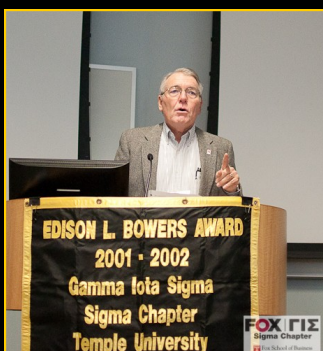




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## Fall 2012 Capstone Case Competition



*Dr. Norman Baglini*

On Saturday, November 3, 2012, professionals from the Risk Management & Insurance industry, many Temple University alumni among them, gathered in Alter Hall to judge group presentations of seniors in their RMI 4596 and RMI 4597 capstone classes.

Students in the RMI 4596, Employee Benefits capstone class were sponsored by employee benefit consulting firms and carriers. Each group of students was given an actual scenario faced by their sponsoring firm and were required to create and present a solution to their client's employee benefits needs. Sponsoring companies include Corporate Synergies, CIGNA, Trion, Towers Watson, Mercer, Independence Blue Cross and Principal Financial Group.



*Cristina Vigilante awarded best presenter for panel two by Professor Martorano.*



*Cristina Vigilante and Volha Heben awarded best overall benefits capstone presentation by Professor Martorano, Rob Shestack, class of 1987, and Sunny Cutler, class of 2000, for their project sponsored by Towers Watson.*



*Michael Boches awarded best presenter for panel one by Professor Martorano.*



*Mary Smith*



*Christina DeSilva and Rachel Calvitti awarded best paper for panel one by Professor Martorano.*



*Vincent Rocchi and Spencer Birkel awarded best paper for panel two by Professor Martorano.*

Each student group in the RMI 4597 Risk Management capstone selected a company from a list provided by their instructor, Norm Baglini, Professor of Risk Management, Insurance and Business Ethics. “Each team also did a financial analysis in order to determine how much risk the firm could retain without insurance and what potential risk financing plans might be recommended once complete information on the company was provided.” Baglini said. Companies analyzed included Ingles Market, Kona Grill, Zipcar, Diamond Foods, Toll Bros., Questcore, and The New York Times.

The Risk Management case competition, held each semester, was renamed last year to the Eric R. Smith Memorial Case Competition in memory of Eric Smith, class of 2011, making this the 3rd semi-annual event. Mary Smith was in attendance to update the Sigma Chapter on her correspondence with the Gift of Life Family House Foundation and lives that have been improved after receiving organ transplants after Eric’s passing.



*Doug Houck, Gabe Stellar, and Charles Lestrangle awarded the Eric R. Smith Award for Excellence in Risk Analysis for panel one, presented by Malika Adams, class of 2004, and David Arnold, President of the Insurance Society of Philadelphia for their presentation on Ingles Market.*



*Larry Knox, Jasmine Slaughter, and Adam Davis awarded the Eric R. Smith Award for Excellence in Risk Analysis for panel two presented by Antonio Antunes, class of 2001, Mary Ann Cook, and Greg Waldron, class of 2006, for their presentation on Kona Grill.*