

Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni Newsletter



Gamma Iota Sigma
Alpha Kappa Chapter

Spring 2019

Gamma Iota Sigma—Alpha Kappa had an awesome spring semester at Illinois State University. In the following pages include highlights of all of the events we have been a part of or hosted. From collaborating with different RSOs on campus, to meeting other students and business professionals at a variety of conferences, it has been a rewarding semester. This was while our service to the community stayed alive with over 435 community service hours for the semester.

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2019 RIMS Conference — Boston, MA



The Katie School students’ experience at RIMS was more than they could have expected. As the largest conference of the year, they were able to network with established industry professionals and learn more about this vast industry. Favorite parts were exploring the exhibit hall and stopping at the different booths. There are so many companies out there that support the industry. Everyone who attended enjoyed learning more about the many risk management and insurance service providers. Between meeting other students and industry professionals, exploring Boston, and attending different sessions, they all had a great time at RIMS.





Lunch and Learns & Information Sessions

Lunch and Learns & Informational Sessions have continued from companies such as Zurich North America, Arthur J. Gallagher and Troxell, along with the Mid-IL RIMS Chapter and WSIA.



GIS Regional Conference

Six students from our chapter attended the Regional Conference which was hosted by the Alpha Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma at the Ohio State University. The conference's theme was "security and risk". Alpha Kappa Chapter members were awarded for "taking a risk" by sitting at one of the front tables at the banquet hall with \$20 bills under their seats! Presentations covered topics ranging from the emerging topics in the industry such as insuring senior care facilities to catastrophe modeling. Attendees also got the chance to hear from recent Gamma Iota Sigma graduates at a student panel, and learned the proper etiquette for eating in a professional setting with a luncheon facilitated by Westfield Insurance.

CPCU Society Social Chicago the Musical



In February, students had the opportunity to join the Central IL CPCU Society Chapter for its social event at "Chicago the Musical." Students valued the chance to network with business professionals in a casual setting prior to the musical and during the intermission. There were fun games and delicious food. Overall everyone who went to this enjoyed their time with the CPCU Chapter and watching the show!

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WSIA Symposium



During the 17th annual WSIA Extreme Risk Takers Symposium, students of Gamma Iota Sigma co-sponsored a successful event of networking with peers and industry professionals while also obtaining valuable insight on the surplus lines insurance market. On the first day of the conference, students attended an internship/career fair which allowed for multiple opportunities to expand their professional network. There were also numerous presenters from various companies and brokers which led many of our students to grasp a better understanding of where they might want to take their career path. We are very fortunate to have co-hosted this event and look forward to returning next year!

WING at CNA Insurance



Women's Insurance Networking Group hosted a speaker panel at CNA Insurance in Chicago with Inga Beale, the former CEO from Lloyd's of London; Mary Jane Fortin, the President from the Allstate Financial Businesses; and Michael O'Halloran from Ryan Specialty Group. When addressing gender balance in the work force, they really stressed how gender balance is not something that only women should be advocating but something that both men and women should be addressing. Over the timeline of their professional careers they have seen a lot of progress with the equality between women and men in the workforce, especially in the growth of the amount of women as CEOs and in major leadership roles, but there is still a lot of ways to go. It was amazing to be a part of this event.



Dynamics of Today's Leader: The Need to Perform & Transform

Our chapter had the honor of hosting **Lorrie Kates, the Central Region Field Vice President of Travelers Insurance!** She addressed the dynamics of today's leaders and what it takes to keep up with the evolving insurance industry. As a group, we learned of ways we can continue to grow personally and professionally to ensure we are prepared to lead others when the time arises. It was a great experience hearing from someone so knowledgeable about leadership as well as the insurance industry in general.





Volunteer Efforts

We had 439 service hours for the year and 23 events with 12 different non-profits in the Bloomington-Normal area. A collective 285 pounds of canned goods were donated to the School Street Food Pantry which helps students attending ISU, IWU, Heartland College, Lincoln College and the Paul Mitchell School.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive—
Co-Sponsored with Alpha Kappa
Psi & Alpha Omicron Pi**



The Baby Fold



Midwest Food Bank



Volunteer Efforts



Prairie Aviation Museum—Fence Painting



Valentines for Veterans



Home Sweet Home Ministries



College of Business Executive Council Awards Dinner
GIS was chosen as the **2019 Outstanding Service/Volunteer Organization** and Megan Smalter was chosen as the 2019 Connie Krug Student Service Award Recipient





Bri Allen

Bri joined Gamma Iota Sigma as a sophomore at Illinois State. After joining a business fraternity, she was encouraged to look more into adding the double major and getting involved with the opportunities the Katie School has to offer. During her junior year, she became very involved and was the Vice President of Student Affairs her senior year. She enjoyed being a part of Gamma Games and the fun of networking at every conference she had the chance to attend. Bri also had the opportunity to be one the Katie School International Interns in London where she was able to network and build her understanding of the insurance industry. Then she was a NAPSLO intern where she saw both the underwriting and brokerage side and decided she for sure wanted to pursue being a broker after college. She is now finishing up the Willis Towers Watson Graduate Development Program. In addition to working, Bri is a regional director of GIS Alumni Chapter and values all of the events that they put on from happy hours to community service events. She is proud to be a Katie School Alumna!



Max Johnson

The first event of Gamma Iota Sigma that Max attended made him realize the magnitude of the opportunities that GIS and the Katie School have to offer. At this event he was able to network with business professionals and see that that company had awesome job opportunities available. After becoming more involved, Max became Treasurer for this past year. He valued being on the Executive Board and also felt like he was able to go out of his way to help others by taking on any additional responsibilities. He was able to confirm his desire to go into underwriting after experiencing the insurance market in Zurich, Switzerland as a Katie School International Intern this past year. He is thankful for being able to see so many different companies in different fields throughout the experience. Max was also on the ISU Hockey Team and was a RA for Watterson Towers during his time at ISU. One of Max's favorite memories is Gamma Nationals because of the amount of networking opportunities and how the members who attended started to bond and build life long friendships. A fun fact about Max is that he can lick his elbow and that three of the residents that lived on his floor are now involved in GIS. This summer Max will be joining Liberty Mutual in an Underwriting Trainee Role, and he thanks Gamma for his success!



2019 International Interns

This summer, six students will have the opportunity to experience insurance abroad in different global insurance markets. Erika Sreenan and Megan Smalter will be in Zurich, Switzerland; Carlos Rubio and Macie Brown will be in London, England; and Caroline Wilieko and Jenna Chervinko will be Bermuda.

2019 –2020 Executive Board

President—Caroline Wilieko

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Director of Alumni Affairs—Jenna Chervinko

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Historian—Kyle Wolter

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2019 Graduating Officers



Adrian Villa
Chubb



Sal D'Acquisto
Chubb



Travis Kniep
Swiss Re



Luke Reiser
HDI Global



Max Johnson
Liberty Mutual



Alexa Zito
Zurich North America



Hannah Crawley
Zurich North America





2018-2019 Officer Internship Update



Erika Sreenan
WSIA



Megan Smalter
Great American Insurance
Group



Katelynn Pankhurst
COUNTRY Financial



Mark Murdoch
Allstate



Eric Reed
USAA



Sean Powers
Travelers





Gamma 2019 Spring Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event	Dress
^Jan 22.	Tue	4:00-7:00pm	Bone Student Center	Winterfest	Gamma Gear
*Jan 25-26.	Fri-Sat	All Day	Columbus, Ohio	GIS Regional Conference	Bus. Profes- sional
Jan 28.	Mon	5:00-6:00pm	Katie School Lounge	Valentines for Vets	Casual
Jan 28.	Mon	6:00-8:00pm	Chipotle (On Campus)	Chipotle Fundraiser/Social	Casual
Jan 29.	Tue	6:00-7:00pm	STV 401	Humana Presentation	Bus. Casual
Feb 1.	Fri	11:00-1:15pm	SFH 430	Captives Lunch and Learn	Bus. Casual
Feb 1.	Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Normal, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual
Feb 6.	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 357	1 st General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Feb 12.	Tue	5:45-7:45pm	SFH 412	Etiquette Dinner	Bus. Profes- sional
Feb 13.	Wed	5:30-8:30pm	ISU Braden Auditorium	CPCU Society Networking Social	Bus. Profes- sional
Feb 15.	Fri	1:00-4:00pm	Bloomington, IL	Home Sweet Home Ministries Vol- unteering	Casual
Feb 18.	Mon	6:00-7:30pm	SFH 412	Broker Case Competition	Bus. Casual
Feb 18.	Mon	6:00-7:00pm	STV 401	State Farm Presentation (Predictive Modeling)	Bus. Casual
Feb 21.	Thu	5:00-7:00pm	Normal, IL	Altitude Trampoline Park Social Night	Casual
Feb 25.	Mon	6:00-7:00pm	STV 101	Willis Tower Watson Presentation (Transition to Full-Time after Col- lege)	Bus. Casual
Feb 26.	Tue	11:00-4:00pm	Bowling and Billiards ISU	Blood Drive	Casual
Feb 28.	Thu	2:00-5:00pm	SFH 430	Communications Workshop (CLBA)	Bus. Casual
Feb. 28	Thu	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 430	Gallagher Info Session	Bus. Casual
Mar 1.	Fri	1:30-3:30pm	Normal, Il	The Baby Fold	Casual



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Mar. 1	Fri	6:00-9:00pm	Grossinger Motors Arena	Flying Aces ISU Business School Night	Casual
Mar 6.	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 357	2 nd General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Mar 20.	Wed	11:30-1:00pm	SFH 430	Mid-IL RIMS Lunch and Learn (#MeToo)	Bus. Casual
Mar 20.	Wed	6:00-7:00pm	Williams Hall 1F	American Family Insurance Presentation	Bus. Casual
Mar 21.	Thu	5:00-7:00pm	SFH 131	Business Writing (CLBA)	Bus. Casual
Mar 22.	Fri	11:30-1:00pm	SFH 430	E&S Lunch and Learn	Bus. Casual
Mar 22.	Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Normal, IL	Midwest Food Bank Volunteering	Casual
Mar 25.	Mon	5:00-7:00pm	Pub II	TROXELL Reception	Casual
Mar 26.	Tue	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 366	Why Insurance? Seminar	Bus. Casual
Mar 26.	Tue	6:00-7:00pm	STV 401	Zurich Insurance Presentation (Roles of an Actuary)	Bus. Casual
*Mar 29-30.	Fri-Sat	All Day	Chicago, IL	WSIA Symposium	Bus. Professional
*Mar 31-Apr 2.	Sun-Tue	All Day	Indianapolis, IA	PLRB Claims Conference	Bus. Professional
Apr 3.	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 357	3 rd General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Apr 5.	Fri	10:30-3:00pm	Bowling & Billiards Activity Room	Gamma Games	Casual
Apr 10.	Wed	4:30-8:00pm	Prairie Room	Executive on Campus (Travelers Presentation)	Bus. Casual
Apr 11.	Thu	4:00-5:00pm	Williams Hall 1F	State Farm Presentation (Health Insurance Reserving)	Bus. Casual
*Apr 11.	Thu	5:30-7:30pm	Bloomington Country Club	Officer Transition Dinner	Bus. Professional
Apr 12.	Fri	9:00-1:00pm	Bloomington, Il	Home Sweet Home Ministries Supper Club	Casual
Apr 12.	Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Normal, IL	High Ropes Course Social	Casual
Apr 15.	Mon	6:15-8:00pm	McCormick Hall	McCormick's Gym Social	Casual

**Gamma 2018 Spring Calendar**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event	Dress
Apr 16.	Tue	4:00-5:00pm	STV 401	Pinnacle Presentation (Stochastic Reserving)	Bus. Casual
Apr 24.	Wed	6:30-7:50pm	SFH 357	4 th General Meeting	Bus. Casual
Apr 25.	Thu	5:00-6:00pm	SFH 366	Gamma Iota Sigma Initiation	Bus. Casual
Apr 26.	Fri	11:00-12:45pm	Casa De Debbie	Debbie's Picnic	Casual
Apr 26.	Fri	1:00-5:00pm	Bloomington, IL	Prairie Aviation Museum Volunteering	Casual
*Apr 28-May 1	Sun	All Day	Boston, Massachusetts	RIMS	Bus. Professional
May 2.	Thu	6:00-6:30pm	ISU Quad	Clean the Quad	Casual
May 7.	Tue	TBD	Desthil Brewery	RIMS Networking and Social	Bus. Casual



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Gamma Games



Bethany Gildemeister, Max Johnson, **Peyton Ferrara**, Eric Reed, Tristen Aguilar, and Amber Eash



Carlos Rubio, Nicole Grendzinski, Jackie Neuhalfen, Sal D'Acquisto, Megan Smalter, and **Sean Fitzgerald**



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Gamma Games



Alumni: *Peyton Ferrara, Lauryn Appelbaum, Sean Fitzgerald, Nick Bainter, Morgan Loy, Jon Perry, and Andy Vuong*



Ryan Glotzbach, John Delach, *Jon Perry*, Justin Waller, Hannah Crawley, and Alexa Zito



Chris Fortunato, Sean Powers, Erika Sreenan, Katie Moran, Julia Grendzinski, and *Nick Bainter*



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Gamma Games



Jess McCarthy, Katelynn Pankhurst, **Andy Vuong**,
Lauryn Appelbaum, Adrian Villa, and Erik Benson



Travis Kniep, Caroline Wilieko, **Morgan Loy**, and Kyle
Wolter



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IICF Blazing the Trail



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WSIA Symposium—Chicago



Sean Fitzgerald



Brett Glaser and Sean Fitzgerald



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IICF Trivia for Charity



Jackson Gardner and Pat Lustig



Eric Mutch and Karly Shannon



Andy Vuong and Chris Craveiro



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Barrett Powers, Adam Beach, Pat Lusting and Jackson Gardner



Kristine Wissmiller, Pat Henning and Erin Stochmal



Stephanie Hitchins and Debbie Babcock



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APIW Mixology Event



*Amanda Vanecko, Annabelle Cabrera,
Erin Stochmal, and Kristine Wissmiller*

Hines Symposium



Mike Del Zoppo and Chris Hubbard



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**Katie School Alumni representing
their companies at the
Katie School Advisory Board meeting**



Eric Pan and Faye Callahan



Blake Koppersmith and Seth Davis



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RIMS Conference—Boston



Rob Dunn and Katie School undergrad ***Erika Sreenan***



Jim Bowen and ***Tori Greenfield***



Steve Naylor and ***Marcie Stephan***



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AXA XL Event—Chicago



Katie Daló and Tori Greenfield



Matt Jercich



Laura Meade and Tori Greenfield



Allen Kus and Katie Daló



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Katie Alumni At Work



Peyton Ferrara, Jackson Gardner and Ben Tiffany



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Steve Dudek and Jeff Monahan



Chris Izral, Katie undergrad Justin Waller and Sal D'Acquisto



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Mike Stufflebeam



Nate Yanz and Bill Jones



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Gamma Alumni Council Event



Brianna Gatto, Karly Shannon and Ethan Witting



Sean Fitzgerald, Katie School undergraduates Carlos Rubio and Nicole Grendzinski



Thomas Klingner, Austin Karpinski and Ethan Witting



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Matt Dubiel, Nick Mullinax, Emily Tomaszewski, Courtney Guzzino, Ethan Witting, Bri Allen and Royal Charles



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