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Alumni Newsletter



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Alumnus Spotlight: Chris Lavelle



Chris Lavelle, Class of 2008, is Second Vice President, Employment Practices Liability National Practice Leader for USLI. In his role, Chris is in charge of ensuring continued profitability and growth of the EPL product by reviewing and monitoring production, large losses, claim trends, underwriting audits, eligibility, and pricing.

Chris is a graduate of Temple University where he double majored in Risk Management & Insurance and Legal Studies. He holds his CPCU and RPLU designations and is actively involved as a mentor through the Sigma Chapter's Alumni-Student Mentorship Program. While attending Temple, Chris was actively involved with Gamma Iota Sigma, having served as Director of Alumni

Affairs.

Chris has participated in prior speaking engagements and industry panels including those on behalf of the American Conference Institute (ACI); EPL National ExecuSummit; National Claims Litigation Management Conference (CLM); Pittsburgh i-Day; amongst others.

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Sigma Chapter raises over \$22,000 for Michael's Giving H.A.N.D.



The Sigma Chapter announced that it raised over \$22,000 for its Charity of Choice, Michael's Giving H.A.N.D., in the 2017-2018 academic year. Each year, the Sigma Chapter selects one charity to raise money for through bake sales, raffles, a charity auction, a talent show, and donations in order to achieve its annual goal of \$15,000. Through the efforts of the chapter, Temple Risk,

Insurance, and Healthcare Management Faculty, and Michael's Giving H.A.N.D., the Sigma Chapter was able to exceed this goal by over \$7,000. Michael's Giving H.A.N.D., selected as the 2017-18 Charity of Choice last September, aims to increase awareness of anxiety and depression and end the stigma that surrounds mental illness among high school-aged students. The charity was selected to honor alumna Sophia Verros, Class of 1995, who unfortunately took her own life.

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Past Alumni Event: Alumni Charity Happy Hour



On Saturday, April 21, 2018, the Alumni Affairs team organized a Happy Hour at Interstate Draft House in Fishtown, Philadelphia, which was held to raise funds for Michael's Giving H.A.N.D. With the help of current students, many alumni, and 8 faculty members who served as bartenders, we were able to raise \$2,000 for our charity. The Happy Hour was a great opportunity for alumni to catch

up with old friends and faculty members, while supporting a good cause.

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Past Temple Event: 30th Annual Awards for Excellence Dinner



On Thursday, April 12, 2018, the Department of Risk, Insurance, and Healthcare Management and the Sigma Chapter held the 30th Annual Awards for Excellence Dinner at the Hyatt at the Bellevue in Center City, Philadelphia. The event recognized students who excelled in their studies in the Risk Management and Actuarial Science majors. This year's keynote speaker was George Stratts,

President and CEO of Lexington Insurance Company, a division of AIG. Mr. Stratts spoke about the purpose and nobility of the insurance industry.

The event also recognized 4 alumni for their standout career accomplishments in the insurance industry.

Norman A. Baglini Distinguished Young Alumni Award in Risk Management and Insurance: Russell Rollins, Class of 2013, Travelers

G. William Glendenning Distinguished Young Alumni Award in Actuarial Science: Molly Whittle, ASA, Class of 2012, McKinsey & Company's Healthcare Systems and Services

Bonnie Averbach Distinguished Alumni Award in Actuarial Science: Stephen J. McAnena, ACAS, Class of 1993, Liberty Mutual

H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Alumni Award in Risk Management and Insurance: John R. Colosimo Jr., Class of 1991 and 1996, Lockton

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Past Temple Event: 27th Annual Gamma Gala



On Friday, April 27, 2018, the Sigma Chapter hosted the 27th annual Gamma Gala at the Sonesta Hotel in Philadelphia. The event was a celebration of the previous year of work at Temple and included recognizing new members, members with academic distinction, and graduating seniors. Additionally, both students and their mentors were recognized for their participation in the Alumni-

Student Mentorship Program for the 2017-18 academic year. The keynote speaker for the night was Russell Rollins, Class of 2013, Middle Markets Underwriter at Travelers, who spoke about the importance of professionalism and networking.

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Past Temple Event: Broad Street Run



On Sunday, May 6, 2018, Temple students, faculty, and alumni participated in the Broad Street Run to help raise money for Michael's Giving H.A.N.D. In total 85, students, 58 GIS alumni, 45 faculty members, 2 Temple cops, and 43 friends of the university ran the ten miles with Team Temple and helped to raise \$5,575 for the charity.

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Past Temple Event: Class of 2018 Graduation

On Thursday, May 10, 2018, senior members of the Sigma Chapter and Department of Risk, Insurance, and Healthcare Management celebrated their graduation from Temple University. The Class of 2018 consisted of 221 students (81 AS & 140 RMI). The department hosted a luncheon in Alter Hall on graduation day for students to celebrate with their families and the faculty. It was a great opportunity for students to socialize and look back on their journey at Temple and the hard work they put in to achieve their goals.

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Past Alumni Event: Washington D.C. Happy Hour



On Monday, June 18, 2018, the Department of Risk, Insurance, and Healthcare Management and the Sigma Chapter held their first Happy Hour in Washington D.C. The event, which was held at the Churchkey, helped bring together a rapidly expanding alumni base in our nation's capital. Alumni were given a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet many new ones, leading to a very

successful first event and possibilities for many more events in the city.

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A Cause for Celebration: Temple RMI Receives Top Ranking



AM Best recently conducted a survey of college Risk Management and Insurance programs. The survey focused on the skills/attributes recruiters look for in students, best practices from schools they visit, and schools/programs that are leading the way. Temple scored very well in all these areas, as it was proudly ranked in the top 4 of all schools surveyed. This ranking would not be possible without our

amazing alumni performing in the corporate world. Attached is a link to the article with the rankings, with highlights of our program on pages 16 and 20-22: AM Best Ranking

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Upcoming Temple Events

RMI Industry Golf Outing

Monday, September 10, 2018

North Hills Country Club

99 Station Avenue

Glenside, PA 19038

Please use this link to

register: <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/0GH4JbWdL0N57Ez>

Actuarial Science Career Reception

Thursday, September 27, 2018

12-5 PM

Howard Gittis Student Center Room 200

Please use this link to register: <http://www.sigmachapter.org/actuarial-science-career-reception.html>

RMI Graduating Senior Career Reception

Thursday, October 18, 2018

12-5 PM

MBA Commons

Please use this link to register: <http://www.sigmachapter.org/graduating-seniors.html>

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Upcoming Alumni Events

New York City Happy Hour

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5-8 PM

Wogies Bar

44 Trinity Plaza,

New York, New York 10006

Please RSVP on the doodle link to give us an accurate headcount.

<https://doodle.com/poll/taqnmtfnfpmnn8z3>

Philadelphia Center City Sips Happy Hour

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Time TBD

Independence Beer Garden

100 S Independence Mall W

Philadelphia PA 19106

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2017-2018 Gamma Iota Sigma and Department of RIHM Accolades

- 221 AS & RMI Students Graduated in May 2018
- RMI Program named one of the 20 Global Centers of Insurance Excellence by International Insurance Society
- RMI Program ranked #1 by Online Accounting Programs
- Actuarial Science Program ranked #5 by College Choice
- Actuarial Science Program Recertified as an Society of Actuaries Center of Academic Excellence
- Temple RIHM Program named a Top Performer by AM Best

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