

Risk Management & Insurance Newsletter

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STUDENT LIFE

Mean Green Solutions Team Comes Home a Winner



UNT sent a team of RMI students to the Annual College Agency Management Competition, hosted by InVEST and the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA) Diversity Council. The Mean Green Solutions team, sponsored by CNA, competed in the unique event with RMI students from eight other universities and won the second place in the competition. The event is designed to teach college students the basics of entrepreneurship, insurance agency management and business operations through a virtual online competition developed by PriSim. As a top performer in the competition, the team was invited to attend the IIABA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. this past spring. Team members include Michael Powell, Kidest Legesse, Martin Pham, Deanna Spears, and Ryan Blasavage – congratulations!

GIS Chapter Won National Award



Six GIS officers attended the 2018 National GIS Conference in Chicago. The conference is the premier event for the insurance industry to engage the next generation, and the most comprehensive event for students to develop professionally and expand on their industry exposure and knowledge. The UNT GIS chapter's efforts over the past year were recognized with its receipt of the "well-rounded" award – congratulations! The 2019 National GIS Conference will be held in Dallas.

Student Activities and Travel



Our students were very active this past year – both on and off campus. In addition to being hosted for events at Liberty Mutual, Travelers and The Hartford, the students attended a number of regional and national events/conferences including, among others:



■ Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) Symposium | Austin, TX

■ DFW RIMS Fall Conference | Grapevine, TX ①

■ NAAIA Annual Conference & Empowerment Summit | Atlanta, GA

■ Houston Marine Insurance Seminar | Houston, TX

■ National Gamma Iota Sigma Conference | Chicago, IL

■ Energy Risk & Insurance Conference sponsored by IRMI | Houston, TX

■ Jim Millerman Insurance Convention sponsored by IIAD | Dallas, TX

■ RIMS National Conference | Boston, MA ②

■ InsurCon | Grapevine, TX

HIGHLIGHTS

Program Changes



Interest in RMI at UNT continues to grow. Over the past year GIS membership grew by 40% and classroom enrollment in RMI courses exceed 450 students over 2018-2019 academic year. Contributing to that growth are modifications to the RMI degree

program that has made its courses more accessible to non-RMI majors on campus. While maintaining its major and minor programs in RMI, starting from 2019 UNT also offers a Risk and Insurance certificate. The certificate program allows students from all majors to dive in and get a taste of what the insurance industry has to offer.

Also, as some may know, Ms. Dale Sharpe-Jenkins, lecturer and our GIS advisor since 2016, has left her role as an educator at UNT to devote more time to her other professional endeavors. Dale has been a great leader and mentor during her time at UNT and her presence will be sorely missed. Thank you so much for everything you have done for UNT's RMI program and GIS chapter!

UNT RMI Advisory Board Established

Our RMI program has convened its first official advisory board and is currently building its leadership team that includes corporate representatives from the DFW Metroplex insurance industry. The board companies will provide broad support and guidance, and partner with UNT's RMI program to generate quality talent for the industry. Please contact us if you are interested in serving and helping us shape the future leaders.

Alumni and Industry on Campus



The generosity of our alumni and industry friends never ceases to amaze us. This past year we've had visitors from Texas Mutual, Travelers, Chubb, Marsh, Liberty Mutual, State Farm, and Union Standard Insurance Group, among others.

These many industry guests either sponsored a lunch-n-learn event, addressed our classes or supported our students in other ways. Many, many other program friends and alumni (too many to list here) supported us in other capacities helping further educate and develop our students. Thank you to all of you who keep us in mind and who endeavor to "pay it forward" by supporting the next generation of RMI professionals. We really appreciate it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RMI WEEK 2019

OCTOBER 14-16

INCLUDING:

■ **Every Second Matters**
OCTOBER 15, 2019

■ **RMI Career Fair**
OCTOBER 16, 2019

AND DON'T FORGET:

■ **Homecoming Tailgate**
NOVEMBER 2, 2019

UNT RMI ONLINE

WE ARE ONLINE!

If you have not already seen it, we have a new RMI program page and GIS website, as well as a LinkedIn page. We invite you to visit and follow us so you are kept informed of our program development:

UNT RMI program website
cob.unt.edu/firel/rmi

UNT GIS organization website
betazetagis.com

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