

SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER



Actuarial Science Club



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Actuarial Science, Risk Management and Insurance Fair

MAY 2018 MS GRADUATES

Luis Antonio Brena Henostroza
Zhenrong Chen
Stephanie Johnston
Sungjoon Kang
Ke Li
Zhiwei Tong
Jiacheng Wang
Daniel Yancey
Abylay Zhexembay
Jeremy Ziemer

MAY 2018 BS GRADUATES

Clarisse Chia – Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Computer Science (Minor)
Michelle Croghan – Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Business Administration (Minor)
Justin Dickinson – Ancient Civilization, Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Statistics
Jiashuo Du – Actuarial Science, Mathematics
Nathan Halko – Actuarial Science, Mathematics
Leah Klejch – Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Business Administration (Minor), Risk Management and Insurance Certificate
Jason McDowell – Actuarial Science, Computer Science, Mathematics (Minor)

The 2018 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. The newsletter will highlight major events from the semester, along with student involvement and successes. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter to stay connected with the Actuarial Science Club, please complete the survey in this email to confirm your interest. We greatly appreciate your participation and support of the club and department.

Third Annual Excel Competition

Leading up to the third annual excel competition, the club hosted three Excel workshops led by students. Sam Werner educated students about basic Excel functions, including VLOOKUP and INDEXMATCH. Michelle Croghan shared her expertise on pivot tables. Connor Vandernick led a VBA tutorial. At the competition, twenty students competed in one of three divisions: no internship experience, internship experience and graduate students. Students worked under pressure in three timed rounds that used a wide variety of Excel functions at varying levels of difficulty. The club would like to thank Principal, Coaching Actuaries and Athene for sponsoring this event. More information about the competition can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/site/iowaexcelcompetition/home>.

Mr. Craig Reynolds, FSA, MAAA

Craig Reynolds visited the University of Iowa to share his experiences as a past president of the SOA and the future of the actuarial profession. Reynolds spoke about SOA initiatives to inform and support underrepresented minorities in their pursuit of actuarial careers. Reynolds also updated students about the predictive analytics demand and the role it has played specifically in healthcare. Students had many questions answered and gained a new perspective about the profession through Reynolds's experiences.

International Buddies Outreach Program

This semester also brought about a new initiative to bring international and domestic students together through the International Buddies Outreach Program. At one event, students shared their cultures through a potluck event with a variety of foods from family and cultural traditions. This program is designed to improve club events and classroom interactions in order to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.

Principal Visit

Students had the opportunity to spend a day at Principal in Des Moines, IA to learn about life as an actuary. Principal planned a case study, two panels, and a presentation from Ken McCullum, the chief actuary. The visit was also complete with a campus tour and lunch with actuaries and advice as to what students should look for in a future employer. Freshmen and sophomores were encouraged to attend this trip and found it incredibly valuable, as it educated students on a variety of facets of the job from professional perspectives.

Mr. Martin P. Klein, FSA

Martin Klein returned to campus as an alumnus to share his successful career in senior actuarial, finance and investment roles. Klein insightfully tied together his experiences in these roles and how they benefited him in his current role as the CFO of Athene Holding. Students gained a unique perspective about different opportunities available from an actuarial degree through Klein's career path.

Undergraduate Actuarial Interns – Summer 2018

Carter Burns	Transamerica
Alex Ciaccio	Transamerica
Ashton Cracraft	Transamerica
Kiersten Dey	The Hartford
Angie Fiore	Athene
Sean Godkin	Reinsurance Group of America
Nicole Gonner	Transamerica
Drew Hoeger	Principal
Tina Liu	Pacific Life
Ivan Morales	Country Financial
Mason Newhard	Transamerica
Morgan Novak	Global Atlantic
Nick Odegaard	Global Atlantic
Nathan Promes	Athene
Rachel Rinehart	Athene
Mitchell Tamashunas	Prudential Financial
Simeon Taylor	Southern Farm Bureau
Sam Werner	Cigna
Morgan Zuidema	Aetna



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MAY 2018 BS GRADUATES

Max Peterson – Actuarial Science, Mathematics

Meng Qi – Actuarial Science, Mathematics and Statistics

Jonathan Reinhart – Actuarial Science, Computer Science, Mathematics (Minor)

Jacob Schmitt – Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Risk Management and Insurance Certificate

Yaodong Shen – Actuarial Science, Mathematics

Connor Vandersnick – Actuarial Science, Mathematics (Minor)

Ziyi Xiao – Actuarial Science, Mathematics

SOCIAL EVENTS

Beyond several educational events this semester, actuarial students also connected outside of a classroom setting. The club hosted a board game night and collaborated with Gamma Iota Sigma for a bowling outing. At the bowling night, students had the chance to get to know Tippi College of Business students with similar career interests.

