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JAMES DELAPLANE

PARTNER

DAVIS & HARMAN, LLP

“CASH BALANCE RETIREMENT PLANS”

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuttleman Learning Center, Room 101

The law firm of **Davis & Harman, LLP** was founded in 1985 to provide federal tax counseling, planning, and Washington legislative services. Their clients are financial institutions, trade associations, and large corporations, both public and private. Davis & Harman have significant experience advising clients on life insurance products and retirement savings vehicles, corporate tax matters, ERISA, and employee benefit arrangements.

Mr. Delaplane previously served as the **Vice President of Retirement Policy for the American Benefits Council**. He was also recently named as one of **Business Insurance's Top 35 Rising Stars**. To get a better idea of how these defined benefit plans are being dealt with, read the following article on the **Benefit News Website** <<http://www.benefitnews.com/subscriber/Article.cfm?id=37880949>> discussing the plans' latest victory with the IRS.

ALUMNI FOCUS

In the last week, the Sigma Chapter has held two key events that focused strictly on our Alumni. Our Alumni number in the 1100's, and can be found in just about every insurance-related firm in the Delaware Valley. Our alumni also contribute a great deal to the organization in many ways, from monetary contributions to support in hiring interns and full-time employees. On **Thursday, February 27**, an **Alumni Social** was held at **Bards** on Chestnut St.

On **Saturday, March 1**, The Sigma Chapter held its **Annual Alumni Basketball Game** in the Fox School of Business suite at Temple's Liacouras Center. Prior to the game, attending alumni were invited to a social in the Risk Management Department. This event gave them a chance to eat and greet in the halls that have changed so drastically since their own school days. This game is our way to shown appreciation for their continuing support of our student organization.

NEW MEMBERS*, WEL-

Brian Farell
John Fugit
Mary Gill
Chris Kiefer
Nicole Merlini
Steven Wah

***Paid before the Spring Semester, but not yet recog-**



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RISK MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP RECEPTION

As noted last week, the **Spring 2003 Gamma Iota Sigma Career Reception for Internship Candidates in Risk Management and Insurance** is being held on **Friday, March 28, 2003** from **1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the **Great Court of Mitten Hall**. Knowledge of the attending companies is essential to your chances of making a good impression. We will make an effort to inform you of attending companies in advance so that you can perform diligent research. **Companies in attendance last year included:** Aon Consulting & Aon Risk Services, Commerce National Insurance Services, Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers, Guy Carpenter, Independence Blue Cross, International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, Marsh Inc., The PMA Insurance Group, Royal & Sun Alliance, State Farm Insurance Company, Towers Perrin, Travelers Property Casualty, USI Midatlantic, and Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Resume reviews with Dr. Drennan are being held on a first come, first serve basis when dates and times are announced. If you would like **10 Resume Copies** on bond paper and a copy on disk, a check or money order payable to 'Gamma Iota Sigma' can be placed in the specified envelope on the GIS office door **beginning Monday, March 17, 2003**.

Questions, comments, or concerns about resumes or attendance eligibility? Contact **Stephanie Garcia** <sgarcia@temple.edu>

FEATURED SUMMER IN- SABRINA ENAM

Major(s): Actuarial Science
Standing: Junior
Graduating: May 2004
Company: Hewitt Associates
Department: Retirement & Financial Management Practice
Location: Bridgewater, New Jersey

Description: I worked on several special non-actuarial projects, which consisted of preparing a spreadsheet of competitor analysis for a potential client and drafting a letter informing a client about a system that provides more accurate participants' information. Also, I assisted in preparing a system that will uniform all of Hewitt's annual reports. However, most of my internship I was responsible for filling an annual government form, Schedule B, for clients. The form reports clients funding information for their pension plans. Throughout my internship I learned about funding and accounting aspects of pension plans. Also, the internship allowed me to improve my excel skills.

GIS ONLINE RESOURCES

INDUSTRY RESOURCES

In addition to the **Online Career Library** on the **GIS Website** <www.temple.edu/gis> under the 'Members' link, the **Blackboard site for GIS** has a number of other resources under 'External Links' separated into the Risk and Insurance, and Actuarial Science concentrations. There are also trade associations and industry publications that offer a wide view of it's segments, current events, and trends.

Use them all to your advantage !! If you do not see Gamma Iota Sigma under your Courses in your Blackboard account, please contact the Sigma Chapter's **Vice President of Management Information Systems, Yuriy Shepelin** <yshepeli@temple.edu>

REAL-TIME CALENDAR LAUNCH

Following the Spring 2003 Break, the Sigma Chapter Website Calendar will begin utilizing the **localendar software** <www.localendar.com>. This user-friendly software package will give our officers the ability to update events and their details in real time. In-turn, you will have access to the information the minute it is submitted.

Check out the localendar website and keep your eyes and ears open for our official launch date.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <u>Committee Meetings:</u> Fundraising/ Alumni Industry Relations Student Affairs MIS <u>Etiquette Workshop</u> 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Speakman 107	4	5 <u>Guest Lecturer</u> James Delaplane, Jr. The Benefits Group of David & Harman, LLP 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuttleman 101	6	7 <u>Committee Meetings:</u> Membership Development Public Relations
10	11	12	13	14
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