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Faculty Member Awarded the 2018-2019 Outstanding Teacher Award

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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. The Gamma Gala commemorates new and returning members of the Sigma Chapter and their outstanding involvement in Sigma Chapter activities during the academic year. It is also an event where we honor the continued dedication of our faculty members, who ensure success for all students, with the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Before the Gamma Gala, members of the Sigma Chapter nominate one Professor that they admire for their knowledge of the industry and their desire to help students both academically and professionally. Students were asked to write one or two paragraphs as to why they feel this Professor deserves the Outstanding Teacher Award. For the 2018-2019 academic year, **Professor Benjamin Collier** was presented the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Professor Collier is an Assistant Professor of Risk Management and Insurance in Temple University's Department of Risk, Insurance and Healthcare Management. He has been a Temple University faculty member since 2016. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he went on to receive his Master's degree in Psychology at the University of Kentucky in 2006, his Master's degree in Economics from the University of Kentucky in 2009, and then his PhD in Agricultural Economics in 2013 from the University of Kentucky. Professor Collier works as a Postdoctoral Fellow at The Wharton School of Risk Management and Decision Process Center. Professor Collier's research examines the management of severe climate risks by households and firms. He has published his work in the *Journal of Risk and Insurance* and *Harvard Business Review*. At the Fox School of Business, Professor Collier teaches Managing International Risk Management.

Students who nominated Professor Collier for the award praised him for his enthusiasm and his knowledge about the topics he teaches. Students also remarked that Professor Collier's extensive homework assignments allowed them to better prepare for class and allowed for a better group discussion. The Sigma Chapter is excited to acknowledge Professor Collier as the 2018-2019 Outstanding Teacher and wants to thank him for his continued dedication to the program and his students.



Professor Benjamin Collier, PhD and Dr. R.B. Drennan

