

This Week in Gamma Iota Sigma:

January 29, 2024 - February 2, 2024

Career Development Workshops

Risk Management and Career Development:

Career Paths in Employee Benefits

Monday, January 29, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A032

Brian O’Malley (Class of 2001)

Health and Benefits Market Leader

WTW

Allison Russell, CEBS (Class of 2014)

Vice President, Total Rewards


Lincoln Financial Group

Join us as Brian O'Malley from WTW and Allison Russell from Lincoln Financial Group discuss the Employee Benefits industry. This workshop features an overview of the current employee benefits market, the industry at a glance, career opportunities, and interview tips.

H. Wayne Snider

Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series

Powerful Women in Risk



Wednesday, January 31, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter A031

Monica Shokrai, FCAS, MAAA

Head of Actuarial, Analytics & Systems

Business Risk & Insurance Team

Google

Monica leads business risk and insurance for Google Cloud, including managing insurance product development and partnerships for Google Cloud's Risk Protection Program. Monica is also the Head of Actuarial, Analytics & Systems for Alphabet's Business Risk & Insurance team. Monica is passionate about driving innovation in the industry through combining her experience in both tech and insurance. Prior to her current role at Google, she focused on managing new and emerging risks through working closely with Alphabet’s Other Bets.

Monica has over fourteen years of experience in the risk and insurance industry and is lucky to have seen the industry from multiple angles, having worked at a consulting and brokerage firm, a large commercial carrier, a startup and now at Google. Prior to joining Google, Monica spent ten years working as an actuary, most recently leading the Global pricing team at Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance.

# Committee Meetings

## Community Affairs Committee Meeting: Cards for Hospitalized Kids

**Friday, February 2, 2024**  
12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Alter Hall A605

Join the Community Affairs committee as we create cards for hospitalized kids. The cards are sought to embrace joy and strength to those struggling in hospitals. They will be distributed nationwide by Cards for Hospitalized Kids!

## Next Monday in Gamma Iota Sigma: February 5, 2024

# Committee Meetings

## Joint Actuarial Science & Risk Management and Insurance Career Development Committee Meeting: ISOP Panel

**Monday, February 5, 2024**  
12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Alter Hall A031

**Lauren Morell, ACAS, MAAA**  
Actuarial Manager  
Oliver Wyman

**Ken O’Connell**  
Senior Actuarial Analyst  
Gallagher Re

**Eyad Kabbani, ARM, CPCU (Class of 2018)**  
Vice President, Cyber Practice  
Marsh

**Sean Preis (Class of 2017)**  
Assistant Regional Underwriting Manager, National Accounts  
AIG

Join us to hear from a variety of professionals in various positions throughout the industry. This group will discuss an overview of what each of their roles look like day to day, how they chose their career paths, advice for the first few years in the job industry, and answer questions during a Q&A.

## Actuarial Science Career Development Committee Meeting:

**Monday, February 5, 2024**  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Zoom

**ACTEX**

Join us as we hear from ACTEX Learning, an exam prep software similar to Coaching Actuaries or The Infinite Actuary, about Actuarial Pathways and Career Topics. Watch out for a Canvas notification from the Actuarial Science Majors page for the Zoom link.

## Picture Day

Picture Day for all Risk Management & Insurance and Actuarial Science majors will be on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** from **9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. This is the **ONLY DAY** the photographer will be here this semester. Professional Photos will be taken in Business Professional.

You **DO NOT** have to be a dues-paid member of Gamma Iota Sigma to have your picture taken. Pictures will be taken by a professional photographer and used to generate a members' yearbook and for various displays about students' scholarships, internships, and exam passings.

## Sigma Chapter Information:

## Valentine's Day Roses and Gamma Grams

The Sigma Chapter is selling Valentine's Roses and Gamma Grams to benefit our Charity of Choice, **Connect Thru Cancer**! Our Valentine's Gamma Grams and roses are a great way to say Happy Valentine's Day to your Gamma Valentine or surprise a friend in their Risk Management & Insurance or Actuarial Science classes.

Valentine's Gamma Grams feature a lollipop and note card to write a message to the recipient. They will be sold from **Monday, January 29, 2024, until Monday, February 12, 2024**, through the form sent out by the Community Affairs email: [@cateam.gis@gmail.com](mailto:@cateam.gis@gmail.com)

**Gamma Grams will cost \$1 for 1 & \$5 for 6.**

**Roses will cost \$4 for 1 & \$24 for 6.**

All proceeds will go to our Charity of Choice, Connect Thru Cancer.

## Join the Risk Actuarial Development Program!

All Risk Management and Actuarial Science majors are eligible to earn points through RAD on Suitable, which count towards the Fox Leadership Development Program (FLDP). Look out for emails from our Membership Team ([membershipteam.gis@gmail.com](mailto:membershipteam.gis@gmail.com)) for information to register!

## Charity of Choice: Connect Thru Cancer

The **Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma's Charity of Choice for the 2023-2024** academic year is **Connect Thru Cancer**, a charity aimed at supporting families with a cancer diagnosis that occurs in adulthood. Through a number of different services and support channels, Connect Thru Cancer aims at alleviating stress from diagnoses and treatments by creating time for families to recharge and reconnect.

This year will mark the first year that the Sigma Chapter has supported Connect Thru Cancer. The Sigma Chapter looks forward to reaching its donation goal and getting involved with the charity.

If you are interested in donating to Connect Thru Cancer, please Venmo [@sigmachapter](https://venmo.com/sigmachapter) or purchase goods from our bake sales! The payment description should consist of your email and 'Charity of Choice'.

# Soft Pretzels and Snacks During Wednesday Meetings

Purchase soft pretzels, popcorn, fruit snacks, or water during our Wednesday meetings through cash or Venmo for \$1! Proceeds will support our Charity of Choice, Connect Thru Cancer.

## Sigma Chapter Canvas Site

Keep updated on Sigma Chapter events with our very own Sigma Chapter Canvas Site! Use this resource to find information about our meeting times, forms, and our weekly newsletter, Risky Business! If you do not have access, contact the Membership Team ([membershipteam.gis@gmail.com](mailto:membershipteam.gis@gmail.com)).

### Looking Ahead: Monday, January 29, 2024 - Friday, February 9, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29  RMICD Workshop: Career Paths in EB 12:00- 12:50 pm	30	31  H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series <b>Monica Shokrai</b> 12:00 - 12:50 pm	1	2  Community Affairs Committee Meeting 12:00 - 12:50 pm
5  Joint ASCD & RMICD Committee Meeting 12:00 - 12:50 pm ASCD Committee Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 pm	6	7  H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series <b>Heather Steinmiller</b> 12:00 - 12:50 pm Picture Day 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	8	9  RMICD Workshop: Intern Testimonials 12:00- 12:50 pm