NEW GRADUATES JOIN INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Congratulations to Anna Krylova and Mike Waller who have joined our industry this year. Mike joined State Farm Insurance and will be working at their Albuquerque claim office. Anna will be working at Mountain States Insurance Group in Albuquerque in their actuarial department. Anna has passed two of exams to become an actuary and is the second person from our new Actuarial Science Program to join the insurance industry.

We had five other students graduate in December with a Minor in Insurance who have take jobs in other industries.

RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSURANCE CLASSES

During the fall semester we had four insurance classes at NMSU with a record of 100 students enrolled. We had two sections of our Principles of Insurance including one online section plus classes in Property/Liability Insurance and Business Risk Management. In addition to our students who are pursuing the Minor in Insurance we are educating more students on the importance of Insurance and Risk in society.

We will have two students starting their first CPCU class this spring. Our long range plans include using more AICPCU/IIA materials in our curriculum.

INSURANCE FRATERNITY OFFICALLY CHARTERED

Our chapter of the international risk management, insurance and actuarial science collegiate fraternity is now officially chartered on the NMSU campus as a college organization. Two of the members, Alan Bishop and Mike McGonigle attended the fall national meeting in Richmond, Virginal, October 16-18 to meet with other college insurance students and industry leaders.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR INSURANCE STUDENTS

Ann Barry, Director of Risk Management for Fidelity Investments, was our Risk Manager in Residence and spoke to our insurance students at several meetings October, 21-23.
Other insurance speakers this fall were Quinn Lopez, New Mexico Mutual Group, Al Vassey, State Farm and Ben Miller from Northwestern Mutual Life.

**MAY INSURANCE GRADUATES AVAILABLE**

May 2009 will mark the end of our fourth year offering the Minor in Insurance at NMSU and we will have a record number of graduates with insurance backgrounds. We expect to graduate at seventeen students. Most of these have work experience in our industry either as summer interns or working part-time while attending school. Several are also licensed. These students will be able to work in a wide variety of areas, including claims, underwriting, and sales. Contact Al Berryman if you would like to review some student resumes.

**INSURANCE STUDENTS EARN $26,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

NMSU awarded 14 students a total of $26,400 in scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year. The amount of these scholarships varied from $500 to $5,000, and was based on the students GPA, involvement in the insurance industry, membership in the NMSU insurance fraternity, and summer internships. We want to thank our scholarship donors who made this possible including:

- New Mexico Mutual Group
- Independent Agents of New Mexico
- State Farm Insurance
- New Mexico Claim Association
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico
- Nestor and Angela Romero Endowment
- JDW Insurance

**MOUNTAIN STATES INSURANCE GROUP ENDOWED CHAIR ACTIVITIES**

Tim Query has been very active in research and presentations this semester. including the following items this semester:

*Publications:*


**Paper Presentations:**


The Insurance and Financial Services Center at New Mexico State University continues to grow our program and to achieve our goals of recruiting college graduates into our industry, educating our students about insurance, and doing relevant insurance research. This program is made possible by our major donors:

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