

Sigma Chapter

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Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association Spring 2020 White Paper Contest Winners

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The Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA) is a world class members services organization. Founded on August 1, 2017 as the merging of two previous professional societies, the WSIA provides networking and education opportunities that stress the importance of creativity, flexibility, and integrity in order to best meet the needs of the surplus lines industry.

We'd like to thank Professor Wilkins for promoting and integrating WSIA's contest within her RMI 3504 class. It is a great opportunity for students to interact with the industry over the summer. The WSIA will be announcing the details of their Fall 2020 White Paper contest soon, so stay tuned to their website, [here!](#)

The Sigma Chapter is proud to announce that two of its members have been named winners of WSIA's Spring 2020 White Paper Contest, a research paper contest designed to spread awareness and foster expertise in the surplus lines field. The following Sigma Chapter members' papers were chosen for their industry trend foresight and their proposed reactions to emerging and changing risks. Tristan Francois won first place for his paper, *Insurtech Looks to Extinguish Fire Losses*, and Victoria Hasting won third place for her paper, *Insure More Chicken*. They can be found published at [this link](#).

WSIA Spring 2020 White Paper Contest Winners:



1st Place:

Tristan Francois



3rd Place:

Victoria Hastings