

# RISKY BUSINESS

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

## GAMMA IOTA SIGMA ANNUAL DINNER

The Seventeenth Annual Gamma Iota Sigma Dinner will be held on **Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 6:00pm to 12:00 midnight**. This is the Sigma Chapter's signature event for every academic year! Come join your fellow members at a decked out **Crowne Plaza (18th and Market)**. This dinner is for the express purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of you, our members. As such, we will initiate all of our new members, recognize those who qualify for Academic Distinction and give out our various member awards. Afterwards, a DJ will be present and ways will be made for a dance floor, for dancing!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Jim O' Hearn:  
ohearn@temple.edu



## H. WAYNE SNIDER DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES



**Patricia H. Roberts, CPCU**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
General Star Management Company and  
Genesis Underwriting Management Company  
Stanford, Connecticut

*DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2008*

*TIME: 11:40AM- 12:30PM*

*PLACE: Walk Auditorium*

**Pat Roberts**, In February 2001, Pat Roberts was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of General Star Management Company and was responsible for all of its underwriting operations, including the Excess, Primary, Property and Facilities Departments excess and surplus lines. In March 2001, became President and

Chief Executive Officer of Genesis Underwriting Management Company, an operation that underwrites excess and large deductible insurance coverages supporting alternative risk transfer programs for individual and group policy holders. Ms. Roberts is a graduate of George Mason University, where she earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration. She joined General Reinsurance in 1977 and transferred to General Star Management Company in 1978, where she had a variety of underwriting and management positions.

Ms. Roberts holds a CPCU designation that she attained in 1985.

## Strikes Bowling

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Strikes Bowling Lounge (4040 Locust Street)  
7:00-9:00pm

Once again, the Sigma Chapter is holding its signature semi-annual Bowling event at Strikes Bowling Lounge! For the **amazing price of \$14 per person**, all of the following goodies are included: shoe rental two trays of appetizing appetizers and lane rental. In addition, resident faculty Mike McCloskey and our very own R B Drennan will be playing, so this is your chance to beat him at his own game! This is an incredible deal, and not one you nor your friends should miss. We will be selling tickets at the Gamma Iota Sigma office (4th floor of Ritter Annex), so be sure to get your tickets now!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Jim O' Hearn:  
[ohearn@temple.edu](mailto:ohearn@temple.edu)

## 6th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma High School Math Competition

Friday, March 28, 2008

Student Center 200  
10:00am-3:00pm

Join us this spring for the 6th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma High School Math Competition! Every spring, Gamma Iota Sigma hosts this competition as a means to promote both Actuarial Science as a major as well as Temple University itself. With prizes totaling around \$1000 this year, it is surely going to be one of the best events of recent memory! Feel free to observe or help out.

If you would like to help out at this event or if you have any questions, please contact Nate Loughin:  
[nmloug@temple.edu](mailto:nmloug@temple.edu)

## Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) Designation Presentation

Friday, March 28, 2008

Student Center 217B  
11:40am-12:30pm

The Certified Employee Benefits Specialist designation is granted jointly by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania to individuals who complete eight college level courses and examinations in the areas of design and operation of employee benefit plans and who pledge to a code of ethical standards and continuing education. The CEBS program is strongly encouraged for Risk Management majors interested in the Employee Benefits track of the major.

Dennis Mahoney, a CEBS representative from Penn's Wharton School, will be present to discuss the designation. Free pizza and soda will be at hand!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Chelsea Balerno:  
[CBalerno@gmail.com](mailto:CBalerno@gmail.com)

## Beef n' Beverage

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Finnigan's Wake (3rd and Spring Garden)  
4:00pm-7:00pm

Beef! Beverages! (Discounting vegetarians) If that does not satisfy all of your cravings, I submit that very few things will perform that hallowed task. Come to this Beef 'n' Beverage to socialize with all of your friends and of course, to eat unlimited beef and to drink unlimited beverage. A DJ will be present to keep things moving and in addition, local star band **Quick Step John**, with our own Sigma Chapter alum Dave Faga, class of 2007, will be performing live for charitable benefit. **All proceeds will be donated to our charity of choice, the Neighborhood Bike Works.**

**Tickets are on sale now for an astonishing \$25.** You can buy them after every Wednesday meeting as well as at the Gamma Office (4th floor of Ritter). Invite your friends and everyone you know, including enemies!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Chris Lavelle:  
[christopher.lavelle@temple.edu](mailto:christopher.lavelle@temple.edu)

## Academic Distinction

If you would like the undying praise of Gamma Iota Sigma for your academic merits, please consider the following information!

### Are you a Risk Management major?

If you have completed RMI 2101(001) and any two 3000+(200+) level RMI courses while maintaining a 3.5 or better GPA in those three courses, you qualify!

### What if you are an Actuarial Science major?

If you have completed AS 1501(001), RMI 2101(001) and any one upper level 2000+(100+) AS course, while maintaining a 3.5 or better GPA in those three courses, congratulations! You also have our gratitude.

### Are you a graduate student?

This is easy, you automatically qualify.

These are the only requirements! **If you would like to be recognized for your achievements at the Annual Dinner**, or if you still have any questions, please e-mail Karen Silverman at [kmsilverman@gmail.com](mailto:kmsilverman@gmail.com) with your full name, your Temple ID and the list of qualifying courses that fulfill the requirements. The final date you can notify her about your status is Tuesday, April 4, 2008.

## Intern Testimonial: Dave Holloway

Dave Holloway is a junior graduating in May 2009, double majoring in International Business and Risk Management. In the summer of 2007, Dave interned at Commerce Insurance Services in the Employee Benefits Area. Risky Business sat down with Dave to ask him about his experience.



### RB: Where did you intern this summer?

DH: I interned at Commerce Insurance Services located in Cherry Hill, NJ this past summer. I worked under a Senior VP in the Specialty Services Department.

### RB: What kind of work experience did you have?

DH: My experience there differed from the other interns, as I worked on behind-the-scenes projects. My work included gathering and organizing data on possible vendors for COBRA and FSA outsourcing, as well as working with a team to develop standardized documents for consultants to utilize. Additionally, I was assigned to round up documents for an internal audit. My boss served as my mentor while at Commerce, and he helped me with both the technical and social aspects of a business setting. I was also given

opportunities to interact with my boss and co-workers, including a company-wide intern scavenger hunt in Philadelphia.

### RB: What downfalls, if any, did you experience?

DH: I found the hour-long commute tiring, but the rest of my time at the internship was otherwise untroubling.

### RB: Did you feel that your RMI courses helped prepare you?

DH: My RMI courses definitely prepared me for my internship, especially RMI 205(3501).

### RB: Any final remarks?

DH: The internship met my expectations and I would recommend Commerce to other Risk Management students.