and Scott Walding from Zurich NA



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#### **Katie School Alumni All Over**



**Doug and Alyssa Johnson** 



**Mark Rogina and Tom Mullins** 



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**Emily Tomaszewski and Jennifer Sendre** 



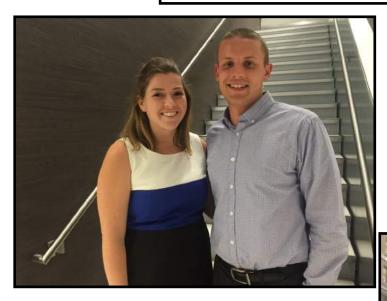
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### **Katie School Alumni All Over**



**Courtney Guzzino and Gene Baerwolf** 



Brett Glaser, Ethan Witting, Brianna Gatto and Briana Allen



**Debbie Babcock and Jason Engle** 



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# **Katie School Alumni Holiday Social**



**Patrick Henning and Ben Tiffany** 



Elyse Wright, Zach Kramer, Matt Murphy, Christy
Johnson and Mark Rogina



Ben Delinski and Nick Antonacci