2008 SPRING SEMESTER REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS

RECORD INTERNSHIP CLASS THIS SUMMER

Our summer internship program has grown from 8 last year to 14 for this summer. The total number of students pursuing the minor in insurance has increased from 23 to 36. Our summer 2008 interns include:

- Victoria Cardona  
  Mountain States Insurance  
  Albuquerque
- Jared Cowen  
  Northwestern Mutual Life  
  Las Cruces
- Charlotte Jeanette  
  Allstate Claims  
  Las Cruces
- Anna Krylova  
  Department of Insurance  
  Santa Fe
- Christian Lopez  
  Farm Bureau  
  Las Cruces
- Steve May  
  Northwestern Mutual Life  
  Las Cruces
- Mike McGonigle  
  NAPSLO  
  Scottsdale
- Erika Melendez  
  Farmers  
  Las Cruces
- Tarr Murr  
  Farm Bureau  
  Las Cruces
- Sasha Ogas  
  Farm Bureau  
  Las Cruces
- Greg Thompson  
  State Farm  
  Albuquerque
- Lucy Trevino  
  State Farm  
  El Paso
- Michael Waller  
  State Farm  
  Albuquerque

We appreciate the efforts of these employers to provide some real world insurance experience for our insurance students.

NEW GRADUATES JOIN THE INDUSTRY

We had three graduates join the industry so far this year:

- Melissa Nowalk - Scottsdale Insurance -, Actuary
- Rebecca Pallares- Leavitt Group Southwest - Customer Service
- Regina Serna - New Mexico Property and Casualty - Underwriting
NMSU STUDENTS ATTEND RIMS CONVENTION

Seven students from NMSU attended the National Risk Insurance Management Society convention in San Diego in May. This is the premier event for risk managers in the US and gives our students exposure to the size and scope of our industry.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS
During the fall semester we had two insurance classes, Principles of Insurance and Life/Health/Employee Benefits with a total of 52 students. We will offer four classes in the fall including one on line class in Principles of Insurance.
HOW MANY NEW MEXICO DRIVERS ARE REALLY UNINSURED?

NMSU will be working with the Department of Insurance this year to give a definitive answer to this question which has been a source of controversy for decades both in New Mexico and Nationally. This report should be available by the end of the year.

INDUSTRY SPEAKERS

Thanks to Al Vassy, State Farm, John Franchini and Quinn Lopez of NM Mutual Group, and Gilda Dorbandt of North Compass group for speaking at our insurance classes this spring.

We also had Dr. Safet Kozarevic, Fulbright speaker from the University of Tuzia, Bosnia who gave our students an international perspective on insurance in a formerly communist country.

MOUNTAIN STATE INSURANCE GROUP ENDOWED CHAIR ACTIVITIES

Tim Query has been maintaining a very high level of publications during the past several months. His most recent activities include:

ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC REFEREED JOURNALS

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC MEETINGS
“The Impact of Bank Mergers on Liquidity Creation” (with Elisabeta Park), Financial Management Association Meeting, Orlando, FL (October 2007).

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