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DRAKE SYMPOSIUM REACHES NEW HEIGHTS



The Chi Chapter hosted its second annual Drake Symposium this spring, this year focused on innovation within the insurance industry. We brought in 93 student participants including 22 visiting students from St. Thomas University in Saint Paul and St. John's University in New York. The event began in the afternoon of April the Sixth with a tour of Global Insurance Accelerators in downtown Des Moines. We got to see several different angles of the rising InsureTech

Industry and what GIA is doing to foster that growth.

The main event began the next morning where students were provided eight unique breakout sessions presented by ten industry professionals. This was intermitted by a lunch and keynote speaker from the CAS and closed off by a dinner and final speaker from the SOA. Before visiting students left on Sunday, the final day, we gathered for a morning of bowling and brotherhood with our fellow chapters.

IOWA LOCAL ENTHUSED TO FINALLY LEAVE THE MIDWEST

Hello, my name is Hudson Haws and I interned at Unum Insurance company in Maine. I am an Actuarial Intern in the Group Pricing department. During this I got projects which required a variety of skills to complete. My favorite part of working at Unum was the freedom to approach a problem anyway I'd desire. This allowed me to use my wide range of programming knowledge to automate things that would take hours to complete normally.



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FALL RECRUITMENT IS A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!



I am so excited to be the Director of Ritual and Recruitment this semester! I've had a blast planning recruitment and I am overjoyed with all of the new members coming into our chapter. This semester's recruitment theme was "The Greatest Fraternity" (The Greatest Showman) from September 10th-14th! We had a full week of events, friends, and food. To start the week, we had the Meet and Greet on Monday. We met so many potential new members and had a great time talking about our favorite things in Gamma Iota Sigma. On Tuesday, we had our Carnival night. Everyone split into four teams and competed in many challenges and games! Some of the highlights included a three-legged race around Upper Olmsted, catching marshmallows in a cup on our heads, musical chairs, and even a cake walk! The night ended with a potential new member from the winning team throwing a whip cream

pie in my face! Our final event was going to a corn maze on Friday. Luckily the weather was very nice and we all raced to finish the corn maze first! Afterwards we got to enjoy a hay ride, play bags, race down giant slides, race go-karts, lay in a pool of corn kernels, and more! All of our current members and potential new members seemed to love all of our recruitment events for the week!

With all of the success of recruitment week, I am happy to announce that we had nine amazing pledges be activated this semester in the Mu class! The Gold Family has Jacob Salazar; the GammInionS have Alex Parkel and Zach Nelton; the Einsteins have Parker Nagengast; the Unknowns have Caylee Gallagher; the Megatron Minions have Alex Larson; the Incredibles have Kevin Kiehne; Risky Business has Sarah Soo Minn; and the Actuarial Models have Andrew Berndt.

The pledge class president this semester is Zach Nelton and he is in the process of planning a capture the flag game for the whole chapter! Everyone is already very active in Gamma in attending events, completing requirements, participating in the Big Little competition, and overall bonding with the current members. I'm so excited to see everything the Mu class will do in Gamma.

With Gamma Love,
Courtney Luib



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SUMMER INTERN GETS FULL TIME OFFER

I'm Max Newland, a senior studying Actuarial Science and Data Analytics, and I've been spending the summer interning at USAA in San Antonio, Texas. I'm in the Property Pricing area, and have enjoyed my time on the job. I've learned so much and have really enjoyed being with the fellow interns, inside and outside of work. It's been a great way to see what it's like to work in the insurance industry as an Actuary, and I'm so happy I've got the chance to do it!



BIG BASH BREAKS UP BANALITY



Aloha! I'm Lily Hull and I have been the Director of Service this past semester. We recently had our Spring Formal at the Willow Creek Golf Course. If you can't tell by the first word, it was Hawaiian themed. Shocking, I know! It may be a little cliché, but it gave me the opportunity to bring a pineapple as my date. I didn't even have to pay extra to bring him.

Other than my (literally) sweet date, formal was a lot of fun. It started off with hanging out with fellow brothers while waiting for the buffet to be brought out. The majority of that time for me was spent taking pictures and explaining why I brought a pineapple. I guess it's not a normal thing to do...? You learn something new every day! After countless weird looks, the food was brought out. I quickly gobbled it all up and waited for the performances to commence.

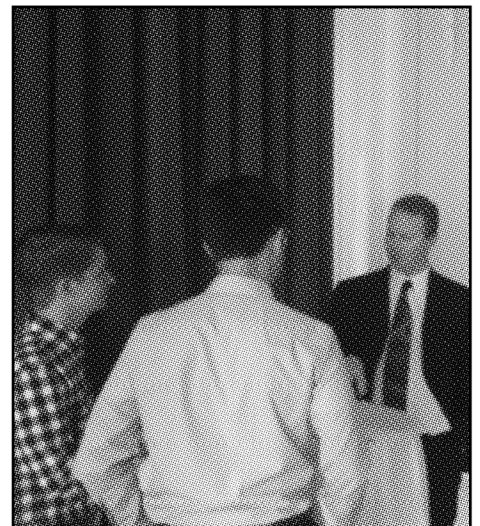
One of the performances was a hula dance by the EC. As someone who can't move her hips, it was a struggle to learn the dance. I really thought I was somewhat good, but then I watched myself dance in the mirror... Pro tip: don't watch yourself in the mirror unless you want to be disappointed. Regardless, I had a great time trying my best to look like I knew what I was doing. After EC's act, we had several other performances ranging from singing to playing the ukulele. It was great to hear all the talent that our members don't normally showcase. Who knew that actuaries did something other than study?

Overall, the formal went on without a hitch. The Director of Social, Emily, did a great job with all the decorations. She managed to make a beautiful waterfall out of balloons and streamers. It was one for the books!

EXEMPLARY MEMBERS GET LEG UP FOR ACTUARIAL EVENING

The exemplary members dinner was held this year for any member of Gamma who had achieved exemplary member status or had served on E.C. last semester. It presented those qualified with a chance to meet and dine with representatives from Principal, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Travelers, and Ernst and Young. This allowed members

to get to know the people they would be interviewing with the next day so they could get a better understanding of what the company was looking for in their candidates. This year we had 13 Gamma members attend the event hosted at Centro. It was overall a great experience that will be recreated in the years to come.



MEMBERS STILL UNCERTAIN IF MIKE JENNINGS IS ALIVE



The 3rd Annual Mike Jennings Memorial Case Competition was held on April 4th, 2018 at 6pm. This is an event hosted by the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Committee every year in spring. Prior to the day of the case competition, much preparation went into the making of the case competition. The ERM committee started it all off with coming up with a framework for the case itself. Our aim was to make up a case ourselves that is of quality content but humorous at the same time. What we came up with was an insurance company, You Break It, We Buy It (YBIWBI), that mainly insures celebrities' body parts. Here's a few example of their existing policies, Gordon Ramsay's vocal chords, Oprah Winfrey's Heart, Kylie Jenner's lips and Emma Watson's face. Our committee had a good laugh while working on the framework of the case.

The day of the case competition itself was full of fun too. The participants were split into two teams. Their task was to read the case and identify risks, assess consequences of those risks and create a risk profile, determine key risks, suggest key risks, develop metrics to continually monitor risks and prepare a short presentation on their findings. They had total freedom on how they wanted to present their risk mitigation. The ERM Committee members were the judge and we had fun monitoring the two teams while they work on the case. One of the groups requested songs to be played as it helps them to focus so we did just that. However, we later found out that one of the participants from the opposing team seemed to be too distracted by the music video that was shown on screen. Maybe that was a tactic that the other team was going for. The competition ended around 8pm with us announcing the winning team. The participants seemed to have enjoyed their time there and we think that it may be because of the free popcorn that we provided! All in all, the event ended on a high note.

INTERNING OVERSEAS



I'm Dennis Lee, a senior studying Actuarial Science and Data Analytics. I'm interning this summer at Allianz Malaysia as a pricing intern in the life insurance department. This is my first internship and I've been looking forward to it. I've really enjoyed my time here so far as I was able to gain a lot of hands on experience through challenging tasks. Everyone here is so friendly and helpful in guiding me. I was also fortunate enough to be able to help develop new products and apply my programming skills into work.



TIME TICKS DOWN AS MEMBERS BREAK OUT OF BUSINESS COLLEGE



In March, members Cassie and Noah hosted an Escape Room for the second semester in the hopes of growing team work and collaboration skills. The premise was to find playing cards that, when the supervisor was given the correct combination of cards, would release them from a room in Lower Aliber. Cards were hidden in the ceiling, behind podiums, and in plain sight. Two teams competed against each other to see who would solve the puzzle first.

Both hosts of the event had never been to an Escape Room, so the results of the event were mixed. A mix up with a roommate's folders caused a few key riddles to be lost, and some participants spent too much time on "false alarm" puzzles. However, it was awesome to see people interact with brothers whom they don't interact with often, and to hear the ridiculous ideas that were generated by the rooms.