TEN NEW MEXICO INSURANCE STUDENTS ATTEND RIMS CONFERENCE

Ten students along with Tim Query represented NMSU at the national Risk Insurance and Management Society (RIMS) conference held in Orlando in April. The Rocky Mountain RIMS chapter gave $2,500 in scholarships for students to attend. They also hosted the students for a dinner while in Orlando. In addition, Kathy Murray of Las Cruces was awarded a conference scholarship through the RIMS Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program.

NEW GRADUATES JOIN INSURANCE GRADUATES

We had 12 students graduate with a Minor in Insurance in May. As of this date, five of these had joined the industry including:

- Celene Arrela at State Farm
- Anna Krylova at Mountain States Insurance Group
- Mike McGonigle at Colorado Casualty
New Mexico State
Insurance and Financial Services

Tara Murr   Farm Bureau     Agent
Sasha Ogas   Farm Bureau     Agent

One of our graduates will teach with Teach for America, another is a financial analyst for Raytheon and a third will go on to graduate school. Four other graduates are still looking for jobs. If you are interested in hiring a recent graduate with an interest in insurance please contact Al Berryman at alberry@nmsu.edu

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

We will have eight interns at various locations around the region this summer including:

Daniel Armendariz              Farm Bureau    Deming
Arjelia Baeza   State Farm   El Paso
Steven Berard   Schwebke Agency  Las Cruces
Anna Gallegos   Rio Grande Insurance  Santa Fe
Amanda Henry   First Command  Roswell
Kathy Murray   Murray & Associates  Las Cruces
DeAnna Petty   CF Jordan Construction  El Paso
Raul Pulido   State Farm    El Paso

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

ACADEMIC NEWS

In our continuing effort to teach more students about the role of insurance in our society we have added a summer section of our Principles of Insurance course. This class will be taught online by Tim Query, and has 37 students enrolled.

During the spring semester we offered classes in the Principles of Insurance and Life/Health and Employee Benefits. We also had one student doing independent study in actuarial science and two students studying for their first CPCU exam.

We have added a new class starting in the fall semester, Personal Financial Planning for Professionals. This class is intended for students who plan on seeking careers in banking, investment banking, financial planning as well as insurance.
MOUNTAIN STATES INSURANCE GROUP ENDOWED CHAIR ACTIVITIES

Tim Query has been very active in publishing articles on insurance and especially on Uninsured Motorist in New Mexico. He has also worked on having various courses at NMSU approved for credit by the Society of Actuaries.

In addition to passing several examinations, people who wish to become actuaries must take several approved classes. We currently have the following courses approved for Validation by Educational Experience:

**Applied Statistical Methods**
AEEC 540 - Econometrics
MATH 421 or 521 - Financial Mathematics I
MATH 422 or 522 - Financial Mathematics II

**Corporate Finance**
FIN 341 Financial Analysis and Markets

**Economics**
AEEC 502 - Macroeconomic Theory
AEEC 501 - Microeconomic Theory I
ECON 251G - Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 252G - Principles of Microeconomics

**Publications**

Presentations at Academic Meetings


GAMMA IOTA SIGMA

For its final activity of the academic year, the Beta Beta Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma at New Mexico State University sponsored a panel discussion composed of three area financial services professionals. The panel addressed financial planning and insurance issues relevant to college students and soon-to-be graduates. GIS is a professional fraternity for students interested in insurance, risk management, and actuarial science.

Guillermo Garcia was selected to lead the GIS chapter for 2009-2010. The outgoing president of the GIS chapter, Michael McGonigle, was named a Spencer Scholar by the Spencer Educational Foundation. This $2,500 award is nationally competitive, as only 33 students were selected to receive this honor out of 156 student scholarship applications.

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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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