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Sigma Chapter Attends the 46th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma Management Conference

October 4, 2017

From Wednesday, September 27, 2017 to Sunday, October 1, 2017, Sigma Chapter officers and advisors traveled to Dallas, Texas to attend the 46th Annual Gamma Iota Sigma International Management Conference. Attendees from 69 chapters across the country experienced an extensive agenda which included a career fair, educational and leadership sessions, and keynote speeches.

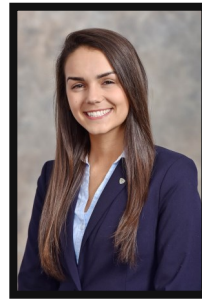
At the Annual Awards dinner on Friday evening, the Sigma Chapter earned **International Chapter Awards** for its achievements in **Alumni Relations, Chapter Management, Community Service, Membership Development, and Public Relations**. In addition, the Sigma Chapter, along with 7 other chapters, was recognized as a **Superior Chapter** for exceling in all functional areas and providing exceptional experiences for its members. The Sigma Chapter also won a **Black and Gold Award**, which recognizes new projects and programs considered creative and successful only through extensive planning and organization participation. This awards was given for our **“Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series: Powerful Women in Insurance.”**

Individual Awards were also presented during the ceremony and three of the four were given to Sigma Chapter members. **Patrick Cohen, Class of 2017** and former President of the Sigma Chapter, received the **Warren L. Weeks Scholarship**. Given in tribute to Warren L. Weeks, an outstanding teacher and insurance industry leader, this award is meant to encourage member leadership and the furthering of fraternity goals. **Tina Rybak, Class of 2018** and Vice President of Community Affairs for the Sigma Chapter, won the **Elizabeth Lange Award**. This award is given to a member that makes extensive contributions to the community. **Timothy Ellis, Class of 2017** and Former Executive Vice President, won the **Anita Benedetti Memorial Award**. The award recognizes a Gamma Iota Sigma member for outstanding participation with RIMS on both the local and national levels.



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Finally, we are especially thrilled to announce that **Dr. R.B. Drennan** was awarded the inaugural **Faculty Advisor of the Year Award**. We are honored that Dr. Drennan was the first ever recipient of this award. The Sigma Chapter is proud to be recognized for its achievements during the 2016-2017 school year and extends a thank you to its members, advisors, and other supporters in the Risk Management, Insurance, and Actuarial Science department and The Fox School of Business.

