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28th Annual Gamma Gala

Thursday, May 2, 2019

On the evening of Friday, April 26th, 2019, the Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma gathered at the Sonesta Hotel in Center City Philadelphia to hold the 28th Annual Gamma Gala. Over 250 students, faculty, and alumni were in attendance to celebrate the achievements of the chapter and its members. The evening consisted of dinner, with a Keynote Address from a Distinguished Young Alumni, **Kara Owens, CPCU, RPLU, ARe**, Class of 2007, Managing Director of Global Cyber Underwriting Executive at Markel Corporation.



Following Kara's remarks, the Sigma Chapter initiated over 285 new members, growing our chapter to over 600 members in total! We also recognized our members from their continuous involvement in our bi-weekly committee meetings; **Gillian Kehs**, **Jeffrey Mitchell**, **Chaviva Galapo**, **Rim Safa**, and **Kara Bregande** received recognition for *Outstanding Committee Member* for Actuarial Science Career Development, RMI Employee Benefits Career Development, RMI Property and Casualty Career Development, Healthcare Management Career Development, and Community Affairs respectively.



Kyle Betley and Gillian Kehs



Kyle Betley and Jeffrey Mitchell



Kyle Betley and Chaviva Galapo



Kyle Betley and Rim Safa



Kyle Betley and Kara Bregande

Members in our RAD Program that passed a threshold were recognized for their inclusion into the Glendenning Honorary Society for Actuarial Science or H. Wayne Snider Honorary Society for Risk Management and Insurance. Of those students, 17 received scholarships for their exceptional participation in these Sigma Chapter events. For the Alumni Mentoring Program, 107 pairs were recognized for the Fall of 2018 and 81 pairs were recognized for the Spring of 2019. Additionally, 132 pairs were recognized for the Student Mentoring Program for the Fall of 2018 and 120 pairs were recognized for the Student Mentoring Program for the Spring of 2019.

Ariel DeOliveira and **Natalie Landersman** received the award for *Co-Member of the Year* for their dedication to the chapter and their involvement above and beyond the expectations of average members.



Kyle Betley, Natalie Landersman, and Ariel DeOliveira

Each year, graduating officers are awarded *Excellence in Leadership Awards*. These awards are given for *Friendship, Fidelity, Integrity, and Knowledge*. For officers graduating in 2019, the *Friendship Award* was given to **Danielle Kerrigan** for her outgoing and friendly spirit. **Jayde Lim** received the award for *Fidelity* for her consistent dedication to the Sigma Chapter. **Brian Fritz** received the award for *Integrity* for his honest and strong nature. **Ashley Abadiotakis** received the award for *Knowledge* for her dedication to her studies in Actuarial Science. An award for Outstanding Senior Officer, voted on by fellow peers officers, was given to **Ryan Klapatch**. Ryan's dedication to the Sigma Chapter and his position as Executive Vice President furthered the continuing success of the chapter.



The Sigma Chapter's Graduating Officers