



Happy Fall!

It is not just the leaves that are changing. We're experiencing rapid change: CollegeTown continues to grow. Tennessee Street is seeing new construction projects everywhere. The football stadium sports a new look. Legacy Hall is almost complete, with classes set for January. What's more, the College of Business is celebrating its 75th anniversary. The nostalgia prompts us to wonder: Who was the first graduate from the FSU College of Business with a degree in RMI? Our alumni list, which I continue to comb through, shows one graduate from 1957. Do you think you could have been the first to graduate from FSU with an RMI degree? If so, please reach out to me at cnyce@business.fsu.edu. We would love to do an alumni spotlight on the first holder of an RMI degree!

In the meantime, I present to you a recap of some of the exciting things happening — thanks to support of our alumni, friends and corporate partners — in our Dr. William T. Hold/The Alliance's Program in Risk Management and Insurance. Our undergraduate program jumped to **No. 2** among all schools in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings while our online RMI master's degree ranks **No. 8** among public universities and No. 12 overall. Also, we recently found out that FSU rose to the **No. 3** spot among public universities on the 2026 Best Colleges for Business in America list, rankings released annually by Niche.

If you are interested in supporting the program or getting involved in future activities, please contact me at:

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Speaking of big changes

Chuck Nyce, who became department chair in January 2023, will change leadership posts in January, becoming executive director of the college's Risk Management and Insurance Center. In his new role, Nyce will focus on his passions for leading and supporting student development, faculty research, public events and increasing exposure for the center and the RMI program. Nyce is one of the most visible professors on FSU's campus, and his expertise on catastrophic risk financing remains in demand, especially in Florida. He has served as interim director of the center since the summer.

Brad Karl, left, the college's State Farm Professor of Risk Management and Insurance, will succeed Nyce as department chair. Karl holds three degrees from the College of Business,

including a Ph.D. in business administration with a major in risk management and insurance. His experience includes three years chairing the Department of Finance and Insurance at East Carolina University.

"I want to thank Chuck for his amazing leadership of the department over the past several years," said **Michael D. Hartline**, dean of the College of Business. Hartline also thanked "Brad for his willingness to serve others and take on this important leadership role."

Record enrollments

Our faculty members and students continue to raise the profile of the program, which explains its amazing growth. The undergraduate RMI major count in April 2025 (just before spring graduation) was 343, an approximate 7% growth from the previous year and the highest ever. We expect to see this growth continue as more freshmen every year choose the College of Business. Additionally, the MS-RMI program now has a record 112 students, representing 50% growth since fall 2024! Thank you to all the faculty and staff members, students, alumni and friends for their efforts in promoting the program.





GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

LONDON, ENGLAND

In May, **Patricia “Patty” Born**, our Payne H. & Charlotte Hodges Midyette Eminent Scholar in RMI and RMI doctoral coordinator, and associate lecturer **Paul Schriefer** took 12 RMI majors to the U.K. to study the London insurance market. Highlights included a visit to Markel International, hosted by alumnus **Evan Beeh** (BS RMI & Marketing ’13). Students also toured the iconic Lloyds of London building with the Acrisure London Wholesale team.

Additionally, students were treated to a bird’s eye view of the interplay between Lloyds brokers and underwriters, courtesy of Decus Insurance Brokers. They also visited next-gen global specialty insurer Mosaic

Insurance, where they learned about non-mainstream risks in technically complex sectors including political risk, political violence and transactional liability. Finally, this trip was made possible by the generosity of RMI Executive Council member **Mark Shealy** (BS Accounting ’91) of the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office and **Mark Arnold** of Wholesure Insurance.

Participating students included **Haley Ancharski, Britton Byrd, Nicholas Cairo, Benjamin Dyer, Ella Dyjak, Kajana James, Gloria Faith Marrero, Katherine McKernin, Rachel Moran, Alex Silvaroli, Julian Soloman** and **Priya Wilson**.

INDUSTRY EXPOSURE & ENGAGEMENT



Auto-Owners Career Shadow Day

Auto-Owners Insurance hosted a career shadow day for RMI majors at its Tallahassee office. Students interacted with experts in claims (personal injury protection and business interruption) and underwriting (personal, commercial lines, plus some bonus conversations relating to excess and surplus lines) and participated in a Q&A session with the leadership group. Thanks to **Tracy Duncan** (CPCU, API, AU, AINS) and her amazing team for such a great learning opportunity. In the photo are members of the Auto-Owners team and FSU RMI students **Ashley Boscovich, Kiara Caamano, Riley Condron, Sara Moulson, Hannah Ott, Brianna Smart, Isaac Zenteno Soto, Nathan Hauck, Teresa Tomasone, Tristan Harrigan and Cath Pham.**



PLRB 2025 Claims Conference

The Property and Liability Resource Bureau (PLRB) hosted FSU RMI students **Caitlyn Eicher** and **Gloria Faith Marrero** for its annual conference in Indianapolis. Attending sessions covering a range of topics, including emerging technology, subrogation and litigation, Eicher and Marrero appreciated the opportunity to connect with and learn from industry leaders. They're seen here wearing FSU RMI travel t-shirts sponsored by our student travel partner, Philadelphia Insurance Companies.



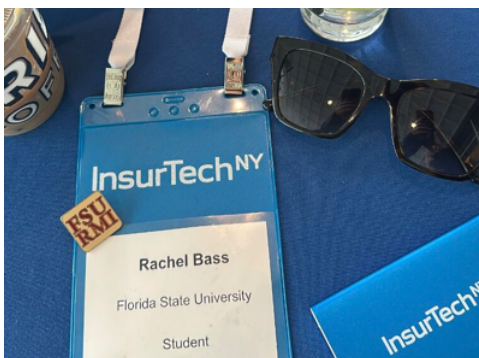
Day at the Capitol and the Big 'I'

Working in partnership with the Florida Association of Insurance Agents (FAIA), several of our students seized the opportunity during FSU Day at the Capitol to learn about issues and legislation that could affect the insurance industry. From that group, two students -- **Melissa Dart** and **Mattie Sue Swann** -- were selected to attend The Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America's (IIABA) Big "I" conference in Washington D.C. **Swann** (pictured) said she was "inspired to see how engaged the industry is in advocating for practical solutions that protect clients, communities and the future of insurance."



RIMS RISKWORLD Conference

A highlight of the industry conference circuit, RISKWORLD remains a favorite with our students. This year's May event in Chicago showed why. FSU RMI students took advantage of a program filled with great speakers, interesting and relevant topics and networking opportunities with industry professionals. Students selected to attend were **Natalie Eiben, Luke Elian, Sarah Hart, Kajana James, Gavin Kindig, Ethan Reshad, Quentin Rotella, Matthew Salter, Rainey Sharrow** and **Julian Solomon**.



InsurTech NY

FSU RMI student **Rachel Bass** represented FSU RMI as a finalist for the FSU team in the Final Four Case Competition at InsurTech NY in New York. Alongside her peers, Bass presented a technology-driven solution addressing complex challenges in the insurance industry.



FAIA Convention

FSU RMI faculty and staff members and students partnered with the Risk and Insurance Education Alliance at the 2025 Florida Association of Insurance Agents Convention and Education Symposium in Orlando. FSU RMI exhibited and promoted the MS-RMI program and hosted an alumni reception. Attending students **Jessiah Branch** and **Blaine Davis** took a break from

their summer internships, sat in on educational sessions, networked with industry professionals and learned more about the industry. Make plans to join us at FAIA's 122nd Convention June 17-19, 2026, at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, near Disney World.



Florida RIMS Educational Conference

The FSU RMI program was well-represented in July at the Florida RIMS Educational Conference in Naples, on Florida's southwest coast. **Michael D. Hartline**, dean of the College of Business, served as keynote speaker. **Cassandra Cole**, the Robert L. Atkins Professor of Risk Management and Insurance and the MS-RMI program coordinator, joined Hartline, **Chuck Nyce** and students, from left, **Hannah Botens**, **Hannah Ott**, **Taliah Zelman** and **Addison Tresca**.



FSLA 2025 Convention

In August, FSU RMI participated in the Florida Surplus Lines Association (FSLA) Convention, an annual event that promotes and supports the stability and security of the specialty and surplus lines insurance marketplace. Student **Sarah Hart** joined **Chuck Nyce** in a panel presentation on "Bridging the Talent Gap: How RMI Programs are Shaping the Future of Insurance."

EVENTS



Brown & Brown Speaker Series

Jeff Lattmann, executive managing director with Brown & Brown Risk Solutions and a widely known expert on executive liability products, focused on cyber risk including cyber first-party coverages during the spring Brown & Brown Speaker Series. Students found Lattmann's presentation timely, relevant and engaging.

FSU RMI Insurance Days — Spring and Fall

Looking to access emerging industry talent, promote early career opportunities and build your talent pipeline? Then participation in FSU RMI Insurance Days is a must. Our spring event welcomed more than 50 companies that engaged with about 200 top-tier FSU RMI students who stood ready to make an immediate impact in the industry. Then, our fall event welcomed 55 companies for our career fair and 39 companies for on-campus interviews. More than 280 students registered for the fall event!

Thank you to our event sponsors for helping fund our Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 Insurance Days and our Program Champions for your amazing support all year!

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Program Champions: Foundation Risk Partners, Heritage Insurance, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Wholesure

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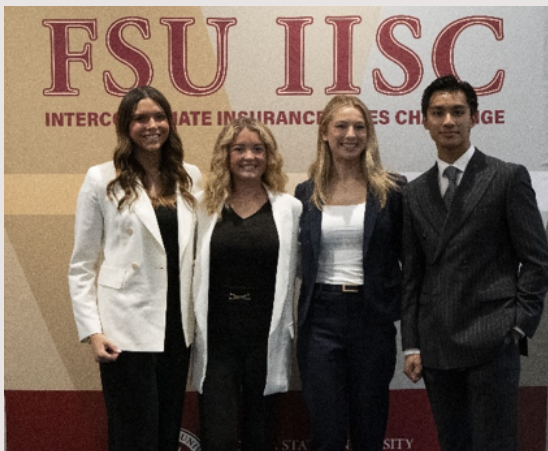
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Intercollegiate Insurance Sales Challenge

Putting their sales skills and insurance-industry knowledge to the test at the beginning of the spring semester, FSU RMI students, GIS members and students from the professional sales major competed during the preliminary round of the Intercollegiate Insurance Sales Challenge (IISC). The program congratulates, from left, **Addison Tresca**, **Tiffany Ackerbloom**, **Megan O'Connell-Becker** and **Ethan Reshad** for claiming the top four spots and forming the two teams moving on to represent FSU in the final round.

The final round of the IISC included eight schools from across the nation. We thank Ball State University, Illinois State University, Samford University, the University of Georgia, the University of Iowa, the University of Mississippi and the University of South Florida for participating alongside FSU. Congratulations to FSU's Ackerbloom/Tresca team for claiming first place.

Marsh McLennan Agency – Florida Region Professionalism Awards/ FSU RMI Student Scholarship Celebration

The FSU RMI program recognized student scholarships and awards at its annual spring banquet. Seen below are students who completed a series of professionalism challenges and activities to earn themselves the Marsh McLennan Agency – Florida Region Professionalism Award. We thank MMA-FL, with **Kelly Newton** and **Blake Starbuck** in attendance, for their support and congratulate the students for their hard work. Student award winners were: (front row, from left) **Razi Harb**, **Lily Lockhart**, **Brooke Rypel**, **Kimberly Small** and **Priya Wilson**; back row, from left, **Anthony Cristiano**, **Kajana James**, **Gloria Faith Marrero** and **Ashley Boscovich**.



Florida Surplus Lines Speaker Series

Four industry leaders gathered on FSU's campus to share their vast knowledge and insight into the ever-evolving excess and surplus lines marketplace. We thank **Liz Smith** (TD Synnex), **Dave DeMott** (Gridiron Insurance Underwriters), **Felicia Rawlin** (Dellwood Insurance) and **Tim Scollo** (Markel) for their time and talents.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

RAINEY SHARROW

Rainey Sharrow a senior majoring in risk management/insurance and management and the president of Gamma Iota Sigma's Iota Chapter, embraces international experiences and campus leadership that reflect her passion for helping people and shaping the future of the industry.

Sharrow's academic journey took her far beyond Tallahassee in fall 2024 when she studied in London. While overseas, she immersed herself in courses ranging from theater and public speaking to international conflicts, expanding her perspective on global issues and communication. Earlier that year, she also participated in the summer 2024 insurance trip to London, exploring the global scope of risk management firsthand. Sharrow said these experiences reinforced her belief that insurance is a universal tool for protecting people, businesses and innovation worldwide.

Sharrow has been influential on campus. She served as a Panhellenic recruitment counselor, helping guide students through sorority recruitment, and she continues to inspire future Seminoles as a university tour guide and Engage 100 peer leader. Outside the classroom, Sharrow's love of music and movies fuels her long-term goal of becoming a risk manager for a major movie studio. She envisions a career where she can blend her passion for entertainment with her dedication to protecting people and enabling creativity.

For Sharrow, risk management is more than a career path; it's a calling. "Insurance is the best way to help people stay safe, innovate and change the world," she says. Whether at home or abroad, she is determined to make an international impact through the field of risk management.

GET INVOLVED

Give Back and Make a Difference

FSU RMI continually works to enhance its student-focused opportunities. Gifts to the program help fund corporate trips, conference registration and travel, internship expenses, student competitions and other experiential learning opportunities.

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