



Olivet Underwriter

The Official Newsletter of the
Alpha Alpha Chapter
Gamma Iota Sigma



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The Riskiest Chapter in the World!

What’s Happening In Olivet

The excitement of a new semester is winding down as midterms have passed and Thanksgiving break is coming up. Although the campus isn’t overly busy, the students of GIS have been working hard. This month, students have participated in a Mock Interview Workshop, and also an Etiquette Luncheon. The Mock Interview Workshop is intended to help students improve interviewing skills so that when they graduate, they can be a step ahead of their competition. The Etiquette Luncheon teaches basic etiquette to use while having a professional interview during a meal. Both were a success, and we would like to extend special thanks to State Farm for conducting the Etiquette Luncheon, and the following companies for participating in the Mock Interview Workshop:

Allen Harmon
Accident Fund
Amerisure
Westfield
Westrope
Chubb
Mercer
State Farm
Travelers

Below, students are pictured participating in the Mock Interview Workshop.



Come out, watch, and eat!

On Wednesday, November 19, 2008, come watch our “guest grillers” cook-up your meal on the 2,000 pound, 600° grill at **bd’s mongolian barbeque** at 2080 West Grand River Avenue, Okemos, MI 48864. Our “guest grillers” will include:

Liz Haar

President & CEO of Accident Fund

Rich Rasmussen

President & CEO of Michigan Millers Mutual

Jim Robinson

CEO of Farm Bureau Insurance

Don Tuski

President & CEO of Olivet College

Mike Hubbel

Professor and Director of the Insurance Program

We’re raising money for Gamma Iota Sigma educational activities & recruiting. There will also be a silent auction on various items. Don’t miss out!

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 8:00 pm seatings

Seating is limited, please RSVP to guarantee a seat by November 19 at 269-749-7626.

You may buy your tickets in advance for \$25 per person for the “all you can eat” Stir Fry and unlimited soda, or get your tickets at the door that night.

If you would like to donate any items for our silent auction, please contact us at gis@olivetcollege.edu.

What to Look Forward to This Month...

High School Recruiting Throughout November

Our recruiting team will fan out across Michigan to visit a number of high schools to talk about opportunities in the insurance professional, and how to get there through an education at Olivet College. Let us know if you would like us to visit your local high school!

Resume Book

Mailed by the end of November

Gamma Iota Sigma students have compiled a book of resumes. If you would like to receive a future resume book from GIS, please contact us at gis@olivetcollege.edu

GIS International Conference Richmond, VA

This year the GIS International Conference was hosted by the Virginia Commonwealth University's chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma. Students had numerous networking opportunities, a history lesson, and a lot of fun. The first day of the conference consisted of two corporate educational sessions. These sessions consisted of sessions like "The Broker Toolbox", put on by Marsh. This session taught students about what they need to accomplish while they're in school if they want to become a broker someday. Another session offered was "The difference between standard and E&S markets" put on by Markel. This session was exactly what it sounds like. The difference was explained, as well as some funny claims Markel had encountered within their E&S line of business.

Along with the sessions offered on the first day, there was also a three hour career fair. Numerous companies like AIG, NAPSLO, Prudential, Marsh, Westrope, Travelers, Westfield Insurance, Peachtree Special Risk Brokers, and AAMGA were present at the career fair, along with many others.



To the left, two students, Danielle Bastian and Tiffany Allen are pictured having dinner at the historic Jefferson Hotel in downtown Richmond.

The second day consisted of workshops that students could attend to learn how to make their chapter better. Sessions like "Alumni Panel – Life After Graduation" gave students insight to what their lives could potentially be like after they graduate. Alumni gave advice and answered questions regarding job searching, interviewing, and choosing a job.

This year, our own president, Ryan Coburn, conducted two workshops entitled "Planning a Retreat" and "Effective Leadership". Planning a Retreat gave advice about how to develop a planning retreat for chapters who don't have one. Also he encouraged other chapters to share their ideas for successful planning retreats.

Ryan is pictured to the right along with fellow president Mike McGonigle from New Mexico. Ryan's second workshop, Effective Leadership taught students how to get their members more involved by teaching their officers to be effective leaders.



The weekend closed with dinner at the Historic Jefferson Hotel, and with numerous awards presentations. Our chapter came home with the following awards:

Superior Chapter Award

*For demonstrating Excellence as a Chapter
(Only three awarded internationally)*

Chapter Management Award

For excellence in Chapter Management

Public Relations Award

For excellence in Public Relations

Membership Development Award

For excellence in membership development

Community Service Award

For excellence in community service

Alumni Relations Award

For excellence in Alumni Relations

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2008-2009 SCHEDULE

2008 November

12 Advisory Committee
15 Monthly Newsletter
19 2009-2010 Officer Nominations
19 Portfolios for December Graduates Due
19 Mongolian BBQ – bd's, Okemos
20 CMUA Meeting
21 Resume book mailed

2008 December

1 Holiday Parade - Marshall
15 Monthly Newsletter
18 CMUA Meeting
Final Member Evaluation
TBD Social
TBD Holiday Basket

2009 January

7 New Member Orientation
15 Monthly Newsletter
15 CMUA Meeting
28 Career Fair – Upton Gym
TBD Social movie night
TBD WMAIA
TBD RIMS Meeting

2009 February

6-8 Planning Retreat – Boyne Mountain
15 Monthly Newsletter
18 Composites
19 CMUA Meeting
24-26 MAIA Conference
TBD Dress for Success
TBD WMAIA Meeting
TBD KCAIA Meeting

2009 March

4 Portfolios for May Graduates Due
11 Exhibit Presentations
15 Monthly Newsletter
18 Exhibits Due
18 Olivet Insurance Alumni Network Luncheon
19 CMUA Meeting
21 New Member Induction Dinner – Grand Rapids
25? Spring Rake Day
27-28 NAPSLO Chicago Symposium
TBD Mongolian BBQ
TBD Social bowling
TBD RIMS Meeting
TBD WMAIA Meeting

2009 April

1 Advisory Committee Meeting
5 Flag Bearers (Honors Convo)
8 Easter Raffle
8 Easter Egg Hunt
15 Monthly Newsletter
15 New Officer Installation
15 Pig Roast
16 CMUA Meeting
19-23 RIMS National Conference - Orlando
TBD WMAIA Meeting

2009 May

15 Monthly Newsletter
16 Flag Bearers - Graduation
TBD RIMS Meeting
TBD WMAIA Meeting

2008-2009 Officers

President – Ryan Coburn
Assistant to the President – Josh Haselton
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Vice President of Community Service – Jesse Barber
Vice President of Portfolio – Danielle Bastian
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Vice President of Industry Relations – Paige Smith

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