

Fall 2005 Semester Synopsis

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With the Bowers Award making another appearance at Temple, the 25th anniversary of the Sigma Chapter, and one of the largest career fairs in our distinguished history; Gamma Iota Sigma winds down another successful semester. There were many events that defined our program once again in the Fall 2005. Between the distinguished Wednesday speakers to early Saturday morning community service events, members united to work towards a common goal of making GIS the most active, largest, and most distinguished student organization at Temple University.

Gamma's strong, and committed network of members and officers have made events run smoothly, while keeping attendance high. The Grumblethorpe and Project SHARE community service event on September 17 brought out 48 members, which is quite a turnout for a Saturday morning. On September the 28, the always popular Gamma Games had an excellent turnout with 85 members in attendance. With a milestone event like the 25th Anniversary of our chapter more than a 100 members braved the experience of Finn McCool's for a great evening of birthday celebration. These events are only the tip of the iceberg when referring to success Gamma events this semester.

GIS made some more outstanding achievements this fall, and throughout the semester. The International Gamma Iota Sigma Conference was held in October in Mackinaw Island, MI. Twenty-five officers attended the conference to proudly represent our chapter, came back with once again the most prestigious award that a chapter may receive through Gamma Iota Sigma. The Bowers Award that has been won by Temple University Sigma chapter for the last six years in a row and eleven out of the past thirteen years. Along with this impressive accomplishment, the Annual Risk Management Career Reception was able to host 40 companies, all wanting to get a piece of the Gamma action. This was the largest corporate turnout in Sigma Chapter history. To add fuel to the fire, GIS started the semester out with 85 members participating in internships over the summer! Congratulations to all the members and officers who helped made this an excellent semester!

Now to step aside from the ego boost, and find out what officers and members thought of the semester and its most memorable events. Graduating senior (spring 2006), Nick Davis, VP of Social Affairs, felt that, "without a doubt this was a successful semester...the member participation in the social events were very good." Nick commented, "the career fair was amazing because of the incredible number of

companies represented.” Jon Elder, senior, Director of Membership Development had a lot to say about the semester. “Fall semester 2005 with GIS was great! All of the organized events were enjoyable and well run. Minus a few dry Wednesdays, the speaker series was excellent, especially Jack Butcher and Don Hurzeler. The best event this semester in my opinion was the Alumni Luncheon at the Union League.”

GIS also wanted to hear the voice of its members. Stephanie Vietry, a graduating senior (spring 2006), also found the semester, “ a complete success!” When we asked Stephanie what event of this semester was important to her, she responded, “the career reception was definitely the biggest event on my calendar.” Tiffany Ferrara, a new member, responded, “as my first semester in Gamma I am very interested in the program and very excited to be a part of it! My favorite social event was the 25th anniversary party.” Gamma also wanted an outsider perspective from an officer of another SPO in the Fox School. Genna Starecky, President of Phi Beta Lambda, when asked what she felt about Gamma Iota Sigma as an organization, she responded, “you guys always do a good job in organizing events. I am impressed with the magnitude of the events that are put on thru your SPO.” Gamma Iota Sigma has a strong image in and outside the fraternity that has only been enhanced due to this amazing semester.

Gamma Iota Sigma at Temple University is a well-oiled machine that is recognized as a model example of a successful student professional organization that has been built upon hard work and dedication. The fall semester really showed the true affects of hard work. GIS would like to thank everyone involved with making this semester memorable! To all the graduating seniors this semester THANK YOU for all that you have done for the program, your commitment will not be forgotten! Good Luck on a prosperous future!