

RISKY BUSINESS

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, FOX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE

SIGMA CHAPTER TAKES THE 'COUP DE TAU' (AGAIN)



The Sigma Chapter has done it again and brought home the prestigious **Edison L. Bowers Award** for the eighth year in a row! The Bowers Award was given at the 36th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma International Management Conference held from October 11 – 13, 2007, in the District of Columbia. The Bowers Award was created to recognize the one chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma that demonstrates an exceptional, well-rounded and organized program each academic school year. The Bowers Award takes into account public relations, industry relations, alumni affairs as well as other chapter activities. This award is the highest honor that a chapter can receive from the Grand Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma and the Sigma Chapter has brought it home to Temple **thirteen out of the last fifteen years**. Along with taking home the Bowers, the Sigma Chapter also received awards recognizing Alumni Relations, Chapter Management, Public Relations, Membership Development and Community Affairs. Of the six possible awards presented at the International Management Conference, the Sigma Chapter made a

clean sweep. Finally, the Sigma Chapter was given three **“Black and Gold Awards”** for ‘Revamping the Chapter Website’ and ‘Creating a Wikipedia Article’. These awards are recognize unique chapter events that can be replicated by other chapters. The weekend was not only a success for the Sigma Chapter, but also benefited a number of other chapters in attendance through networking, chapter management workshops and a number of social events. In addition to these chapter awards, former Sigma Chapter Member **Paula Williams** (Class of 2007) was recognized on an individual basis. Paula was awarded the **Elizabeth Lang Microsoft Scholarship**. Winners of the Elizabeth Lange Scholarship are recognized for their contributions to their communities, family, and Gamma Iota Sigma chapter. This year’s conference, named “A Coup de Tau”, was organized by Howard University’s Tau Chapter. All Sigma Chapter officers were in attendance along with Michelle Henry, Assistant Director of the Risk Management and Insurance Program, Dr. R. B. Drennan, Faculty Advisor and Mike McClosky, Assistant Faculty Advisor.

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Robert S. Shestack, CES

Class of 1987

Voluntary Benefits National Practice Leader
Trion

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

11:40am-12:30pm

Walk Auditorium, Temple University

Robert S. Shestack, CES, is the Voluntary Benefits National Practice Leader for Trion, one of the nation’s largest privately-held employee benefit firms. In his position, and a member of the Senior Management team, Rob works hands-on with clients on their employee communications and enrollment, and oversees Trion’s product development, carrier relations and strategic innovation. Headquartered in King of Prussia, PA, Trion, develops innovative solutions for local, regional and Fortune 1000 companies. With more than 275 associates nationally, Trion specializes in health and welfare plans, large-employer disability and life programs, benefits administration and voluntary benefits. Trion also has a summer internship program and had several Temple University students

in their program.

Prior to joining Trion, Rob spent 4 years as Senior Vice President of Strategic Development for USI (in their Universal Workplace Benefits Division) where he worked with clients such as AIG, Mannington, Jones Apparel, The Disney Stores, Winn-Dixie, Shaw Industries, Jet Blue and Tasty Baking Company. Before that he was President of one of the nation’s largest FSA TPAs in the country, where he played a large part in the development of today’s FSA debit card technology. While President, Rob and his firm received 2 Philadelphia Business Journal Awards and an Award from the Wharton School of Business, prior to selling his stock interest back in 2002. Rob was also one of the first two ever interns for Towers Perrin while he was a senior at Temple University.

Rob continues to work as a faculty member at Lorman Education teaching such courses as ERISA, IRS and DOL compliance. He also continues to be active in his community serving 6 years as a public official as well as supporting the American Cancer Society and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Rob also speaks nationally on many employee benefit topics and most recently addressed the Worksite Marketing Association in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2007 Graduating Senior Career Reception

Friday, October 19, 2007

1:00-6:00pm

Mitten Hall, Great Court

This Graduating Senior Career Reception is one of our largest events in the academic year, in terms of both industry and member attendance. This reception is an opportunity for seniors to have a quick first-stage interview with any of the over forty attending companies. **Graduating seniors** who have fulfilled the requirements to enter the Resume Book are strongly encouraged to attend this reception. A list of companies and position descriptions will be made available on our website, <http://www.sigmachapter.org>.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Gelena Turkel:
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Risk Management Intern Presentations

Friday, October 19, 2007

11:40am-12:30pm

Speakman 113

Risk Majors: Are you thinking of taking on an internship next summer? If so, you should strongly consider attending this session. Three students who interned with various companies during the summer of 2007 will discuss their experiences and answer questions. This week, we will have **Christine Jenkins (Mercer)**, **Yasser Hussein (All Risks)** and **Roland Skenderi (Aramark)** to give their perspectives on their internships. As always, free pizza and soda will be provided so be sure to attend!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please e-mail Karen Gaudet:
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Actuarial Science Intern Presentations

Friday, October 19, 2007

11:40am-12:30pm

Student Center 217D

If you're considering an internship for the summer, then you should consider attending one or more of these Internship Presentation Sessions. Each session will feature three interns who had the opportunity to work at different companies during the summer of 2007 discussing their experiences and answering questions. This week, we will have **Ari Berman (Prudential)**, **Rich Huynh (CIGNA)** and **Tiffany Calhoun (Deloitte Consulting)**. Free pizza and soda will also be provided, so be sure to attend!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Nate Loughin:
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COMPANIES ATTENDING THE 2007 GRADUATING SENIOR CAREER RECEPTION

ACE INA
AETNA
AIG-NYC
All Risks Ltd.
Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company
Aon
Aon Re Inc.
Assurant Specialty Property
Buck Consultants
CAN Financial
CIGNA
Deloitte Services
Ernst & Young, LLP
Geico

General Dynamics
Guy Carpenter & Co
IBC
Independent Insurance Advisors
Johnson & Johnson, CMGA
Key Strategies
Liberty Mutual
Liberty Mutual - Surety
Marsh
Mercer
Milliman
Munich Re America
Northeast Planning Corporation

O'Sullivan Associates
Penn Mutual
Philadelphia Insurance Companies
PMA Group
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Prudential
Selective Insurance Group Inc.
Towers Perrin
Travelers
Trion
United America Insurance Group
Westfield Group
Zurich North America

Industry to Campus

Munich Re and Liberty Mutual

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 and

Thursday, October 18, 2007

4:00-6:00pm

Student Center 200A and Speakman 318

This event provides a unique opportunity for students to learn more about different companies that will be attending our Graduating Senior Career Reception. Industry representatives will be on hand to answer questions members may have regarding working for these companies as well as different career paths offered within the companies. This is both an excellent networking opportunity and a chance to learn more about potential employers. Munich Re representatives will be in the Student Center Room 200A on the 16th, while Liberty Mutual representatives will be in Speakman 318 on the 18th.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Gelena Turkel:
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Philadelphia CPCU Breakfast

Thursday, October 18th, 2007

8:00-10:00am

Union League (104 South Broad Street)

This is a great opportunity to attend a professional society meeting. As students will be involved with these types of organizations throughout their professional careers, this networking experience should prove invaluable. Several insurance executives will be present speaking to everyone, and there will be plenty of knowledge to gain. It should be an exciting and intriguing event for everyone attending.

If you would like to attend this event or if you have any questions regarding this event, please e-mail Kevin Johnson:

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Don't forget to visit the Sigma Chapter website at <http://www.sigmachapter.org> for a full calendar of events, as well as other features!

PEBA Evening Event

Thursday, October 18, 2007

5:30-9:00pm

The Down Town Club (6th and Chestnut)

Join the Penjerdel Employee Benefits and Compensation Association for a night that will surely be memorable. This event will cost \$50 for each of our members to attend, but note that this is a far cry from the usual \$125 attendance fee. Also present will be keynote speaker Rosemarie Greco, the director of Health Care Reform for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania speaking on "Prescription for Pennsylvania: A Potential Remedy for Health Care Reform". In addition, PEBA will honor Joseph Henthaller, Principal at Towers Perrin as the "Outstanding Achievement in Benefits and Compensation Award winner"

If you would like to attend this event or if you have any questions regarding this event, please e-mail Kevin Johnson:

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