2020 SELECTIVE COLLEGIATE COMPETITION WINNERS!

We would like to congratulate Brady Bruner, William Ward, Hedra Hana, Chelseah Moore, and Dorsha Tadmey for coming in second place in the Selective Collegiate Competition.

Over the course of four weeks these students ran a virtual insurance agency in a computer-simulated environment to gain insights into key processes and decisions commonplace in the insurance industry.
A SOCIALLY DISTANCED SEMESTER

Covid-19 robbed most of a normal semester. Socially distanced, remote learning, and completely online courses bogged a lot of students down.

The Omega chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma worked hard to make sure Covid-19 didn't stop the fun! We were able to have speakers from Markel and Protective Life, as well as, some fun events like Paint Night, Spooky Movie Night, and a Game Night. Although we couldn't be together we had a lot of fun!

Spooky Movie Night

Covid couldn't get us down! We watched "Nightmare Before Christmas"

Markel Speaker Series
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Our members Danario Deveaux (top left) and Mark Darling (bottom left) were selected to advance to the second round of the AM Best Student Challenge. We are so proud of the both of you. Fingers crossed they make it to the next round in January!

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Gamma Paint Night

Students were able to virtually paint along to Bob Ross inspired painting videos. Although we were not all together it was still a lot of fun!

Meet the Officers

Brittney Alford
Chapter President

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Vice President

Malina Langham
VP of Logistics

Terry Wheeler
VP of Finance

Wynter Curtis
VP of Alumni Affairs

Mark Darling
VP of Diversity & Incusion

Claire Remet
VP of Diversity & Incusion
My name is Malina Langham, and I am a marketing major. I am excited to continue to a career in wedding photography or marketing and have been an active GIS member for over a year. I am very grateful for my time being on the GIS board and have met some incredible students and professionals along the way. Being in GIS has changed me as a leader, and I am excited to see what opportunities I will have in the future to use the skills I have learned.

My Name is Alexandria Holman. My major is Actuarial Science with a minor in Insurance. I can’t wait to start working in my field!

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

John A. "Jack" Spann III, Spann Insurance, Nashville
Bill Wilson, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Nashville
Julian "Bud" Zander, Zander Insurance, Nashville
By all accounts, Jack was a delightful storyteller, smart as a whip, with a big personality and generous spirit. He represented and counseled numerous clients before the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, winning a reduction in premiums in many cases. He also represented his clients pro bono on many insurance issues.

Jack’s legacy lives on in the impact he made in his community and the lives he touched.

ABOUT JOHN A. "JACK" SPANN III

Jack Spann deeply valued education. Upon graduating from the Peabody Demonstration School in 1969, he took classes from Union, Jackson State Community College, and Lambuth simultaneously, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 from Lambuth College in Jackson. After graduating, Jack joined his mother and father at the family business, Spann Insurance, where he worked the remainder of his life. It was while working with his father that he chose the name Jack, to help avert clients’ confusion over their having the same name. His rationale was that if John Kennedy could be “Jack,” so could he.

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With the generous donation from the Spann Family the Risk Management office was renovated and renamed "Jack’s Place" in honor of John A. Spann III.
WSIA Game night was a success! On November 6th a plethora of students engaged in a fun and relaxing game night. The Omega chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma is grateful to WSIA for sponsoring this event.

MTSU's Risk Management and Insurance program put on its first Virtual Career Fair. There were recruiters from Cigna, Auto-Owners Insurance, Acuity, Insureon, Sompo International, Velocity Risk Underwriters, and many more. Congratulations to our Airpod winners Marena Mikaiel and Preston Heard!

Extreme Risk Takers Symposium

This year we sent 13 students to the virtual Extreme Risk Takers Symposium, hosted by Troy University. There were over 15 different firms present and was a great learning experience for everyone involved.