

Risk Management & Insurance Newsletter

2019-2020

HIGHLIGHTS

RMI Week



Held during October of 2019, UNT's 2019 RMI Week was once again a huge success! The week was packed with several events that brought the insurance industry to campus. Among the many special events, the annual RMI career fair broke records with regard to corporate and student attendance. The Travelers also sponsored a sit-down lunch for well over 200 students and presented its nationally recognized "Every Second Matters" symposium. A Risk Manager in Residence grant from the Spencer Foundation allowed us to bring a special guest for the week's activities, Mr. Dan Kugler, VP Enterprise Risk Management for the REV Group. HUB International was also on campus for a lunch-n-learn event and many other interactions occurred that brought the local DFW insurance industry together with our UNT students. The busy RMI Week wrapped up with a UNT RMI/GIS Alumni and UNT Eagle Business Network happy hour at Legacy Hall in Plano, TX. It was great to see old friends and meet new ones, as well!

RMI Program Growth

Interest in RMI at UNT continues to grow by leaps and bounds. With the newly created RMI Certificate and the revamped RMI curriculum finally becoming effective in 2019, we have experienced over 20% growth in RMI course enrollment during the 2019-2020 academic year. Additional curriculum development avenues are being pursued at UNT and we look forward to seeing more students taking advantage of the refined program and the opportunities the insurance industry has to offer.

UNT Risk Management and Insurance Program Project Coordinator



We added a new member to our team – Ms. Sally Carne is the new Risk Management and Insurance Program Project Coordinator for our program. Sally is a UNT RMI program alum (1998) and comes to us after many years on the agency side of the business. Her primary responsibilities are to manage the RMI/GIS student activities and industry interactions. Sally is excited to work alongside the UNT faculty and industry professionals to help prepare students for rewarding careers in the risk management and insurance industry.

UNT RMI Advisory Board

The inaugural UNT RMI Advisory Board was formed this past year with six corporate members, including:

- » Chubb
- » HUB International
- » Higginbotham & Associates
- » Optimum Life Re
- » Texas Mutual
- » Travelers

The purpose of the RMI Advisory Board is to advise, guide and support the operations and development of the UNT RMI program, student development and the interaction of our students and the local insurance industry. Those interested in learning more about the Board and possible participation in its activities should contact Dr. Nat Pope (Nat.Pope@unt.edu).



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STUDENT SUCCESS

Connecting Students with Industry



A major focus of our program remains to be the creation of a “marketplace” where our students and the insurance

industry are able to meet. To that end, we work very hard to facilitate such interaction, both on and off campus. These interactions assume various forms, including industry presentations in classes, at lunch-n-learn events, at special GIS meetings, company visits, etc. A non-exhaustive list of some of those corporate friends include: AIG, Allstate, AmWINS, AON, Ascend Insurance Brokerage, Beazley, Chubb, Compass Risk Services LLC, Frost Insurance, Higginbotham & Associates, HUB International, Liberty Mutual, Optimum Life Re, Quest Pro, Texas Mutual, Travelers, Starr Insurance Companies. Many, many other program friends and alumni (too many to list here) have also supported us in similar capacities. 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! Please reach out to Sally (Sally.Carne@unt.edu) if you would like to discuss a possible interaction with our students.

Prior to the unique environment in which we found ourselves this past spring and summer, our RMI students were exceedingly busy, attending a number of regional and national events/conferences including, among others:

- 1 » Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) Symposium | Austin, TX
- » DFW CPCU Society All-Industry Day | Dallas, TX
- » DFW RIMS 2019 Fall Conference | Grapevine, TX
- » CPCU Society Conference | New Orleans, LA
- » Houston Marine & Energy Insurance Conference | Houston, TX
- » National Gamma Iota Sigma Conference | Dallas, TX
- » Jim Millerman Insurance Convention sponsored by IIAD | Arlington, TX
- » Industry Association Monthly Luncheons and Networking Events

RMI Student Spotlight - Emily Ruggiero



One of just 36 students chosen from around the world, we are very proud of our very own Emily Ruggiero's selection as a 2020 Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program honoree, sponsored by the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS).

Emily is the incoming 2020-2021 GIS Beta Zeta Chapter President and we are proud of her for earning such a prestigious award and recognition. Congratulations to Emily!

2019-2020 Industry/Donor Sponsored Scholarships and Awards



We are forever grateful to the RMI industry and donors for their ongoing support of our students. Over \$40,000 awards

and scholarships have been given to our students during the 2019-2020 school year. Just a few of the sponsors of scholarships, awards and in-kind grants that our students received this year include:

- » Insurance Council of Texas
- » The Texas Risk and Insurance Professional Society (TRIPS)
- » Dallas Fort Worth RIMS Chapter
- » Marine Insurance Seminars, Inc.
- » Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas, Inc. (IIAD)

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