



**Gamma Iota Sigma
Sigma Chapter
Temple University**



Alumni Newsletter

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Fall 2021: Finally Back In Person



Alumni Student Mentorship Program

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Actuarial Science Alum LinkedIn Group

See below for how to join the group!



In-Person Updates

Wednesday Meetings + RMI Graduating Senior Career Reception



**GIFT of LIFE
Family House**

The Gift of Life Family House

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Alumni Student Mentorship Program last semester! With your help, we were able to match over 100 students with mentors. If you'd like to participate again this semester, see the information below.

The Alumni Student Mentorship Program is a great way to mentor students entering the insurance industry. Throughout the semester, the pairings will meet in person, virtually via Zoom or similar platforms to discuss various topics within their industries. This will give mentees an invaluable networking opportunity and allow you to share your expertise as an industry professional!

Program requirements are:

- Meet (via zoom, virtual platform, or in-person) with your assigned mentee for a minimum of two times by **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**.
- Respond to the two check-in emails sent by the Alumni Affairs Team.

If interested, please click below for the Mentor Application form!

[Sign up to be an Alumni Mentor by Wednesday, October 6, 2021](#)

VIRTUAL SEMESTER UPDATES

H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series

The Sigma Chapter is excited to host a wonderful group of speakers for this semester's H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series. We will be hearing from:

- 9/8/2021 - **Robert Centonze**, VP Total Rewards, Campbell Soup
- 9/15/2021 - **Bob Kelly**, News Anchor, Fox 29 News
- 9/29/2021 - **Chris Van Buren**, CRO, Edward Jones
- 10/6/2021 - **Paul Kane**, Senior VP, Actuarial and Underwriting and Chief Risk Officer, Independence Health Group
- 10/13/2021 - **Noelle Codispoti (Class of 2005)**, Co-Founder and Chief Transformation Officer, Verto LLC
- 10/20/2021 - **Dr. Patrick Schmid**, VP of Risk Stream Collaborative, The Institutes
- 10/27/2021 - **Kael Coleman**, CEO & Founder, Protecdiv
- 11/3/2021 - **Kim Hans**, VP of Distribution, Munich Re
- 11/10/2021 - **Jeffrey Rizzo**, Senior Vice President of Professional Liability, Arch Insurance Group
- 11/17/2021 - **Jim Blaney**, Head of Sales and Client Management for Corporate Risk and Broking North America, Willis Towers Watson
- 12/1/2021 - **Mary Harrington (Class of 1982)**, VP of Risk Management, Subaru

Meetings are held in Alter Hall, Room 031 on the main campus of Temple University at 12:00PM every Wednesday. If interested in attending any of these meetings, contact our Sigma Chapter President, Finian O'Brien, at finian.obrien@temple.edu.

RMI Graduating Senior Career Reception

The Department of Risk, Insurance and Healthcare Management and Gamma Iota Sigma - Sigma Chapter at Temple University's Fox School of Business are pleased to invite you to our **Fall 2021 Risk Management and Insurance Graduating Senior Reception**. The **in-person** event is planned for our Risk Management and Insurance majors graduating in December 2021 and May 2022. There will be no actuarial science students or risk management and insurance intern candidates in attendance. The registration deadline is October 7th, 2021. The event will take place on October 21st, 2021. The link to register is [here](#) and the password is RMIgReception21.

Calling all Actuarial Science alum! Please consider joining the newly created Temple AS Alumni LinkedIn Page. Dr. Viswanathan and Professor Zheng created this group to help strengthen the Temple AS community. The link to join is: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13910496/>

CHARITY OF CHOICE: The Gift of Life Family House

The Sigma Chapter's Charity of Choice for the 2021-2022 school year is the Gift of Life Family House.

The Gift of Life Family House serves as a “home away from home” for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging, and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia for transplant-related care. The Sigma Chapter has supported the GOL Family House over the past ten years. In 2012, our organization raised \$25,000 for the Family House in memory of Eric Smith and Kevin Kless, graduates of the Fox School's risk management and insurance program who died within seven months of each other and donated their organs to save the lives of others. The \$25,000 raised by our organization in 2012 went towards a guest room at the facility. Throughout the 2018-2019 academic year The Sigma Chapter raised \$15,000 for the GOL Family House. In honor of the 10th anniversary of Eric and Kevin's passing, our fundraising goal for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$10,000.



This year, your donations will help support the Adopt-a-Family Program. This program covers the \$40 cost per night to families staying in the Family House, ensuring that no family is turned away due to an inability to pay. All donations are in memory of Sigma Chapter alumni Kevin Kless (Class of 2010) and Eric Smith (Class of 2011).

Donate through Venmo @SigmaChapter and include your name!

ALUMNI UPDATE FORMS

This would not be a Sigma Chapter Newsletter without a request to fill out an update form! If you have a spare minute and your personal information has changed, please let us know.

[Fill Out a New and Improved Alumni Update Form!](#)

Friends of Temple University, Risk Management and Actuarial Science Golf Outing

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Sigma Chapter hosted its 19th Annual Friends of Temple University, Risk Management and Actuarial Science Golf Outing and Networking Event at North Hills Country Club in Glenside, PA. Thirty teams consisting of industry representatives, alumni and students competed. A networking hour followed the golfing competition, where alumni could catch up and meet fellow industry professionals, faculty, and current students. A dinner reception was hosted after the networking hour where the winners of the scramble, straightest drive, and putting competitions were announced and presented a gift card to the pro shop at NHCC. The event was a great success! Thank you to all that volunteered and participated!

Gamma Iota Sigma 50th Annual International Conference

From Wednesday, September 22, 2021 to Saturday, September 25, 2021, the Sigma Chapter officers and advisors traveled to Columbus, Ohio to attend the 50th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma International Conference. Attendees from chapters across the country experienced an extensive agenda which included a career fair, networking events, educational sessions, and keynote speeches by industry professionals.

The Edison L. Bowers Award is the oldest and most coveted of the international awards conferred by the Grand Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma. The Bowers Award was created to recognize the one Gamma Iota Sigma chapter that demonstrated an exceptional, well-rounded and organized program for the past scholastic year. The Bowers Award is the highest honor a collegiate chapter can receive from the Grand Chapter. Each Superior Chapter presented to a panel of judges who determined the best overall chapter. This year, **Finian O'Brien (Class of 2022)**, **Shelby Green (Class of 2022)**, **Joshua Ebyson (Class of 2023)**, and **Jamal Evans (Class of 2023)** represented the Sigma Chapter. The Sigma Chapter is thrilled to announce we are the recipient of the 2020-2021 Edison L. Bowers Award! This is the Sigma Chapter's 20th time receiving this prestigious award!

At the Annual Awards dinner on Friday evening, the Sigma Chapter also earned Six International Chapter Awards for its achievements in Alumni Relations, Chapter Management, Community Service, Diversity & Inclusion, Membership Development, and Public Relations. Individual Awards were also presented during the ceremony and given to Sigma Chapter members. The Warren L. Weeks Scholarship recognizes outstanding performance in leadership and furthering fraternity goals. Congratulations to **Finian O'Brien (Class of 2022)**, President, and **Victoria Hyland (Class of 2022)**, Vice President of Actuarial Science Career Development, for each winning the Warren L. Weeks Award!

The Sigma Chapter also received a Black & Gold Award for Lemons to Lemonade. This award recognizes new projects and programs considered creative and successful only through extensive planning and organization participation.



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