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Gamma Iota Sigma Kicks off 2007!

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REBEX Conference - Itasca, IL

October 26-27th

Twelve Katie School Students attended the REBEX conference in Itasca, IL.

Last fall, I attended the REBEX conference in Itasca, IL. This would be my first time I would be seeing and hearing about real life issues that business owners, insurance professionals, and attorneys manage when a catastrophe strikes. It was a bit of a nerve-wracking experience to talk to people who knew the insurance world inside and out while I had comparatively little knowledge or experience.

I was comfortable after attending the first seminar. It also really helped to have a mentor. My mentor, Michael Sатурley, from the National

Futures Association was perfect for my needs as a new insurance student because he had a risk management background in school. It was encouraging that Michael genuinely wanted to continue his education even though he already had extensive experience dealing with the risks of his company.

Also, I established excellent bonds with other members of Gamma Iota Sigma. It was my first time being able to talk and relate to all active members of the fraternity, and it was really encouraging that other students were as driven as I was to succeed in the insurance industry

Overall, I was very glad that I attended the REBEX conference. I really think that the experience and the friendships that I established were very valuable and encouraging to my development as a future insurance professional.

*-AJ Rector, 2007-08
Gamma Iota Sigma President*

2006-2007 Officers

- Kerri Mathews (President)*
- Jason Engle (Vice President)*
- Laura Meade (Director of Alumni)*
- Thomas Daly (Volunteer Efforts)*
- Nicole Pfeiffer (Secretary)*
- Adam McGuckin (Historian)*
- Steve Dubiel (Treasurer)*
- Janae Volm (Director of Publicity)*
- Bill Jones (Fundraising Efforts)*
- TJ Turner (Actuarial Liaison)*
- Debbie Babcock (Advisor)*
- Dr. Yu-Luen Ma (Advisor)*

Katie School Alumni Weekend

Gamma Iota Sigma sponsored an Alumni Reception and Networking Event on March 23rd. Current Katie School students and Katie School alumni had an opportunity to network over an evening reception. It also gave alumni who have not seen the new College of

Business Building the opportunity to tour the facilities. A wide range of alumni attended, from recent graduates to seasoned insurance industry alumni. Some of the companies represented were Lockton, State Farm, CNA, Shelter Insurance and Holmes Murphy.



Jim Bowen from Lockton and Mark Whitlock from Holmes Murphy enjoying the Alumni Reception



Katie School students and alumni attend the Association of Professional Insurance Women meeting in Chicago



Katie School students on a company visit to COUNTRY Insurance in Bloomington

New Officers Named for 2007-2008

Gamma Iota Sigma has named new officers for the 2007-2008 year. New officer positions have been developed to help accommodate the changing needs of Gamma Iota Sigma. New officers include:

AJ Rector - President

Bill Jones - Vice-President of Student Relations

Thomas Daly - Vice President of Internal Operations

Lauren Leggett - Secretary

Amber Armand - Treasurer

Jon Perry - Director of Recruitment

Elaine Sellars - Director of Volunteer Efforts

Craig Hawes - Director of Fundraising

Elizabeth Heeren - Director of Alumni Efforts and Business Week Representative

Jessica Bobbe - Historian

Jeremy Harlow - Actuarial Liaison

Javier Zavala - Director of Publicity



Five students attended the NAPSLO Conference in Chicago, IL March 30-31. The conference consisted of speakers as well as outings for all the students attending. There were approximately 90 students total from many different universities.

The NAPSLO conference was really neat and it was geared towards educating students. Unlike RIMS or RE-BEX, the NAPSLO audience were entirely students. Most of the sessions were very entertaining and educational and some very talented people were brought in to educate us about Surplus Lines insurance.

As for social events, there was a boat cruise planned on Friday night, Pizza at Giordano's for lunch on Saturday, and then Hard Rock for dinner and finally ESPN Zone. This was in addition to two nights of socializing with students at universities such as Olivet, Temple, Virginia Commonwealth, Middle Tennessee State, and Baylor. It was amazing how many people I recognized from the Management

Conference that I attended in Indianapolis last fall. Overall it was a great experience to learn about surplus lines insurance and to also network with students from around the country.

*-Thomas Daly, Junior
Actuarial Science Major*

The conference was very informative on surplus lines. The speakers did an excellent job not only telling us about their different topics, but incorporating real life situations into it as

well. The Spirit of Chicago boat cruise, which was a great way to talk to the speakers one on one.

-Craig Hawes, Junior

Chris Craverio, Bill Jones, Craig Hawes, Adam McGuckin, and AJ Rector in Chicago



Officers Hold a Retreat in Chicago

Officers held a retreat in Downtown Chicago to plan events for the spring semester as well as to create long term goals for the 2007-2008 school year. Some ideas discussed were fundraising ideas and opportunities, guest speakers for the upcoming semester, as well as volunteer opportunities. The officers were able to set a full schedule for Gamma Iota Sigma members for the spring semester.

The retreat gave the current officers a great opportunity to not only facilitate discussion about the spring semester, but allowed officers to get to know each other better and improve our teamwork. What we accomplished in Chicago has helped to create a positive and productive semester for Gamma Iota Sigma members.

-Kerri Mathews,

Gamma Builds for Habitat for Humanity



Volunteers building for Habitat for Humanity in Bloomington

This March nine Gamma members volunteered to build for Habitat for Humanity. The Bloomington-Normal Chapter is adding to the Woodbury subdivision in northwest Bloomington and for students to participate, they had to raise money and did so over the Halloween weekend. The volunteers worked on two houses, doing things such as putting up vinyl siding and laying floorboards. The volunteers were able to work with future home-

owners who were helping to build their future homes.

It was very cold the day we built, but it was an amazing experience to volunteer. Most of the day, we put siding up on two houses and worked on the floors. Through trial and error, we got about half of one of the houses completely sided. It was a great feeling of accomplishment when the day was over

*-Thomas Daly, Director of
Volunteer Affairs*



Gamma students taking a break and talking with the future homeowner

Where Are They Now?

Ever wondered what old friends from school may be doing now? Here is list of some of the things people are doing. If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail Debbie Babcock at debbie.babcock@ilstu.edu.

Nick Borus (05) will be celebrating his 3 year anniversary at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company this June. He is currently an underwriter underwriting Accountants, Lawyers, Home Inspectors and Miscellaneous Professional Liability. He received his RPLU and ASLI designations and is currently working on his third CPCU exam. He will be promoted to a Senior Underwriter this summer.

Matt Britton (12/06) is working as an Account Administrator for Lockton Companies' Chicago office. He is continuing his insurance industry education through self study materials as well as pursuing his ARM designation. "I would like to note: The contacts I made through networking while in the Katie School are proving to be more beneficial to me with each passing day. These relationships that were once merely a crutch to lean on are evolving into interaction on a work related level. I would strongly urge all current and future students to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Katie School."

Kevin Conner (06) enjoyed a couple months of golf and Cubs games before starting at Travelers Insurance in July of 2006. He entered Travelers Underwriting Development Program which is a nine week home office training program in Hartford, CT and St. Paul, MN. He recently graduated the training program and is now in the process of developing his own book of business as a Commercial Accounts/Middle Market Underwriter.

Mark Coyle (00) In August 2006 Mark joined Wausau's Agency Markets as an Underwriting Specialist. He and his wife are expecting their first child in September. They have co-founded "A

Stork Told Me", a baby announcement sign company which his wife will mainly run and he will help support while she is a stay at home mom.

Shelly Crawford-Stock (98) has become an owner of C F & H Insurance Agency, Inc., a multi-location independent insurance agency. Shelly was married to Tim Stock in 2005 and they make their home in Monticello, IL.

Jennifer (Pittman) Gentry (99) will have her eighth anniversary with Chubb Insurance in July. She is an Assistant Vice President with Chubb Specialty Insurance, the professional liability business unit of Chubb, and oversees the CSI operations for Minneapolis. She and her husband have been in Minneapolis for 2 years after 6 years in Chicago and they just had their first child in January, a boy, Lincoln Phillip.

Tara Gleeson (05) is currently working in the Corporate Billing department at COUNTRY Insurance. Over the past two years she transitioned from a claims representative to a billing specialist but is currently getting ready to move to Chicago to be closer to family and seeking a job in underwriting.

Kevin Halteman (06) is currently in the Zurich associate program, finishing rotations and starting the interview process for a final full time position. His top job picks are Commercial Surety Underwriter, Enterprise Risk Manager, or Construction Underwriting in the Chicago land area.

Chad Hancock (97) is currently employed at COUNTRY Insurance in Bloomington as an Investment Analyst. **Kathy (Quine) Hancock (97)** is President of PineRidge Business Solutions, an Actuarial Recruiting firm. Their 4 year old son Aidan just welcomed home a new baby brother, Carson Michael Hancock, on March 21st.

Chris Izral (04) is a financial analyst in Reinsurance Operations at Zurich North America and is

about to celebrate his 3 year anniversary there. He is studying for his ARM exams and everything else in life is going great.

Michael Kohlhasse (01) started with AJ Renner & Associates, an operating company within the USI Holdings group of companies, immediately after graduation in 2001. He is a broker specializing in product liability for the life sciences industry. He married his wife Kristin on September 9th, 2006, currently reside in Chicago and will be moving to the new home they will be building in Crystal Lake, IL at the end of 2007.

Doug Manning (00) is a systems analyst at State Farm and is married to Jennifer Manning (Baldock). They have two boys ages 2 and 4.

Bert Margis (03) continues to live in Lincoln Park and to work for Zurich Global Corporate as a large account casualty underwriter in downtown Chicago.

Lacy Miller (05) has been promoted to Director of Marketing at Behnke & Company in Decatur.

Eric Pan (04) is a producer in Gallagher's Higher Education Practice focusing on developing new business opportunities and managing a client base of college and university accounts. In 2006 he spent six weeks working with Gallagher's London office and training at Lloyd's of London. In his role at Gallagher, Eric has worked on first dollar programs, self insurance and pooling arrangements. In February of 2007, Eric got engaged to Christina Trench (2003 ISU Graduate) and plans to get married in May of 2008.

Dow Ragan (04) has been employed by American International Group in Clayton, Missouri since May 2004. He currently resides in St. Louis and is the proud uncle of eight wonderful nieces and nephews and proud fan of the 2006 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Kyle Shallenberger (06) is an underwriter with Wausau Insurance Companies in Downers Grove, IL.



Tom Ear and Doug Standerfer back at ISU for the Katie School Alumni Weekend



Alumni Erin Messmer, Melanie McLean, and Adam Johnson from State Farm



Craig Hawes job shadowing with Katie School Alumni Devon Yordy at COUNTRY Insurance in Bloomington during the COUNTRY visit



AJ Rector with State Representative Dan Brady at Insurance Legislative Day in Springfield

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Katie School students Nicole Pfeiffer, Steve Dubiel and Laura Meade with President and CEO of AIG, Martin Sullivan, at the AIG Reception at RIMS in New Orleans.



2007 Gamma Iota Sigma Calendar

January 17	Mid-IL Rims Chapter Meeting—Insurance Industry Outlook for 2007
January 23	General Meeting
January 30	Informational Freshman/Sophomore Meeting
February 6	Spring Employment and Internship Fair
February 7	CPCU Mentor Hockey Game
February 8	Spring Kick Off—Bowling at ISU
February 16	State Farm Claims Lab Tour
February 20	Mid-IL RIMS Chapter Meeting— RIMS Update
March 3	Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
March 13	Mid-IL RIMS Chapter Meeting— Risk Management Structures
March 22	Guest Speaker—State Farm Marketing & Claims
March 23	Alumni Cocktail Reception and Networking
April 2-6	Business Week 2007
April 6	Business Week Alumni Panelist—Greg Heerde, Aon
April 11	Katie School Awards and Scholarship Dinner
April 19	Golf Lessons
April 25	Officer Transition Dinner
April 29 - May 3	RIMS Conference—New Orleans, LA
May 8	Mid-IL RIMS Chapter Meeting— Vehicle Fleet Simulator
May 10	End of Semester Celebration—Pub II
May 12	Graduation