History of

THE KATIE SCHOOL

The Katie School of Insurance and Financial Services was established in 1991 as a living memorial to Mary Katherine "Katie", the daughter of an Illinois State University alumnus, who died at age 2 1/2.

The founding Director of the Katie School was Professor Andrew T. Nappi for whom the Andrew T. Nappi International Study Grant was established.
STUDENT PROFILE

• 250 students (125 RMI graduates annually)
• 200 actuarial science students
• 55% Insurance AND Finance Majors
• More than 50 students awarded merit-based scholarships. Avg. $3600
• Graduates work at every major carrier, broker, and reinsurer and in nearly every function
Katie School of Insurance
Advisory Board of Executives

Afni, Inc.
Aon
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Associated Bank
Chubb
Connor & Gallagher
COUNTRY Financial
Gen Re
Illinois Department of Insurance
Lockton Companies, Inc.
Lloyd’s
Munich Re
Pekin Insurance
Pinnacle Actuarial
RIMS Chapter-Chicago
RLI Insurance
RT Specialty, LLC
State Farm
Surplus Line Association of IL
Swiss Re
Travelers
Zurich North America
How the Katie School interacts with:

- Students
- Faculty
- Industry
- Local Community
Developing Talent at the Velocity of Change

Attracting Top Talent
Internships
• International (8 fully funded internships)
• Domestic (summer)

Industry Big Picture Perspective
• Industry mentors
• Participation in conferences
• Insurance speakers on campus (40-60 per year)

Skill-building Programs
• Toastmasters
• Certificate in Leadership and Business Acumen
• Gamma Iota Sigma Student Leadership programs
• Business Analytics Courses
The Katie School awards approximately $100,000 in scholarships each year.
Katie School students present to high school classes around the state about insurance and careers in the industry.
Midwest High School Scholars Academy

This one-week program is designed especially for above average African-American, Hispanic, and Native American high school students who excel in mathematics, enjoy learning, and like to solve complicated problems.
This program helps to explain what actuaries do, where they work, what they have in common, and if an actuarial career might be a good choice. Students will meet and talk with actuaries, observe them at work, and learn how to become an actuary.
ISU invites the best and brightest high school students in the country to compete in a week-long insurance challenge held at the Katie School. Twenty accomplished high school seniors compete annually every summer in the challenge.
The high school students assume the roles of senior risk management professionals and are asked to guide their corporation through a minefield of potential disasters. Student teams compete against one another in developing the best risk management strategies.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM
Curriculum Based on Industry Needs

Six core insurance and risk management courses plus classes focused on:

- Insurance Company Operations
- Investments
- Analyzing Insurance Companies
- Insurance Regulation
- Risk, Sustainability, and Insurance
GAMMA IOTA SIGMA

The International Risk Management, Insurance, and Actuarial Science Collegiate Fraternity at Illinois State University.
From Undergraduate To Executive

Over the past 12 years, more than 75 insurance organizations have hired more than 1100 students from Illinois State’s Insurance and Actuarial Science programs.
Industry Speakers

- Offer insights into career paths
- Share day-to-day experiences of their jobs
- Provide visibility for their companies
- Connect students to the industry
Toastmasters Club

• Develop and improve public speaking abilities
• Weekly meetings
• Katie School pays Toastmasters fees for members of Gamma Iota Sigma
Professional Designations

• Provide students with a $230 award for passing any CPCU exam
• Provide students with a $150 award for passing any ARM, ARe, or AIC exam
• Provide students with a $100 award for passing any INS exam
• Provide students with a $200 award for passing any LOMA recognized designations
The Katie School covers the cost of:

- Airfare
- Lodging
- Meals
- Ground Transportation
- Course Credit
Company Visits

Students visit Advisory Board companies to learn about various career paths, experience corporate culture, and interact with Katie School alumni.
Chicagoland Risk Forum

Students attend industry conferences and participate in educational sessions, network with executives, and practice business etiquette.
Meeting with Corporate Executives

Officers of Gamma Iota Sigma meeting with:

Inga Beale, CEO of Lloyd’s

Thomas Hurlimann, CEO of Global Corporate at Zurich
NAPLSO 2016 Symposium

A weekend symposium in Chicago hosted by the Katie School for over 150 insurance students from the United States and Canada.
Katie School Certificate in Leadership and Business Acumen

This certificate provides students with an opportunity to develop and demonstrate skills and leadership which may not be attainable from a traditional classroom experience.
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Students earning the certificate must accumulate 100 points by completing activities from categories including Non-Course Technical Skills, Industry Understanding, and Soft Skills.
Group Golf Lessons

- Golf Etiquette
- Networking and a means to conduct business
- Who wants to be left behind in the office?
Industry Programs

The Katie School sponsors such industry programs as the Insurance Executive Forum, Katie School Symposium, Katie School Golf Classic, Financial Regulators Program, continuing education courses, executive development programs, and research that helps advance the industry in Illinois and the nation.
Insurance Executive Forum

The annual breakfast seminar invites insurance executives and risk managers to hear perspectives from a panel of senior industry professionals on topical issues.
The Katie School Symposium is a unique forum that provides an opportunity for experts from academic institutions and the insurance industry to discuss issues on a related topic.

Independent student research teams have presented in the past on emerging topics such as implications of the ride sharing industry and the use of aerial drones.
Research and Consulting

The Katie School also acts as “knowledge brokers” in connecting researchers to consulting projects pertaining to areas such as coverage interpretation, industry professionals standards, market competitive analysis, and technology effectiveness.
To learn more about what the Katie School has to offer . . .

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