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LYNNE ABRAHAM

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**

“INSURANCE FRAUD IN PHILADELPHIA”

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003
11:40 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Lynne Abraham received both her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from Temple University in 1962 and 1965 respectively. She worked her way up through several court appointments before being elected to the position of District Attorney. In this position, Ms. Abraham is the chief law enforcement official for the city and county of Philadelphia.

For those of you who insure an automobile in the city, you know that insurance fraud has a great effect on your premiums, and insurance fraud is in no way limited to only auto insurance. Insurance fraud has been the subject of a large media campaign in the last 9 years aimed at prevention. Headed by the Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (IFPA), whose units have been very successful in deterring would-be criminals. They are all part of a statewide initiative spearheaded by the State Attorney General Mike Fisher. Ms. Abraham's efforts against fraud in the city are in conjunction with the efforts of the IFPA, as well as Pennsylvania's Office of the Attorney General.

EXAMS PASSED !!

Preparation for, and execution of professional examinations takes dedication and a lot hard work, especially while taking a full course load. Regardless of the difficulty, many of your fellow students are able to make it happen. The Sigma Chapter would like to congratulate the following members for passing professional exams, keep up the good work !!!

American Society of Actuaries – Actuarial Exam I

**Philip Stefano
Vera Landa**

American Society of Actuaries – Actuarial Exam II

Sylvia Twardowski

International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans,
Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) - Exam I

Dmitriy Kritskiy

NEW MEMBERS*, WEL-

**Laetitia deParisot
Xavier Emonin
Sebastian Engelsztajn
Pawel Karnowski
Joseph Sunny
Michael Urso**

*As of February 21, 2003



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INTERNSHIP CANDIDACY DEADLINES QUICKLY PASSING

Friday, February 21, 2003 was the **Online Resume Worksheet submission deadline**, so if you plan on attending the **Spring 2003 Risk Management and Insurance Internship Career Reception**, being held on **Friday, March 28, 2003**, get your resume in ASAP! The Online Resume Worksheet can be found at <http://www.temple.edu/gis>, click on 'Members.'

The **Interview Workshop on Tuesday, February 25, 2003** is the final workshop being held for the Spring Semester. On **Monday, March 3, 2003**, the Sigma Chapter is holding an **Etiquette Workshop hosted by Janis Moore Campbell** of the **Fox School's Center for Student Professional Development**. Mock Interviews are still being held on an ongoing basis, so schedule one as early as possible. Ms. Chalmers will be starting her new job with the Comcast Corporation soon and will be limiting her availability to mostly Saturdays. Questions can be directed to the Sigma Chapter's **Vice President of Professional Development, Stephanie Garcia** <sgarcia@temple.edu>.

FEATURED SUMMER IN-

LUCAS TORON

Major(s): Risk Management & Insurance
Accounting
Standing: Senior
Company: Comcast Corporation
Department: Office of Corporate Risk Management
Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Description: The best part of my internship was that I was involved in the planning meetings surrounding the company's merger with AT&T's Cable Television Unit. One of the many responsibilities I had was to collect data on employee concentrations throughout the different company locations, or what they called systems, for the upcoming Workers' Compensation Insurance policy renewal. As a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center, insurers became acutely aware of this exposure and consequently increased their underwriting requirements for this data. The **Director of Risk Management, Deborah Saunders**, made me feel like part of the team and that my work was valuable. In fact, once I left she contacted me to say that because of their increased work load, she was disappointed to lose my help.

INTER-CHAPTER RELATIONS

On **Thursday, February 27, 2003**, two officers from the Sigma Chapter, **Vice President of Finance Noelle Salamone** and her **Director of Finance John Fugit**, will be flying to the **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** to attend the **Chartering Ceremony** for the newest Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, the **Alpha Tau Chapter**. Faculty members and current students of the Risk Management & Insurance Program at the **Belk College of Business** showed an interest in joining our prestigious organization. Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, as well as the two Sigma Chapter officers will conduct the chartering ceremony. This event is also a time for the new chapter to make contacts that will help to foster the growth of the fledgling chapter throughout the years to come.

This past **Saturday, February 22, 2003**, three Sigma Chapter Officers took part in the **Annual Initiation Dinner** for the incoming members of the **Nu Chapter at Central Michigan University**. **President Sam Codispoti**, **Director of Industry Relations Nicole Merlini**, and **Director of Membership Development Monivann Lor** will brave the wild frontier of Mount Pleasant, Michigan to keep up the fraternal bond that makes our organization strong across North America.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24	25	26	27	28
	Interview Workshop Hosted by Janis Moore Campbell of CSPD 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Speakman 211	Guest Lecturer Lynne Abraham District Attorney City of Philadelphia 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kiva Auditorium	Chartering Ceremony UNC Charlotte – Alpha Tau Chapter (Chapter # 44)	
MARCH! 3	4	5	6	7
Committee Meetings: Fundraising/ Alumni Industry Relations Student Affairs MIS Etiquette Workshop 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Speakman 107		Guest Lecturer James Delaplane, Jr. The Benefits Group of David & Harman, LLP 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuttleman 101		Committee Meetings: Membership Development Public Relations