

Gamma Iota Sigma Charters Gamma Alpha Chapter at Gallaudet University

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Yardley, PA, April 6, 2017 -- Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS), the premier talent pipeline to the insurance industry and the only international business fraternity for students of insurance, risk management, and actuarial science, welcomed its 73rd chapter on Wednesday, March 29: Gamma Alpha at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. 28 students were inducted as members in the chartering ceremony, which took place in the Museum at Gallaudet's Chapel Hall. Gallaudet was founded in 1864 and serves students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Grace Grant, Director of Chapter Services for GIS, said, "We are thrilled to charter a chapter at Gallaudet University and eager to work with their students and advisors as they explore careers in the insurance field. GIS continues to focus its efforts on promoting and sustaining student interest in the insurance industry, which couldn't be done without the remarkable work of our chapters and engagement of the industry, both of which were evident at Gallaudet's chartering ceremony."

Professor James Bruner, Executive Director of the Maguire Academy of Risk Management and Insurance at Gallaudet University and Advisor to the new Gamma Alpha Chapter, provided opening remarks, followed by welcomes from James Maguire, President of the Maguire Foundation; Roberta Cordano, President of Gallaudet; Dr. Carol Erting, Gallaudet Provost; Khadijat Rashid, Gallaudet Professor and Interim Dean; and Lori Badenhop, Senior Risk Manager for Federal Express and Risk Manager in Residence with Spencer Educational Foundation.

Glenn Dorr, Executive Vice President of the GIS Board of Trustees and Northeast Regional Director of Lloyd's, presided over the ceremony and presented the charter to Gamma Alpha President Zachary Israel, who in May will notably be Gallaudet's first RMI graduate. Additional ceremony participants and attendees included students, officers, and faculty from Sigma Chapter at Temple University; Tau Chapter at Howard University; Alpha Iota Chapter at St. John's University; Alpha Mu Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University; and Alpha Omega Chapter at St. Joseph's University. Special guests included Stephen C. Taylor, Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking, and Wayne McOwen, Executive Director of the District of Columbia Insurance Federation.

Gamma Alpha Chapter expands the growing GIS network, along with the recently chartered Beta Omega Chapter at Ohio Dominican University (December 6, 2016) and Beta Psi Chapter at the University of Missouri (September 9, 2016). To charter a chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, a college or university must have a means for students to study insurance or actuarial science related curriculum, whether through a particular course or major or minor field of study. Students must only be interested in pursuing a career in the industry. For more information about chartering a chapter, please contact Grace Grant, Director of Chapter Services, at (484) 991-4471 or Grace.Grant@GammalotaSigma.org.

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About Gamma Iota Sigma

Incorporated in 1965 and boasting an annual membership of over 4,000 students at 73 colleges and universities throughout North America, Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS) has over 50 years of history of engaging students and preparing them for careers in insurance. GIS is the only organization of its kind and is THE solution to the industry's talent gap issue, pursuing a mission to promote, encourage, and sustain student interest in insurance,

risk management, and actuarial science as professions. GIS is committed to growing the number of highly qualified students entering the industry; to that end, the number of GIS students and active chapters has more than doubled in recent years and continues to grow. In partnership with corporate supporters, professional organizations, and trade associations, the full spectrum of GIS programming provides its members with meaningful interaction with the industry, as well as the tools to pursue and succeed in an insurance career. For more information, visit: GammalotaSigma.org.