



# Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni

## Newsletter

### Spring 2015

Gamma Iota Sigma  
Alpha Kappa Chapter

Spring 2015

#### Redbirds Attend the 2015 RIMS Conference in New Orleans

This year on April 25-29th the annual RIMS Conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Fourteen Katie School students had the opportunity to attend the conference and they were able to interact with other students majoring in Risk Management and Insurance. This was also a great chance to network with experienced insurance industry professionals.

Throughout the conference, students attended workshops and sessions on hot topics in insurance. It was a great experience for students who came away from the conference with a much wider perspective of the industry and all the things that concern Risk Managers today.

As well as developing on a professional level, students were able to enjoy many exciting personal and social experiences.

#### 2014-2015 Officers

- Nate Yanz (President)*
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- Ryan Curran (Publicity)*
- Jenny Trowitch (Volunteer)*
- Jake Morris (Recruiting)*
- Debbie Babcock (Advisor)*
- Dr. Yu-Luen Ma (Advisor)*

**Left:** Students attend RIMS

**Below:** Student teams during the Swiss Re Simulation and Presentation

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#### Insurance Events in Gamma Iota Sigma

In February, Katie School Alumni from Gallagher presented on Cyber Insurance and trends in the industry. They talked about the importance of cyber policies and the process used in the case of a cyber-attack. Students had the unique opportunity to learn about a small but very significant piece of the industry. With recent cyber-attacks on well-known companies such as

Target, Home Depot, and Anthem, this presentation gave a little bit more insight into an increasingly important area of insurance.

Another successful event that Gamma students attended was the Swiss Re Reinsurance Simulation in January, which was led by Katie School alumni. Swiss Re representatives came in to speak to students about

the reinsurance industry. They broke down the steps that are taken in writing a reinsurance policy, and afterwards students proceeded to give their own presentations on what advice they have for the "client." This was a really great chance for students to not only meet and network with alumni, but also learn about the reinsurance market and Swiss Re.



### 12th Annual NAPSLO Symposium

The 12<sup>th</sup> Extreme Risk Takers NAPSLO Symposium held in Chicago and hosted by the Derek Hughes/NAPSLO Educational Foundation, the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma and the Katie School of Insurance at Illinois State University was another great success. Over 170 students from 24 different universities from the U.S. and Canada attended making it the largest Symposium to date. Students became more knowledgeable in the field of surplus lines insurance and heard from various industry professionals within the surplus lines industry. There were eight different sessions throughout the weekend ranging from *Underwriting in the Surplus lines Industry*, to *Lloyd's and the Global Market*. The NAPSLO Symposium also allowed students to network with RMI students who share the same interest in a career in the risk management and insurance industry. A special thanks to NAPSLO and the Derek Hughes/NAPSLO Educational Foundation for the support to offer this Symposium to future industry leaders.



### Spring Semester Volunteering

The Alpha Kappa chapter had great success in this semester's volunteer events. Gamma members had the opportunity to volunteer at various places throughout Bloomington-Normal, such as the Midwest Food Bank. This year the Polar Plunge, which raises money to support the Special Olympics, took place on February 21st at Miller Park in Bloomington. Eight students took the plunge and raised over \$900. This year's volunteer events were led by the Director of Volunteer Efforts, Jenny Trowitch.





## 7th Annual Gamma Games

This year's 7th annual Gamma Games was a great success. It took place on April 10th in the Bowling and Billiards Center and there were a total of about 60 students and alumni in attendance. The Vice President of Student Affairs, Michelle Godbey, coordinated this event. Students and alumni paired together for an intense competition of several rounds of mini games and GIS Jeopardy, which included insurance, pop culture, and Gamma Iota Sigma trivia questions. The event took place right after the annual initiation ceremony and was a great way to cap off a successful year for the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

## 2015-2016 Officers

*Jake Morris (President)*  
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*Allison Slater (VP Student Affairs)*  
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*Courtney Guzzino (Publicity)*  
*Michael Delzoppo (Fundraising)*  
*Ryan Fitzpatrick (Recruiting)*  
*Dylan Smalley (Alumni Affairs)*  
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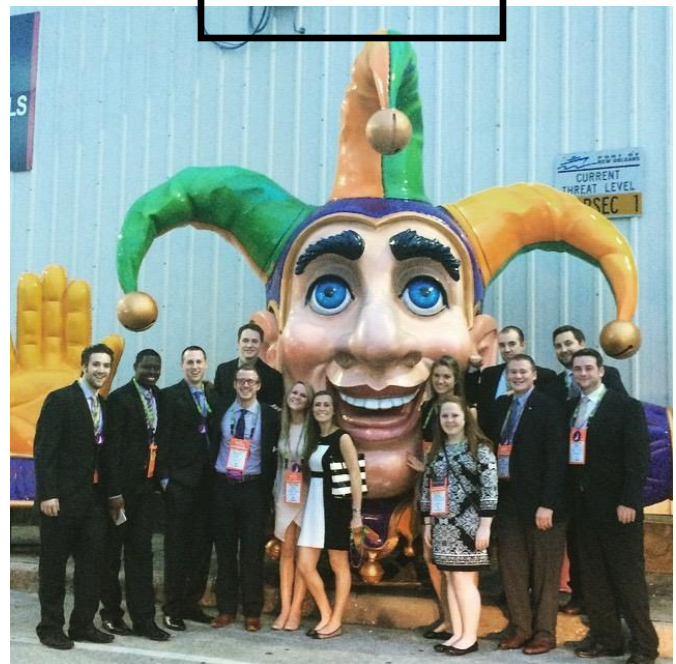


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2015 RIMS Conference

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Above: Gamma Games  
 Below: Gamma Initiation Ceremony



## Where Are They Now?

**Thomas Daly (08)** and his wife, Kate are enjoying their little 7 month old ball of energy, Maddy. He continues to work as an actuary at The Hartford in CT.

**Vanessa Contreras (09)** will be moving back to Chicago in early July and will continue as an Assistant Vice President and Professional Liability Underwriter with Munich Re. She was recently recognized in the *Intelligent Insurer* as one of "40 Rising Stars."

**Erin Dullard (13)** completed the graduates@swissre programme in February at Swiss Re and was promoted to an Assistant Vice President role on the Property Treaty team for Latin America, still underwriting the Andean Region. She and her boyfriend moved to Miami Beach and have been taking full advantage of the location!

**Jason Engle (07)** relocated to NYC from Dallas in fall 2014 and he is a Senior Underwriting Specialist—Global Property Facultative with Gen Re.

**Maegan (Fidel) Lunte (05)** and her husband, Jason, have relocated to Dallas with their two daughters, Audrey and Layla. Maegan continues to work for Zurich North America as Property Manager—Underwriting Support.

**Brett Glaser (13)** is enjoying his position at General Star in Atlanta as an underwriter in the Property Brokerage Division. He travels somewhat with work and continues to cross paths with Eric Mutch (13)!

**Doug Johnson (10)** became engaged to Alyssa Martin in March 2015!

**Lauren Peggau (12)** moved back to Chicago with Starr after spending a year and a half helping to roll out the Kansas City office in the Primary Construction division. She is happy to be back!

**Kyle Powal (04) and Kristin (Johnson) Powal (10)** will be relocating to Chicago from Dallas on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Kristin will continue with Arch Re Fac Property and Kyle will be changing from Primary General Casualty to Primary Construction with Allied World. They are expecting their first child, a girl, on August 19<sup>th</sup> and she is destined to be an underwriter!

**Dana Thomas (14)** and Ryan Haney were engaged on March 21<sup>st</sup> and are planning to be married in May 2017. They recently adopted a goldendoodle named Mollie Mae and Dana is currently studying for her 7<sup>th</sup> CPCU exam.

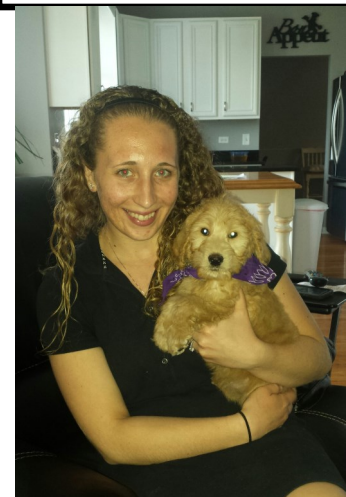
## Alumni Photos



Maddy, daughter of **Thomas Daly (08)** and his wife, Kate



Layla and Audrey, daughters of **Maegan (05)** and Jason Lunte



**Dana Thomas (14)** with Mollie Mae





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# Alumni Photos

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Above: Swiss Re alumni L-R: Erin Dullard, Blake Kupper-smith, Mike Liedke and Amanda Ehrhardt

Above: Katie School alumni panel L-R: Brandon Nicol, Dan Fuld, Sean Gremillion, Eric Mutch and Sara Hogan



Above: Amanda Vanecko from Gallagher

Above: Katie alumni at Chubb L-R: Jean Celestin, Ashley Rieger, Joanna Leggett, Jayne Carver and Sarah Anderson



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Above: View from the Top luncheon L-R: Eric Mutch, Bill Lally and Jeremy Gallico



Above: View from the Top luncheon L-R: Kevin Kostyk and Eric Mutch



Above: APIW reception—L-R: Debbie Babcock and Vanessa Contreras



Above: Spencer Richardson in Phoenix



Above: Jason Engle in NYC



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## IICF Trivia for Charity

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The Winner—Tommy Ear



Allen Kus and Jenna Milas



L-R: Elyse Wright, Zach Kramer and Katie Daló



L-R: Kevin Burt, Marcie Stephan and Scott Berg





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Tommy Mullins and Stan Yanz



Allen Kus and Ben Delinski



Tommy Ear and Scott Adams



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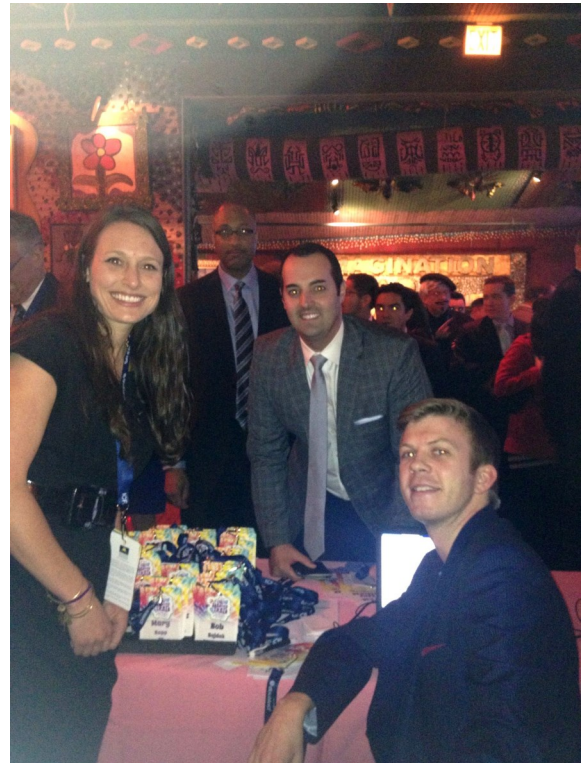
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## IICF Benefit Event

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L-R: Nick Davies, Eric Pan and Chris Craveiro



L-R: Erin Sanford, Eric Pan and Tommy Mullins



L-R: Megan Ware, Debbie Babcock and Erin Sanford





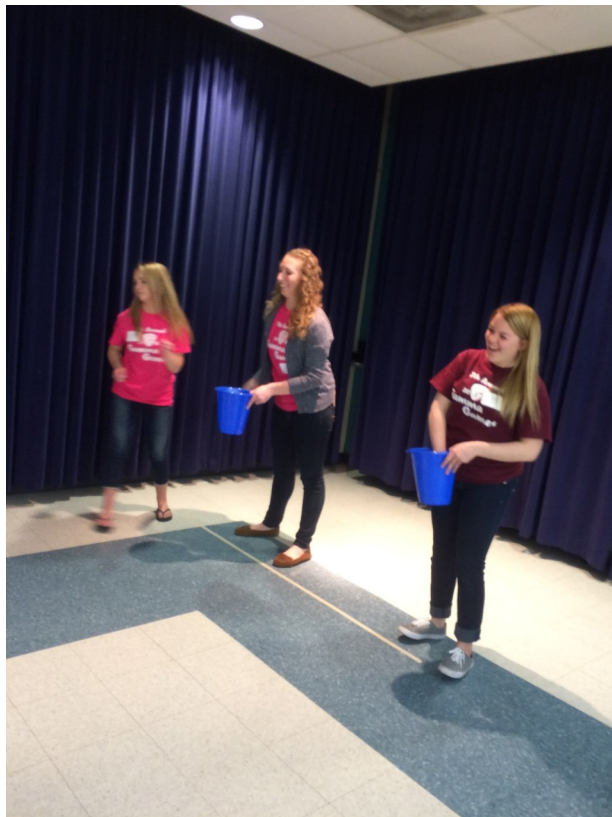
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## Team Competition!





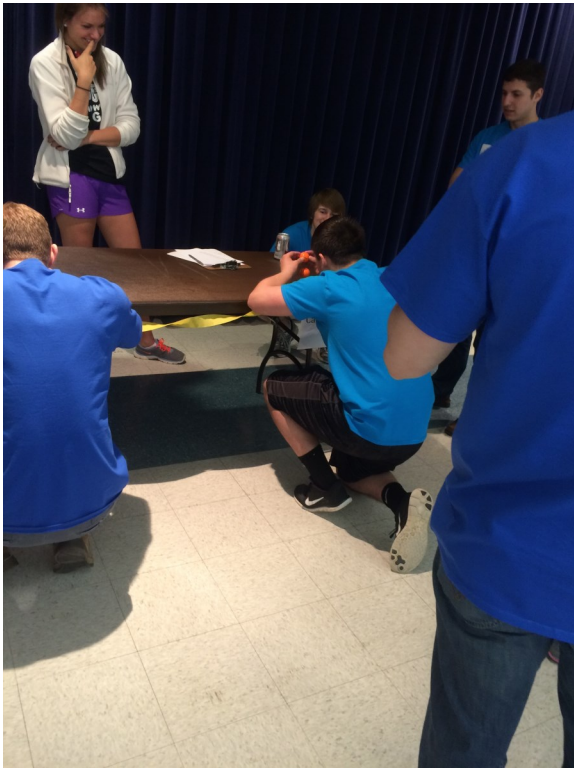


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Above: Katie alumni—L-R: Karoline Kniss, Jean Celestin, Andy Vuong, Stan Yanz, Jake Timmins, Mira Andreeva, Allen Kus, Dana Thomas, Kevin Kostyk, Phil Mancione and Jackson Gardner. Kneeling: Jon Perry and Brian McCoy



Above: Gamma Games Committee: L-R: Ryan Curran, Nicki McArdle, Frank Busch, Brianna Gatto, Nate Yanz, Renee Gerdisch, Jenny Trowitch, Michelle Godbey and Jake Morris





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L-R: Marie Bedoun, Brandon Harn, TJ Dikos, Lindsay Hirschauer and Brian McCoy



L-R: Back—Dean Johnson, Dylan Smalley, and Kylie Roecker  
L-R: Front— Jon Perry and Fran Danquah



L-R: Jerry Poothakary, Mira Andreeva, Savannah Buckles and Herman Lantonkpodé



L-R: Tyler Shalitis, Katie Chatten, Sean Regan and Karoline Kniss





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L-R: Jozie Herrington, Travis Ahrens, Jean Celestin, Ryan Fitzpatrick and Nick McGurk



L-R: Ben Dyer, Cori Madaus, Dana Thomas and Karl Schramm



L-R: Michael Delzoppo, Brock Harrell, Adolph Ukine, Jackson Gardner and Katie Cooper



L-R: Ethan Witting, Kevin Kostyk, Mike Paradiso, Stefani Arapidis and Parimal Vyas



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L-R: Nick Mullinax, James Peachey, Briana Moore and Stan Yanz



L-R: Nick Valaitis, Tom Groff, Ana Ruiz, Andy Vuong and Phil Mancione



L-R: Judy Cheng, Sean Fitzgerald, Allen Kus, Isidro Espinoza and Justin Vogel



L-R: Briana Allen, Mike Cancelliere, Steve Jagodzinski, Sam Heppner and Jake Timmins



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## Cubs Game

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L-R: Andy Vuong and Mira Andreeva



L-R: The Three Musketeers—Bert Margis, Chris Hubbard and Dan Hibbs



L-R: Kevin Conner and Jon Perry



L-R: Bill Lally, Jeremy Gallico, Casey Koontz and Kelsey Mroczka



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L-R: Matt Britton and Kevin Conner



L-R: Chris Craveiro, Mira Andreeva and Kerri Maess



L-R: Back—Andy Vuong, Kerri Maess, Kevin Conner, Jeremy Gallico and Chris Hubbard

L-R: Front—Jon Perry and Vanessa Contreras



L-R: Jon Perry, Kelsey Mroczka, Vanessa Contreras and Jeremy Gallico



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## Katie School Golf Classic

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L-R: Kevin Conner and Nick Nudo



L-R: Laura Nance, Mira Andreeva, Jackson Gardner and Phil Mancione



L-R: Kyle Shallenberger, Dawn Forden and Patrick Forden



L-R: Peter Walsh and Patrick Doyle