
SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER



Actuarial Science Club



OCTOBER 2, 2019

Actuarial Science, Risk Management and Insurance Fair

The 2019 Actuarial Science Club Board is looking to engage and expand upon its relations with alumni through a biannual newsletter to inform about the club's current events, activities and accomplishments. For those that are interested we have attached a link to purchase actuarial science club apparel in the original email. All apparel ordered will be shipped directly wherever you would like, and proceeds are used to help fund and support the club.

Fourth Annual Excel Competition

Leading up to the Fourth Annual Excel Competition, the club hosted Excel workshops to give students a chance to improve their Excel skills, benefiting them in the competition and future careers. Morgan Zuidema educated students about basic Excel functions and shortcuts. Sam Werner shared his expertise on pivot tables, regression, and financial functions. Carter Burns led a tutorial on VBA and 'the power of Excel'. On the day of the competition, twenty students competed across three divisions: no internship experience, internship experience and graduate students. Students worked through three rounds of questions of increasing difficulty in order to get the most points. The club would like to thank Coaching Actuaries, Athene, Cigna, and Principal for sponsoring this event. More information about the competition can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/site/iowaexcelcompetition/home>.



MAY 2019 BS GRADUATES

Collin Abeln – Highest Distinction
Carter Burns – Highest Distinction
Bradley Calkins
Yuxin Chang
Heyu Chen
Sean Godkin
Nicole Gonner
Edward Helm
Drew Hoeger – High Distinction
Chih Liu - Distinction
Nicholis Odegaard - Distinction
Nathan Promes
Scott Robinson
Samuel Werner – Highest Distinction
Minyuan Xu
Yijie Xu
Dongfang Zhao
Morgan Zuidema - Distinction

MAY 2019 MS GRADUATES

Yomi Kang
Puishan Lai
Kyumok Lee

Transamerica Campus Visit

Transamerica opened its doors to our students in a wonderful experience for them to have a look into the everyday life of an actuary. An actuary panel was held where students were able to ask questions and then they broke off into small groups for a short job shadow. Lunch was provided upon arrival and the day concluded with a networking session and campus tour. Huge thank you to those at Transamerica that made this possible.

Company Speakers

This semester we were lucky enough to have many speakers come from Cigna, Nationwide, Athene, and Principal to speak to our students on a variety of topics. Cigna spoke about recent innovations in the healthcare industry and showed students some of the topics they may work with in the future. Nationwide discussed the day in the life of a property and casualty actuary and tied it all together with a case study. Athene spoke about annuity and interest crediting strategies that proved especially pertinent to students currently in financial math courses. Principal came as our last speaker before summer break and spoke about internship best practices and how students going into internships can stand out from the pack. Huge thank you to everyone that came and took some of their time to help our program.



Undergraduate Actuarial Interns – Summer 2019

Ethan Babcock	Aegon
Jason Dedas	Athene
Angie Fiore	Athene
Maxwell Unmacht	Athene
Emily Hay	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Ben Oakley	Country Financial
Cody Krause	Farm Bureau
Nick Culver	Global Atlantic
Colin Duffy	Grinnell Mutual
Rachel Rinehart	New York Life
Emily Fishel	Principal
Morgan Novak	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Megan Svava	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Yilin Bu	Reinsurance Group of America
Alex Ciaccio	Transamerica
Ashton Cracraft	Transamerica
Mason Newhard	Transamerica
Andy Sherwin	Transamerica



2019 ACTUARIAL SCIENCE CLUB BOARD

GIS BOWLING SOCIAL

Outside of career development and educational presentations, actuarial students connected at board game nights and a dessert happy hour. Our largest social of the semester was bowling with Iowa's GIS chapter. This event enabled members of both students' organizations to connect and get to know each other in a more casual, fun environment.



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