Student fraternity excels at community service

The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research invited Dr. William T. Hold, the program's executive director, to attend ACORD2015, a business and technology conference in Boca Raton. Dr. Hold outlined the national alliance's growth and described the initiatives of the new classroom center, which would be located in the Department of Management in the College of Business Administration. The new classroom center will accommodate graduate and professional programs, including the Master of Science-Risk Management (MS-RM) and the Master of Science-Insurance (MS-I) degree programs. The new center will facilitate closer collaboration between the departments of management and risk management, and will enable hosting of guest speakers and presenters from the insurance industry.

Applicants accepted into the program will start in May and finish their degree in less than two years. The program is designed to meet the needs of the insurance and risk management industries, offering students the opportunity to network with industry professionals and gain valuable real-world knowledge. The program is fully online, making it accessible to students from around the world. Scholarships are available and highly qualified candidates may be eligible for a GMAT waiver.

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Faculty News

Risk Management

Insurance programs in Florida and beyond have seen changes in the past year. Companies have merged and new courses have been launched. For example, the University of Florida's College of Business Administration offered a new course, Risk in Business and Society, and an alumnus of the program, Lori Medders, was invited to discuss flood insurance after the recent Texas and Louisiana floods and has been interviewed by Weather Channel. Faculty member Lynne McChristian, who is a former participant in the National Alliance Program in Risk Management, provided RMI students a final survival kit - a lunchbox full of treats perfect for the RIMS Zone. Be willing to adapt to new and unexpected challenges, she said. "I am looking forward to furthering opportunities for RMI students, including the opportunity to network with industry professionals and gain valuable real-world knowledge."

Dani Chiste, the president of the University of Florida's chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, said, "This exposed me not only to the professional world, but also made me even more invested in the university and its students."

Dr. William T. Hold/The National Alliance Program in Risk Management

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Institutional News

Florida State University's College of Business Administration and the Department of Management have announced the opening of a new classroom center, which will accommodate graduate and professional programs, including the Master of Science-Risk Management (MS-RM) and the Master of Science-Insurance (MS-I) degree programs. The new center will facilitate closer collaboration between the departments of management and risk management, and will enable hosting of guest speakers and presenters from the insurance industry.

Students took part in an interactive presentation and were able to sign up for interviews with Allstate. The event, sponsored by the NAPSLO (National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Officers), provided students with an opportunity to network with industry professionals and gain valuable real-world knowledge. The event included a panel discussion on career opportunities and the NAPSLO's excess and surplus lines industry, which provided students with an opportunity to speak with industry professionals in a small setting. Students also had the opportunity to attend a career fair, which was open to all students on the final night of the event.

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