

Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter

Spring 2018



Gamma Iota Sigma
Alpha Kappa Chapter

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During this Spring Gamma Iota Sigma's Alpha Kappa Chapter had a wonderful semester with lots of opportunity for community service, professional growth, and learning more about the industry. The chapter participated in events such as the NAPSLO Symposium, RIMS Conference, and interacted with a variety of professionals from different segments of the insurance industry.



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Peyton Ferrara (Director of Outreach)
Kelsie Klingenberg (Actuarial Liaison)
Royal Charles (Historian)
Debbie Babcock (Advisor)

2018 RIMS Conference in San Antonio

During the week of April 14th –18th, the Katie School sent 9 students to San Antonio, Texas for the annual RIMS Conference. The conference allowed students the opportunity to interact with industry professionals. Students were able to attend and participate in educational sessions discussing changes within the industry. At the conference, there was a wide variety of exhibitor booths where students speak with exhibitors about the latest industry products and services. The RIMS conference educates and allows students to get a feel for what it is like to work within the insurance industry and to learn more in-depth about the emerging risks in the marketplace.





15th Annual WSIA Symposium

The 15th Extreme Risk Takers WSIA Symposium was held in Chicago and hosted by the Katie School of Insurance at Illinois State University and the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, as well as the Derek Hughes/WSIA Educational Foundation throughout the weekend of March 23rd-March 25th. The Symposium began with a career fair that incorporated multiple companies representing different parts of the industry. After the career fair, students participated in seven educational sessions. Throughout each session students were given the chance to interact with the professionals and ask questions. The Symposium also enabled students to network with the nearly 150 college students from around the U.S. and Canada. The Alpha Kappa chapter would like to extend a special thank you to WSIA and the Derek Hughes/WSIA Educational Foundation for the support to offer this Symposium to future industry leaders.





Volunteering with the Alpha Kappa Chapter

Throughout this past semester the Alpha Kappa has been working hard at giving back to the Bloomington-Normal Community. The chapter participated in many volunteer events including work at the Midwest Food Bank, a used clothing drive, pop tab donations, clean up the quad day, and work with Home Sweet Home Ministries. The Alpha Kappa chapter was able to host a bingo night for children and play a variety of games. The Alpha Kappa chapter has truly enjoyed giving back to the Bloomington/ Normal community.



Katie School Symposium

The Annual Katie School Symposium was held on Thursday, April 26th at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. This year the following topics were discussed:

- An Industry Overview: The Big Picture
- Distracted Driving
- Technology Impacting the Industry
- Making a Difference
- Disrupters of the Industry
- Drone Insurance
- Drone Risk Survey/ Cyber Risk Insurance

Many students and industry professionals were given the opportunity to present and inquire about the changes in the industry.



10th Annual Gamma Games

This year marks the 10th Annual Gamma Games that took place on Friday, April 27th in the Bowling and Billiards center. Many students were paired with alumni to participate in competitive rounds of Minute To Win It games. This event was coordinated by the Alpha Kappa chapter's Vice President of Student Affairs, Lauryn Appelbaum. A special thank you to all of the alumni that came out to participate!





Meet the 2018-2019 Executive Board

- President– Adrian Villa
- VP of Internal Affairs- Sal D’Acquisto
- VP of Student Affairs– Alexa Zito
- Treasurer– Max Johnson
- Secretary– Erika Sreenan
- Director of Recruiting– Travis Kniep
- Director of Outreach– Luke Reiser
- Director of Professional Development– Hannah Crawley
- Director of Publicity– Kate Pankhurst
- Director of Volunteer Efforts– Mark Murdoch
- Director of Alumni Affairs– Megan Smalter
- Historian– Sean Powers
- Actuarial Liaison– Eric Reed
- Student Consultant– Kelsie Klingenberg



Business Etiquette Dinner

2018 International Interns

The Katie School of Insurance is excited to announce the 2018 International Interns. This summer six excellent students had a one in a lifetime experience in a global insurance marketplace. Alexa Zito & Travis Kniep were in London, England, Max Johnson & Luke Reiser were in Zurich, Switzerland and Sal D’Acquisto & Adrian Villa were in Bermuda. They were all very excited to be selected and had an amazing experience. These experiences will be shared in the Fall 2018 Newsletter.



Lauryn Appelbaum

Lauryn is a Senior Risk Management & Insurance and Finance double major at Illinois State University. Throughout her college career she has been involved in multiple organizations. She has been a part of Gamma Iota Sigma, ISSF (Illinois State Students of Finance), Independence Service Dogs, and Beta Gamma Sigma. She was the Director of Volunteer Efforts last year for Gamma Iota Sigma and is this years Vice President of Student Affairs. She fosters and trains service dogs for Indy-dependence and is also their treasurer.



The organization that has helped her grow to be the best professional that she is today has been Gamma Iota Sigma. Gamma Iota Sigma has helped her through offering professional workshops, networking opportunities, conferences and even job shadows. All of the opportunities presented by Gamma Iota Sigma have opened her up to the working world and taught her valuable lessons. Gamma Iota Sigma has taught her the basics such as how to dress professionally to the essentials such as how to conduct herself during an interview. After Graduation she will be working at Great American Insurance as an Underwriter, where she hopes to learn as much as she can and to continue growing as an insurance professional.



TJ Krzmarzick (2005), Vice President, Regional Manager—Excess Casualty at Aspen Insurance, was designated as one of the 2018 Emerging Leaders for the Insurance Brokers' Association of the State of New York (IBANY).

Each year IBANY member companies are asked to name an individual who has shown great strides in responsibility as well as performance. These individuals are under the age of 40 and have three to fifteen years of experience in the insurance industry. TJ is one of 14 individuals who was honored at the Emerging Leader Reception on Thursday, June 14 at the Battery Gardens in New York City.



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Date	Day	Time	Location	Event	Dress
Jan 22	Mon	11:30am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Marsh Internship Lunch and Learn	Bus Casual
^Jan 24	Wed	4:00-7:00pm	Brown Ballroom	Winterfest	Casual
^Jan 25	Thurs	12:00-2:00pm	COB Atrium	RSO Day	Casual
Jan 29	Mon	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 369	Strategies for Success: Landing the Job	Bus. Casual
^Feb 1	Thurs	4:00-7:00pm	Bone Student Center	Internship Fair	Bus. Professional
Feb 2	Friday	9:00-11:30am	Bloomington, IL	Home Sweet Homes Ministries Volunteering	Casual
Feb. 6	Tues	5:30-7:00pm	Bowling and Billiards Center	Gamma Iota Sigma Bowling	Casual
Feb. 7	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 366	1 st General Meeting	Bus Casual
Feb. 9	Friday	8:30-10:30am	Normal, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual
Feb. 12	Mon	5:30-7:30pm	SFH 412	Etiquette Dinner	Bus. Professional
Feb. 15	Thurs	All Day	SFH	AIG Day	Bus. Casual
Feb. 16	Friday	11:30am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Product Recall Lunch & Learn	Bus. Casual
^Feb. 20	Tues	4:00-7:00pm	Bone Student Center	Career Fair	Bus. Professional
Feb. 20	Tues	6:00-9:00pm	Pub II	Troxell Reception	Bus. Casual
Feb. 21	Wed	7:00pm	Redbird Arena	ISU Basketball Game	Casual
Feb. 22	Thurs	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 367	Chubb Info Session	Bus. Casual
Feb. 23	Friday	All Day	SFH 125C	Chubb Interviews	Bus. Professional
Feb. 26	Mon	5:00-8:00pm	SFH 133	Officer Interviews	Bus. Professional
Feb. 28	Wed	6:30-7:30pm	SFH 366	2 nd General Meeting	Bus. Casual



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Mar. 2	Friday	11:30am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Surplus Lines Lunch & Learn	Bus. Casual
Mar. 2	Friday	7:00pm	Bloomington, IL	Flying Aces Hockey Game	Casual
Mar. 21	Wed	6:30-7:30pm	Bloomington, IL	Bingo Volunteer Night	Casual
Mar. 23-25	Fri-Sat	All Day	Chicago, IL	NAPSLO Symposium	Bus. Casual
Mar. 27	Tues	5:30-7:30pm	Old Main	Every Second Matters	Bus. Casual
Mar 28	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 366	3 rd General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Apr. 3	Tues	11:00-11:45am	SFH 430	Katie Advisory Board Roundtable	Bus. Casual
*Apr. 3	Tues	5:00-8:00pm	Marriot Hotel and Confer- ence Center	Katie School Awards Dinner	Bus. Profes- sional
Apr. 5	Thurs	5:30-7:00pm	Bloomington Country Club	Officer Transition Dinner	Bus. Profes- sional
Apr. 6	Friday	8:30-10:30am	Normal, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual
Apr. 6	Friday	11:00am-1:00pm	SFH 139	Women in Insurance Panel	Bus. Casual
Apr. 6	Friday	All Day	Griggsville, IL	Officer Retreat	Casual
Apr. 10	Tues	11:00am-1:00pm	SFH 412	Mid-IL RIMS Meeting	Bus. Casual
Apr. 11	Wed	5:00pm	ISU Quad	Clean the Quad	Casual
*Apr. 14-18	Sat-Wed	All Day	San Antonio, TX	RIMS Conference	Bus. Profes- sional
*Apr. 15-18	Sun-Wed	All Day	Orlando, FL	PLRB Conference	Bus. Profes- sional
Apr 25	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 366	4 th General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Apr. 27	Friday	11:00am-2:00pm	Old Main	Gamma Games	Casual
Apr. 30	Mon	5:00pm	ISU Quad	Clean the Quad	Casual
May 2	Wed	5:00pm	SFH 357	Initiation	Bus. Profes- sional
May 4	Friday	8:30-10:30am	Normal, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual



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Where Are These Graduating Officers Going?



Nick Mullinax
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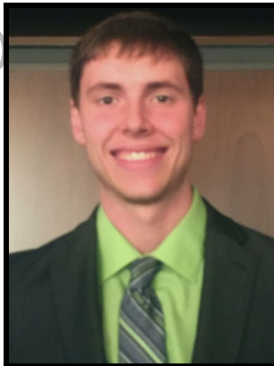
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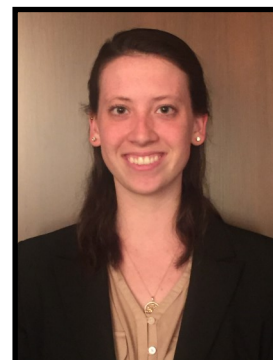
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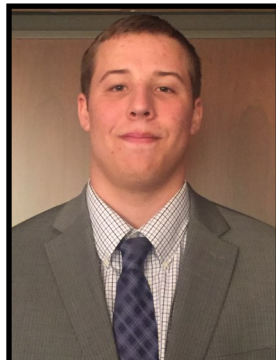
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WSIA Symposium



Maggie Flynn, Mark Rector, and Nick Mullinax



Royal Charles and Jason Mezyk



Back Row: Gino Corona, Luke Hoerr, Aaron Puntriano, Cody Walsh, Peyton Ferrara, JT Thaddeus, Luke Reiser, Nick Mullinax, Max Johnson, Travis Kniep, and Sam Brown

Front Row: Maggie Flynn, Sean Fitzgerald, Royal Charles, Morgan Loy, Sal D'Acquisto, Caroline Wilieko, Trevor Smith, Kelsie Klingenberg, Shawn Griffith and Adrian Villa



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WISA Symposium



Sean Fitzgerald, Morgan Loy, and Lauryn Appelbaum



Nick Mullinax and Royal Charles



Back Row: Debbie Babcock, Max Johnson, Luke Reiser, Gino Corona, and JT Michalski
Front Row: Caroline Wilieko, Kelsie Klingenberg, Sal D'Acquisto, Maggie Flynn, Morgan Loy, and Lauryn Appelbaum



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RIMS Conference



Justin Richards, Sara Ploch, Sean Fitzgerald, Gannon Lanier, Royal Charles, Nick Mullinax, Dean Johnson, Morgan Loy, and Maggie Flynn





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RIMS Conference



Nick Mullinax and Brian Duperreault



Nick Mullinax, Maggie Flynn, Sara Ploch, and Morgan Loy



Royal Charles, Sean Fitzgerald, Maggie Flynn, Nick Mullinax, Sara Ploch, and Morgan Loy



Maggie Flynn, Sara Ploch, and Morgan Loy



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RIMS Conference



Justin Richards, *Eric Pan* and Gannon Lanier



Debbie Babcock and *Briana Allan*



**Gannon Lanier, *Dominick Bruno*,
Dean Johnson and Justin Richards**



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IICF Blazing The Trail Dinner



Many of the Katie School alumni in attendance



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Bowling with the Board



Left: Members mingling during a bowling night

Right: The Executive Board meeting new members





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PLRB Conference



Above: Sal D'Acquisto, Max Johnson, Adrian Villa, and Sean Powers



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Surplus Lines Lunch and Learn



Above: Students listening to David Ocasek



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Clean the Quad



Above: Students cleaning the quad on campus



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Community Service



Left: Students held a bingo and game night at Home Sweet Home Ministries



Right: Students volunteered at the Midwest Food Bank



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Social Events with the Chapter



Left: Students went to a Flying Aces Hockey Game

Right: The Chapter went to an Illinois State Basketball Game





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Women In Business Panel



Above: Maggie Flynn and the alumni panel of *Michelle Godbey, Sarah Turek, Kerri Maess and Dawn Forden*





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Officer Transition Dinner

Back Row: Sara Ploch, Sean Fitzgerald, Royal Charles, Dean Johnson, and Aaron Puntriano.
Front Row: Kelsie Klingenberg, Maggie Flynn, Nick Mullinax, Libby Schrishuhn, Caitlyn LoCascio, Morgan Loy, and Lauryn Appelbaum



Back Row: Sal D'Acquisto, Mark Murdoch, Eric Reed, Luke Reiser, Max Johnson, and Sean Powers.
Front Row: Erica Sreenan, Kelsie Klingenberg, Kate Pankhurst, and Adrian Villa



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Old and New Board Member of Gamma Iota Sigma



Aaron Puntriano entertained the officers that evening.





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Gamma Games



Caitlyn LoCascio, Aaron Puntriano, Katie Dalo and Jon Perry



Diana Lister, Royal Charles, Hannah Crawley and Jamie Piatek



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Gamma Games



**Kelsie Klingenberg, Dean John-
son, Nick Mullinax, Tom Groff,
Sean Powers and Adrian Villa**



**Max Johnson, Jake Onarheim
Tim Wright, Sean Fitzgerald
and Maggie Flynn**



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Alexa Zito, Sara Ploch, Haley Eckstein and Javier Zavala



Paul Klein from M3, Brenae Ford, Lauryn Appelbaum, Paige Brzeszkiewicz, Morgan Loy and Sal D'Acquisto



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IICF Trivia for Charity



Sarah Anderson and Marcie Stephan



*Karly Shannon, Chris Craveiro and
Christy Johnson*



Tom Mullins and Andy Vuong



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Javier Zavala and Matt Dubiel



Adam Beach and Pat Lustig



Andy Vuong and Christy Johnson



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IICF Women's Forum



Marcie Stephan and Amanda Vanecko



Faye Callahan and Debbie Babcock



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Katie School Golf Classic



Aaron Lareau



Mark Rogina



Chadd Folkes and Nick Mullinax



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Katie School Golf Classic



Laura Rauba and Jackson Gardner



Lauryn Appelbaum, Brenae Ford, Sean Fitzgerald, Nick Mullinax and Royal Charles



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Tom Ear, Casey Koontz and Pat Doyle



Bill Jones



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Katie Alumni Allover



Patrick Henning, Sara Hogan and Katie Daley



Chris Colwell and Brett Brozovich



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Debbie Babcock, Augie Augustyniak, Ashley Rieger and Allen Kus



Spencer Richardson and Dana Thomas



Bert Margis and Chris Colwell hosting Bermudian students



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Christy Johnson, Jon Perry and Mfon Ekot



Nick Nudo, Javier Zavala, Debbie Babcock, Mike Liedke and Vanessa Contreras



Tom Mullins, Jon Perry and Mfon Ekot



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Katie Alumni on Campus



James Peachy, Nick Mullinax and Maggie Flynn



Jake Morris, Dylan Smalley, Jenny Trowitch and Kerri Maess



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Ricky Darrow



Mark Whitlock



Jeff Krug