Sigma Chapter

Lemons to Lemonade

Student Success Stories of Summer 2020

Rob Walton at Insurance Informant, LLC

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Every year, Risk Management and Actuarial Science students from Temple University's Fox School of Business use the summer months to take the tools and skills learned in the classroom and apply them in the industry. 2020 has been a year of many unique challenges, but this past summer has been no exception for our students' grit.

Many students will pursue internships to gain industry experience over the summer, but as this past spring semester came to a close, this was not a possibility for everyone. Sigma Chapter members are not the type to be dissuaded by an obstacle however, and we are proud to recognize members who continued their pursuit to interact and engage with the industry by seeking out opportunities from organizations such as the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS), Insurance Society of Philadephia (ISOP), the Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA), the Gamma Iota Sigma Grand Chapter, and various firms for non-traditional externships. We are happy to announce the start of our brand new series, **Lemons to Lemonade**, where these students will be telling their stories of hard work and perseverance.

Rob Walton, a Sophomore Actuarial Science major, had plans to study and sit for Actuarial Exam: Probability (P) and Actuarial Exam: Financial Mathematics (FM). In addition to passing both exams, Rob turned to the Grand Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma to find further opportunities for professional development and was connected to The Insurance Informant, LLC. This is a startup with the purpose of providing education and awareness of insurance topics to those who have had very little real life or educational exposure to the industry, and they selected him as one of their collegiate contributors for the summer. During his time at Insurance Informant, Rob designed and created three informative articles for publication as well as recorded podcast components for each topic. These were tasks that required a deep understanding in order to write simplistic explanations and the teamwork skills to interact frequently and timely in a virtual environment. To hear Rob speak more about his experience, click <u>here</u>! To read/listen to Rob's work, click <u>here</u>!



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