

Students Testimonial

Bill Jones: Basically when I came to ISU my interest was in Finance, and didn't really have much of an interest in insurance because my idea of what insurance was [that it] was a life insurance salesman going knocking door-to-door. So, I took the Intro to Insurance class – it's FIL 250 – and learned more about commercial insurance and some of the different aspects of the industry, and really found an interest in it and at that point I started getting involved in the Katie School and it just kind of took off from there.

Amber Armand: The Katie School provides so many opportunities such as internships, scholarships, networking opportunities, conferences, I mean the list really goes on and it really has helped to develop my professional skills as well as my educational background and I feel like I'm much better off having been a part of the Katie School.

Lauren Leggett: I can't even begin to list all the things the Katie School has done for me, but the biggest thing I've done that has been sponsored by the Katie School was my internship in London this past summer. I spent a month at the Lloyd's of London.

Javier Zavala: You can really go anywhere to learn about the math for an actuary. You can go anywhere to learn about studying and reading a contract but here at ISU and definitely within the Katie School you have that opportunity to learn the professionalism that *isn't* taught in the classroom; how to interact with people who have been in the business for one to two years to twenty to thirty years.

Bill Jones: The first event I attended was a company visit in Chicago. We visited Marsh and AIG. And at that point I was able to speak with industry professionals, see what they do on a day-to-day basis, and learn, once again, that insurance isn't just life insurance – there's a whole new world to insurance, and there's really some interesting stuff and everybody I talk to in the industry just loves what they do.

Amber Armand: I got a job offer from Traveler's actually back in October, which I attribute that to the Katie School because they've helped a lot of us secure a job, and secure them relatively early, so it's been nice not really having to worry about where I'm going to be after graduation.

Bill Jones: I actually accepted a position a couple of weeks ago with a broker called Lockton in downtown Chicago and I'm really excited about it.

Lauren Leggett: I actually got a job offer in October from Traveler's Insurance so I'll be underwriting commercial middle market there, and I definitely don't think I would have gotten that job without the Katie School.

Javier Zavala: I interviewed with four companies, and I got job offers from four companies. The top thing I heard from every company was, 'You did a great job in your interview', 'You really communicated well', and 'We'd like to offer you a job'. I wouldn't be there and I wouldn't have had that opportunity if it wasn't for the Katie School and the experiences I've had here.