Actuarial Science, Insurance and Risk Management Career Fair

The Actuarial Science Club would like to thank each of the twenty-nine companies in attendance at the career fair this semester. Students are grateful for our alumni’s participation during the recruiting season and their dedication toward the actuarial science program and students at the University of Iowa.

Martin Klein, CFO and Executive VP of Athene

Alum Martin Klein visited the University of Iowa to share advice from his time in the workforce. He addressed the importance of keeping an open mind and welcoming new experiences even if they are out of your comfort zone. Martin has worked in various non-actuarial roles throughout his career. His expertise on a variety of topics helped expose our students to all the different opportunities they might have upon graduation and entrance into the workforce.

David M. Dillon, member of the Society of Actuaries’ Board of Directors, and Senior VP of Lewis & Ellis

Alum David Dillion came to speak to our students about professionalism in the workplace. David has been an essential resource for many states when implementing the new changes since the passing of federal health care reform bills. In addition to his work he also volunteers much of his time to the Society of Actuaries by serving as a member on various boards.

Charles E. and Eleanore G. Wilson Scholarship

This academic year, 37 students were awarded the Charles E. and Eleanore G. Wilson Scholarship for Actuarial Science and Statistics. Mr. Wilson was only able to attend the University of Iowa in 1937 because of the financial assistance he received. He had a long and successful actuarial career. Mr. Wilson generously established this scholarship to give future students at the University of Iowa the same opportunities he had and to help the actuarial profession.
Student Mock Interviews and Career Fair Preparation

Leading up to the Actuarial Science Career Fair, the club hosted several events to prepare students for their job and internship searches, including a resume workshop, student mock interviews, an experienced intern panel, and international student panel. During the student mock interviews, experienced interviewees shared their tips and helped fellow students craft thoughtful responses to common interview questions. The international student panel allows international students that have gone through the interview process to give other students tips and other information that may be helpful. These events and interactive activities instilled the necessary skills in students to present themselves well to companies during the fair and subsequent interviews.

Student Run Case Study

The executive board helped put together a theoretical case study focused on cars and motorcycles. This exercise helped prepare our students if they are tasked with something similar during an interview and strengthen their abilities to work with one another to achieve a common goal. These skills will prove beneficial as they enter the workforce or throughout their internships.

Midwest Actuarial Science Conference

This September, ten club members traveled to Illinois State University to attend the 7th Annual Midwest Actuarial Student Conference. At the conference, members had the opportunity to learn more about the actuarial profession, network with companies, and meet actuarial students from other schools. The conference explored topics like how to study for actuarial exams, emerging trends in the life and property/casualty insurance industries, internship and new hire tips, and what a day in the life of an actuary looks like.

New Executive Club Board for 2020 Calendar Year

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DECEMBER 2019 B.S. GRADUATES

Hannah Bosco - Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Risk Management and Insurance Certificate
Yilin Bu - Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Statistics (Minor)
Ashton Cracraft - Actuarial Science, Mathematics (Minor), Risk Management and Insurance Certificate

SOCIAL EVENTS

Outside of career development and educational presentations, actuarial students connected at a variety of socials including board game nights. This semester, the club hosted a joint social with Gamma Iota Sigma at Airliner downtown Iowa City for pizza. At the event, students got to know their peers with similar interests.