TwelvE STUDENTS COMPLETE INSURANCE INTERNSHIPS

Twelve NMSU students have completed internships in risk management and insurance in 2012. We want to thank the following organizations for hosting interns. This is the best way to introduce students to our industry.

- Association of Counties
- Cincinnati Financial
- GEICO
- NWI Insurance Solutions
- Northwestern Mutual
- Molina Healthcare
- Mountain States Insurance Group
- Primerica
- State Farm Insurance

If you are interested in having an intern in your organization please contact Al Berryman at alberry@nmsu.edu.

INSURANCE GRADUATE MAKING AN IMPACT IN LAS CRUCES

Sasha Ogas is a Las Cruces resident and has been a Farm Bureau agent for three years and has more than six years of experience in the industry. She graduated from NMSU in 2009 with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and minors in Insurance and Banking. She values her parents, two younger brothers, and boyfriend, Stephen, more than anything.

Sasha is very active in the community serving as a Los Amigos Ambassador and Co-Advisor for the Junior Amigos of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, a Conquistador with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Women’s Roundtable and WESST Women’s Empowerment groups, and is a volunteer with Junior Achievement.

Aside from owning her insurance agency, Sasha is also co-owner of Masterminds, LLC, a dynamic local networking group, and a Jazzercise Franchise where she teaches classes at La Buena Vida Women’s Club. This year, she had the honor of being selected as Volunteer of the Year for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce and will be serving as a model for the High Heels for High Hopes event to raise money for the March of Dimes.
CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNTAIN STATES

Mountain States Insurance Group is celebrating 75 years of serving the business community of New Mexico and the Rocky Mountain area. The key to the successful insurance program at New Mexico State University has been the contributions from the insurance community, starting with Mountain States Insurance Group. MSIG’s donation of $1,000,000 to fund the Mountain States Insurance Group Endowed Chair for the Study of Insurance and Financial Services was the cornerstone for the entire insurance studies program and allowed us to recruit our highly qualified faculty.

MOUNTAIN STATES INSURANCE CHAIR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

New Mexico State University continues its leadership in insurance studies. In July, Tim Query attended the Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association Meeting in Seoul, South Korea where he presented “Internal Capital Markets and Lobbying Activity by Insurer Groups,” with Elisabetta Pana, Jin Park, and Chia-Ling Ho.

The New Mexico Business Outlook featured an article on “New Mexico Consumers Pay Higher Auto Rates as a Result of Court Decisions” co-authored with Al Berryman.

http://bbrs.nmsu.edu/nmbizoutlook/archive/July2012.html

Tim was also awarded the Stan Fulton Research Award, College of Business, New Mexico State University for outstanding research.

NMSU CONTINUES LEADERSHIP IN INSURANCE STUDIES

New Mexico State University continues to be the leader in both insurance research and classes in the Rocky Mountain area. During the spring and summer sessions we had 106 students in three insurance classes plus 44 more in our Financial Planning for Professionals class. We are also offering three insurance courses in the fall, plus the very popular Financial Planning class.

We currently have 34 students who are pursuing a Minor in the Insurance program at NMSU.
STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR NEW RISK MANAGEMENT DESIGNATION

NMSU has joined with the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research to offer the University Associate Certified Risk Manager (UACRM) designation, which is an early certification program designed to give students a competitive advantage in the insurance and risk management world.

In order to receive the designation students must pass the Business Risk Management class at NMSU with a grade of “C” or better and then pass one of the Certified Risk Manager (CRM) courses from the National Alliance.

Thanks to the contributions made by our industry supporters, students only have to pay $25 of the $100 examination fee.

NMSU is one of only 13 universities in the country offering this designation.

NMSU STUDENTS ATTEND RIMS CONFERENCE

Nine students attended the annual Risk Insurance Management Society conference in Philadelphia. The funding for these students was provided by the generous support of the Rocky Mountain and Arizona Rims chapters.

Adrianna Contreras was awarded an Anna Benedetti Student scholarship for the conference. This is a nationally competitive program awarded to only 30 high performing insurance students.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

The 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament held by New Mexico Mutual Group and the Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico raised $20,000. Half of this money went to students studying insurance at NMSU. Chris Martinez, an engineering student at NMSU received $10,000 to continue his studies. Chris’s dad lost his leg in a work accident and the scholarship will enable him to graduate this December.
The major supporters who have made this unique program possible:

Mountain States Insurance Group

New Mexico Mutual Group

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of New Mexico

Regulatory Consultants, Inc

Kemper Insurance Group

Independent Agents of New Mexico

Manuel Lujan Agencies

JDW Insurance

State Farm Insurance

For more ways to make an impact or to give to a scholarship, please contact Dr. Andrea Tawney atawney@nmsu.edu 575-646-4917 or make a secure online charitable contribution at http://fndforms.nmsu.edu/giving.php