

# RISKY BUSINESS

*A Gamma Iota Sigma Newsletter*

*Insurance | Risk Management | Actuarial Science*

## Welcome Back, Sigma Chapter!

A Letter from President, Varun Sivakumar:

Dear Members,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable winter break and are excited for another semester at Temple University. Since the end of last semester, our 49 officers have diligently prepared for what will be another remarkable semester at the Sigma Chapter. I hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities available to you.

The H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series, featuring senior executives from the risk management, insurance, and actuarial science industries, returns this semester. These presentations will include risk managers from the Walt Disney Company, an actuary that works in data analytics, and a global captives solutions leader who was featured in Business Insurance's Women to Watch 2019. These meetings are held every Wednesday, beginning on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

Our three career development committees, RMI Property & Casualty, RMI Employee Benefits, and Actuarial Science, will allow you to hear from industry professionals in your field of interest! Our Community Affairs committee and service events will allow you to give back to Philadelphia and the Temple community. I also look forward to seeing you at our workshops that will help you develop new skills as you begin your career.

The Sigma Chapter will be hosting various social events throughout the semester, including the 37th semi-annual Gamma Games which will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, and the Gamma Gala which will be held on Friday, April 24, 2020. Other events will include the Cultural Potluck and the Charity Auction.

Be sure to take advantage of the various mentorship opportunities offered by our chapter. Look out for emails from the Actuarial Science Career Development Team to sign up for the Peer to Peer Mentorship Program and the Alumni Affairs team for the Alumni Student Mentorship Program.

I look forward to meeting all of our new members and reconnecting with Sigma Chapter veterans. Please feel free to reach out to me to ask any questions you might have, or just to say hi! I wish you all the best in your academic goals this semester.

Fraternally yours,

Varun Sivakumar

President, Gamma Iota Sigma - Sigma Chapter  
Fox School of Business, Risk Management, May 2020



**Mix and Mingle**  
Friday, January 17, 2020  
12:00PM-12:50PM  
Alter Hall MBA Commons

The Mix and Mingle is an informal gathering where students will have the opportunity to meet faculty, as well as fellow students majoring in Risk Management and Insurance and Actuarial Science. Refreshments will be provided for all attendees.

**First Organizational Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
12:00PM-12:50PM  
Alter Hall 031

Please join us for our First Organizational Meeting of the semester! Attendance is highly recommended as we will be discussing important information about the many exciting opportunities happening this semester. We look forward to seeing you there!

### AS Workshop

Monday, January 27, 2020  
12:00pm-12:50pm  
Alter Hall 35

Ivan Karavitchev from Travelers will come to speak to our Actuarial Science committee members about ratemaking in the industry.

### RMI Workshop: Career Paths in P&C

Monday, January 27, 2020  
12:00pm-12:50pm  
Alter Hall 31

Denise Hunter will discuss with students the various job opportunities available to them in the property and casualty insurance industry.

### RMI Workshop: Managing the Transition into the Workplace

Monday, January 27, 2020  
12:00pm-12:50pm  
Location TBD

Panel style discussion where a number of industry professionals discuss their transition from life at Temple to the workforce.

## Courses through Gamma

### BA 2101

All undergraduate students in the Fox School of Business and Management are required to take the one-credit hour course, BA 2101 – Professional Development Strategies. Both Actuarial Science and RMI majors have the option to enroll in a special, GIS administered section of BA 2101 to fulfill this requirement. To complete BA 2101 through GIS, students must:

- Be a dues paid member of Gamma Iota Sigma for the current academic year.
- Attend the H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series each Wednesday from 12:00pm to 12:50pm and complete a Critical Listening Sheet.
- Join a committee within GIS and attend meetings held every other Monday from 12:00pm to 12:50pm.
- Meet the requirements to be included in the GIS Resume Book.
- Attend a “Getting Started” Workshop with CSPD or provide proof that you are CSPD certified.

### RMI 3682

GIS offers another one-credit hour independent study course in professional development. Actuarial Science or RMI majors who have completed BA 2101 (either through GIS or Fox) are eligible to enroll in this course. To complete RMI 3682, students must:

- Be a dues paid member of Gamma Iota Sigma for the current academic year.
- Attend the H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series each Wednesday from 12:00pm to 12:50pm and complete a Critical Listening Sheet.
- Participate in one GIS community service event during the semester

*To enroll in either course, students must sign up during the first organizational meeting AND attend orientation for BA 2101/RMI 3682 on **Friday, January 24, 2020 in Alter Hall 31**. The course syllabus will be distributed at this orientation, and there will be a contract that must be signed.*

## Attention Risk Management Intern Candidates!

The RMI Intern Career Reception will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 for Risk Management and Insurance students graduating in December 2020 or later.

You **MUST** complete the Road to the Resume Book in order to attend! To begin the process, visit the Gamma office in Alter Hall 601C to pay your membership dues. After that, look for emails from the Professional Development team to sign up for an Interview Skills Workshop.

MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		First Organizational Meeting		BA 2101 & RMI 3682 Orientation