Gamma Iota Sigma Membership
Can Offer YOU…

- National Professional Fraternity
- Scholarships
- Internships
- Job Opportunities
- Publications
- RIMSNET
- Social Events

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What Is Gamma Iota Sigma?

Gamma Iota Sigma is a professional fraternity organized to promote, encourage and sustain student interest in insurance, risk management and actuarial science as professions; encourage high moral and scholarship attainments; and facilitate the interaction and cooperation of educational institutions, industry, and professional organizations by fostering research, scholarship, and improved public relations. Gamma Iota Sigma collegiate chapters have been chartered on 47 college campuses throughout the United States. Collegiate chapters rely on the Grand Chapter to coordinate Gamma Iota Sigma nationwide. While each university group has its own unique image as a professional student organization, the role of the Grand Chapter is to unify these efforts into a national organization. Alumni Chapters have been chartered in major metropolitan areas.

Grand Chapter

The national governing body of the Gamma Iota Sigma collegiate risk management and actuarial insurance professional fraternity is called the Grand Chapter. Established for the purpose of providing direction and to facilitate a national perspective, the Grand Chapter consists of a Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. The Board of Trustees consists of academic advisors of the collegiate chapters, and representatives of the corporate, governmental, insurance, and financial communities. The Executive Committee is responsible for formulating broad policy guidelines for the operation of the Grand Chapter and the network of collegiate and alumni chapters. Executive committee members, who are also trustees of the fraternity, volunteer their own time for this endeavor. The Grand Chapter provides a variety of services to collegiate and alumni chapters. It publishes a monthly newsletter carrying collegiate and alumni chapter news and events; publishes The Sextant newsletter twice yearly; reviews requests for new chapters; charts new chapters; and serves chapters in a variety of other ways. A few examples of other activities which the Grand Chapter sponsors and coordinates include the Annual Management Conference, National Awards Banquet, and the Warren L. Weeks, Sr., and Gamma Iota Sigma scholarship funds. The primary policy objectives of the Grand Chapter is “to serve as a resource group: for the national collegiate risk management and actuarial insurance professional fraternity.”

Gamma Iota Sigma Collegiate Chapters

A The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
B Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
C University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
D Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA
E University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
F Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
G University of Georgia, Athens, GA
H Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
I Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
J Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
K University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
L University of Mississippi, University, MS
M Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
N University of Connecticut-Storrs, CT
O Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
P Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
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Omega Chapter
The Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma was created on the Middle Tennessee State University campus in the Spring of 1984 and has proven to be one of the most active chapters in the country. Omega Chapter members have engaged in numerous fundraising and professional activities and have been active in supporting community projects. Omega Chapter has won the Bowers Award as the Most Outstanding Chapter in the Country in two different years, and Omega members have been selected as recipients of the prestigious Weeks Award in five other years. The chapter has won 64 awards since its inception in 1983-84. Omega Chapter ranks among the leaders among all chapters in terms of the number of awards received.

What YOU can get as a Gamma Iota Sigma member
If you are interested in an insurance career, or if you are just curious about the insurance industry, Gamma Iota Sigma has a lot to offer you.

Contact with the Insurance Industry
Through Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma at MTSU, you will have many opportunities to meet, talk to, and socialize with members of the insurance industry. From them, you can get first hand knowledge of this vital and growing industry. Not only are the friendships you develop helpful while you are a student (resources for classwork), but they can also be vital to you when you graduate and enter the job market. This interplay with local representatives of the insurance industry takes place in a number of ways. Omega Chapter sponsors a Student-Industry Banquet as the highlight of the year. This banquet is held to initiate new members, honor outstanding students, and make the industry more aware of the chapter.

A Career Day is held in the Spring semester of each year to bring in several representatives of insurance companies to interview Gamma Iota Sigma members. Along with Career Day, the chapter puts together a Resume Book in the Fall semester of each year containing the resumes of chapter members. Tours of local insurance companies are held so you can see their facilities and learn about companies and how they operate. Informal socials, picnics, and parties provide additional means for you to get acquainted with industry representatives.

RIMSNET is an electronic news and communications system for Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) members. It is an integrated one-stop online source of information. RIMSNET accessibility by members of collegiate chapters is made possible by a Grand Chapter grant. Students are encouraged to attend meetings of local CPCU, CLU, RIMS, agents, claims or other professional insurance organizations to provide more interaction with industry practitioners. Through activities such as these, you can learn about insurance beyond the classroom and receive the most realistic picture possible of a career in the insurance industry.

Support of other Students
Through Gamma Iota Sigma, you will meet and develop close friendships with other students interested in careers in the insurance industry. You will have an opportunity to socialize and study with other students at MTSU who have common interests and goals. You will also have an opportunity to meet and learn from students from other GIS chapters across the country.

Scholarship Opportunities
Omega Chapter has several scholarships available to its members on a local basis, and you are encouraged to discuss this with your chapter advisor. Fifty-three members won scholarships in 2005-2006, and over 400 have won monetary awards since 1983-84. Scholarships usually come in the amount of $750 or $500 each and are renewable if the required GPA is maintained.

Internship and Career Opportunities
Omega Chapter is located in an insurance oriented community. Therefore, job opportunities on both the internship and career level are abundant. Omega Chapter sponsors an Industry-College Linkage Program that has provided experiential learning experiences for over 370 members with national, regional, and local company and agency groups since 1983-84. Jobs are available in every functional area of insurance. Insurance offers great career opportunities in sales and sales management, but many other careers are available. Actually, more than half of all insurance jobs for men and women are in non-sales type of work. The need for managerial talent at all levels continues to grow. The demand for workers in the insurance field is at an all-time high, in all types of careers and at all levels, for qualified persons. Regardless of where you wish to work and live, you can find the situation you like in one of the more than 5,000 insurance companies and countless branch offices and agencies that are located throughout the country. For answers to the questions you may have about internship and career opportunities in insurance, see your chapter advisor.

Gamma Iota Sigma Publications
A monthly newsletter (except for Jun, July and August) lets students know what other chapters of Gamma Iota Sigma are doing. The newsletter, published by the Grand Chapter, contains chapter news and events. The Sextant newsletter, published twice yearly by the Grand Chapter, contains articles from and about insurance professionals and leaders; outstanding student leaders and organizations; and much other information of interest to members of Gamma Iota Sigma. The Omega Messenger, a twice-yearly publication of the Omega Chapter, provides information for alumni about the Chapter’s growth and development. Omega Chapter also publishes a Resume Book in the Fall semester of each year.