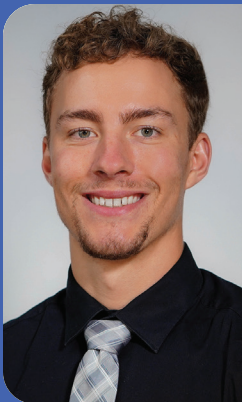


2021 Council Foundation Scholars

The following 76 students each received a \$5,000 academic scholarship from The Council Foundation in September.



Jon Alessandro
SCHOOL: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance/Accounting
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown
My initial skepticism of the industry quickly turned into a fandom of the business. I found it extremely interesting how you have to layer together different coverages like a giant puzzle. Needless to say, I was wowed by the possibilities and am eager to see where this business can take me.



Arianna Alexander
SCHOOL: University of Florida
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown
What interests me about insurance is its unique ability to truly make a difference in the lives of people. This industry isn't selling a product that is shiny and new. Instead, it is providing a promise to provide support when needed. Insurance has the power to protect people in ways that no other industries do, and that is why I enjoy this business.



Camryn Anonson
SCHOOL: Iowa State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy & Associates
I find a sense of purpose and comfort knowing that firms and their employees in the community are protected if tragedy strikes. I am also excited to be part of the movement to change the assumption of the "boring" insurance industry through brand evolution and modern marketing techniques.

John Babicke
SCHOOL: St. Johns University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management and Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Alliant Insurance Services
All it took was one seminar to inspire me to pursue a career in insurance. My goal is to become a risk manager for a professional sports team but I also know there are many other opportunities in the industry. Insurance is not an old, stuffy job that it has a reputation to be. It is an industry with many possibilities, and I'm excited for the next step.



Julia Berdzik
SCHOOL: St. Joseph's University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Aon
The insurance industry is always evolving as new risks start to emerge, which piques my interest since new analytical and creative solutions are required to address these risks.



August Bernsten
SCHOOL: Colorado State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: The IMA Financial Group
Despite the increased digitization of the industry, you cannot take away its human element, which is built on maintaining relationships. Before we build long-lasting financial relationships, we make sure to build a foundation of trust first.



Ryan Boffeli
SCHOOL: University of Iowa
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler
I have a deep passion for finance, I like to participate in service roles, and I thoroughly enjoy helping my community. For those reasons, I believe insurance will bring me the most fulfilling career possible. It is important to me that I find a job with variability, and new subjects are constantly arising in this field. I love that this fast-paced career path requires constant learning because the resulting growth opportunities are tremendous.



Ally Bordelon
SCHOOL: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Strategic Communications
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Dwight W. Andrus Insurance
I enjoy fast paced working environments, and have been able to see how my work is helping our team better assist our clients. This perspective on insurance has grown my passion for a career in this industry and has added meaning behind the work I do daily.



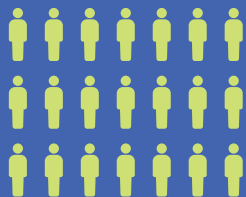
Mimi Cabot
SCHOOL: Tulane University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Legal Studies; Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: AP Intego
The way that the insurance industry has kept up with and taken advantage of technologies encompasses the essence of what I find so interesting about it—the constant evolution of policy and procedures to adapt to and embrace game-changing technology.

Five of this year's recipients have also been honored with additional industry scholarships: the Assurex Global Robert P. Ashlock Scholar, the Assurex Global Robert P. Ashlock Game Changer Scholar, the Dave Oberkircher Future Leaders Scholar, the Franklin Wheeler Scholar, and the USI Insurance Scholar. Each recipient is noted.

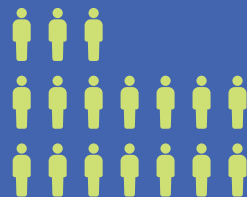


Reasons to Join Insurance

Below are some of the most common reasons scholarship winners gave for joining the insurance industry (number of scholars in parentheses).



Help people (21)



Industry innovation (17)



Risk management (15)



Relationship oriented (12)



Community support (10)



Multiple career paths (9)



Protect businesses;
Rebuild lives (6)



Backbone of the economy;
Recession proof (5)



Self-improvement (3)



Long-term strategy;
Statistics (2)



Communication; Cyber protection; Financial relationships;
Growth opportunity; Insurance as safety net;
Mathematics; Problem solving (1)



Tatyana Carmack

SCHOOL: Georgia State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AmWINS Group

What I really enjoy about insurance is that you are constantly learning about unique businesses and contributing to the well-being of the economy and society.



Alexandra Chapdelaine

SCHOOL: Pennsylvania State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Psychology

FIRM INTERNSHIP: OneDigital

I have always known I have wanted my career to involve helping others, but through the insurance industry, I'm able to give to others in ways that I had never considered before.

Ashley Chipokas

SCHOOL: University of Iowa

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Political Science, Ethics & Public Policy, Pre-Law

FIRM INTERNSHIP: TrueNorth Companies

My passion is in helping others and working with those around me to create tangible change. Insurance does just that. It opens doors for others to pursue opportunity and supports them in the face of loss. Prior to my internship, I was unaware of the depths of the insurance industry, but it has become apparent that legal expertise is needed in many ways.



Kaden Chumbley

SCHOOL: Texas Tech University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Public Relations

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

I love the idea of being able to help people in the big way that insurance does, by making people feel safe and secure, and allowing them to live their life happily.



Raniesha Colebrook

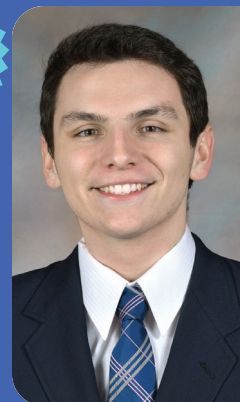
SCHOOL: Georgia State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Sterling Seacrest Pritchard

Helping others reach their business goals and accomplish a sense of protection is a feeling I value. I've watched our producers serve clients from all walks of life and with different needs. The people and businesses we serve are more than just our clients—they are people who trust us and in return, we make it our mission to help because we genuinely care.

Assurex Global
Robert P. Ashlock
Scholar



Will Corbin

SCHOOL: University of Iowa

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy & Associates

Participating in an industry where I know that I can grow, learn, educate, and give back to my community is what I want for my career path. What I have learned about the insurance brokerage industry over these past months has opened this door.

Juan Coste Delvecchio

SCHOOL: Florida State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance and Risk Management/Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Baldwin Krystyn Sherman Partners

What excites me is the opportunity to have a successful, fulfilling, and noble career within an expertise that revolves around me providing other people and companies peace of mind and freedom to pursue their dreams.



Matthew Crepeau

SCHOOL: Bentley University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

Without a doubt, my time as an intern has changed my opinion of the insurance industry, as I discovered how exciting managing risk can be when you're helping individuals and businesses.



Morgan Daniels

SCHOOL: University of Texas at Austin

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: The Plexus Groupe

Working at an insurance brokerage this summer has shown me how insurance brokers can help not just employers but also the average worker with their day-to-day healthcare expenses.



Andrew Dunigan

SCHOOL: Temple University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown

One of the most thrilling parts of the business is the fact that every single day is different. To be successful in this industry, you constantly need to be learning. Being able to solve a client's problems and ensuring that their business will be protected in the face of catastrophe makes the job a challenge, but at the same time very fulfilling.



Joe Eichhorn

SCHOOL: Loras College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler

Insurance creates an interesting work environment, and one where you must think on your feet effectively, while also being prepared for anything. Situations are different every day and the possibilities are endless.



Ryan Farese

SCHOOL: University of Pennsylvania

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Mathematical Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hagerty

My interest in insurance comes from its connections to probability and this is where my primary interest, data analytics, comes into play. I've learned that data analytics is an instrument for clients of all sizes and I'm going back to school much more likely to pursue a career in insurance given my internship experience and what it has sparked inside of me.

Carina Fuentes

SCHOOL: California State University Chico

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Business Administration Accounting

FIRM INTERNSHIP: InterWest Insurance Services

I'm attracted to the opportunity to interact with my colleagues within the company, as well as to develop business relationships outside of the company with independent agents, brokers, and clients.



Daniel Gamba

SCHOOL: San Jose State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Justice Studies

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Newfront/Formerly ABD Insurance and Financial Services

Working directly with the claims team, I've seen how important insurance payouts are to a company, big or small. Mistakes happen, disasters occur, and the insurance industry is there to back everything up. I found a great level of gratification helping clients receive their claim payments.



Jake Gardner

SCHOOL: University of Mississippi

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing with an Emphasis in Sales

FIRM INTERNSHIP: BXS Insurance

The insurance industry gives me the opportunity to have a positive effect on other people's lives and engage with my community in an honest and genuine way.



Courtney Gifford

SCHOOL: Florida State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Professional Sales/Marketing and Advertising/Communications

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown

It is interesting to see how no two businesses are the same. I enjoy engaging with various customers to help them discover their unique risk exposures and analyze their various options. I look forward to the day that someone asks me why I entered such a "boring" field, as I know now I can confidentially and truthfully explain this misplaced understanding.

“During my internship at Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, I was treated almost like a new hire. My time was always occupied with interesting, creative, yet meaningful assignments. I received remarkable training, and all my questions were welcomed. With opportunities to sit in on meetings and hear from representatives in different sectors of insurance, my eyes were opened to the limitless possibilities for growth and a successful career within the insurance industry.”

— Raniesha Colebrook, Georgia State University,
Risk Management & Insurance, Finance



“As a first-generation, Asian-American student, my hard-working parents motivate me every day to do well in school. My parents did not finish high school in Vietnam, so I had to learn on my own and rely on school resources to guide me through high school and college...I found interest in the consultant role at The Partners Group in Portland, Oregon, after job shadowing with one of the consultants. I am honored to say that I will be returning in 2022 to start my career in the insurance industry.”

— BaoNgoc (Sara) Huynh, University of Oregon, Business Administration



Jace Glenn

SCHOOL: Wartburg College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler

What interests me the most about insurance is the true value it adds to clients by developing insurance solutions that solve real problems and giving them peace of mind.



Nicole Groteguth

SCHOOL: Chico State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Agriculture Business

FIRM INTERNSHIP: InterWest Insurance Services

Within the first couple weeks at my internship, I was introduced to sales and was immediately fascinated about all the tactical steps a broker makes when fighting for a prospect. I am thrilled to have found an industry that has ample opportunities in the agriculture sector which will allow me to be an influential member of the local community I grew up in.

Dylan Hammond

SCHOOL: California State University, Chico

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business

FIRM INTERNSHIP: InterWest Insurance Services

For me, the most interesting part of insurance is the fact that it is so involved with our every day lives, yet society hardly notices it. Insurance is the backbone of the economy, and it is incredibly important for us every day in our lives.



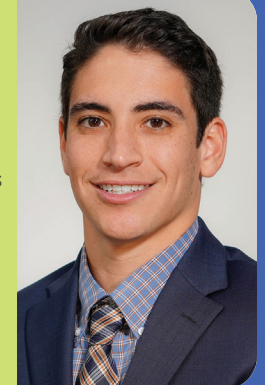
Juan Henao

SCHOOL: University of Florida

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration-International Business

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown

What attracted me the most toward insurance is that it combines both consulting and sales in a competitive manner.



Cameron Houde

SCHOOL: University of Maine

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing & Management

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cross Insurance

The insurance industry is always changing, offering me the chance to continue to grow my knowledge and to help people.



Lizbeth Huertas

SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin - Madison

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance and Management & Human Resources

FIRM INTERNSHIP: M3 Insurance

Insurance has had a profound impact on my life, and I want to be able to help others receive the same benefit.

BaoNgoc Huynh

SCHOOL: University of Oregon

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration

FIRM INTERNSHIP: The Partners Group

Insurance is more than just a risk transfer vehicle, it is about building and maintaining relationships with clients and carriers to provide the right need for individuals or businesses. To be trusted is important in the insurance industry and one great way to earn that trust is by growing relationships with clients and putting their needs first.



Trevor Imm

SCHOOL: University of Iowa

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy & Associates

The most interesting things to me about the insurance industry is how much room it has for personal education and growth.





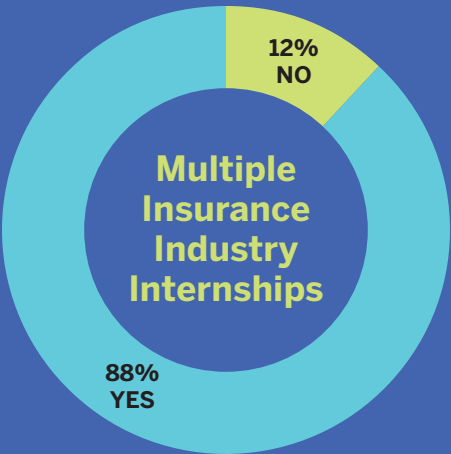
Francine Jackson

SCHOOL: Coe College
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration
FIRM INTERNSHIP: TrueNorth Companies
The insurance industry is not cut and dry or black and white; there is ambiguity and diversity which makes it fascinating.



Kristen Joseph

SCHOOL: Temple University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance, Human Resource Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Johnson Kendall & Johnson
Insurance is one of the many reasons why our world is as advanced as it is today. If I can play even the smallest role in ensuring that a risky, but potentially history making, life-saving, and game-changing event can occur, I would say that my hopes of having an impactful career is not too far from my reach.

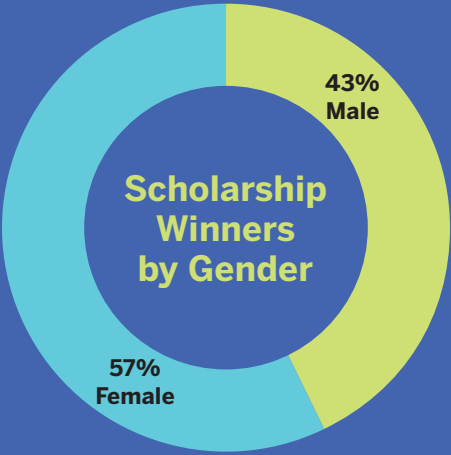


Kaitlyn Leckband
SCHOOL: McNeese State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: BXS Insurance
By having new apps and systems come available, the industry is constantly learning more efficient ways to operate and exceed their clients' expectations. Seeing how insurance helped my community first-hand after a hurricane showed me the importance and necessity of the industry. Knowing that your work has meaning and is helping others is my main interest.



Shannon Lind
SCHOOL: Temple University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh & McLennan Agency
The most exciting thing about the insurance industry is how dynamic it is in its ability to adjust to any condition.

Dave Oberkircher
Future Leaders Scholar



Marie Louise Livanec
SCHOOL: Baylor University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Economics and Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: The IMA Financial Group
Not only does the insurance industry encompass many of the attributes that I am looking for in a career, but the opportunity to constantly learn new skills and areas is something that is also very appealing.



Lauren Loef
SCHOOL: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration - Marketing Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Gallagher
I would be lying if I said I knew just how dynamic and exhilarating the insurance industry could be until this summer. I had no idea what direction I wanted to go in terms of a career but I knew one thing—I needed to be around people. The insurance industry is an opportunity to help an organization grow and affect its community in a positive way.

Major Variety

Of the 76 scholarship winners, only 13 are RMI majors, signaling interest and opportunity across many different disciplines.

FIELD OF STUDY	COUNT
Justice Studies	15
Economics & Finance	13
Business Administration & Accounting	14
Risk Management & Insurance	13
Public Health	7
Public Relations/Communications	7
Marketing	4
Agriculture	1
Aviation	1
Psychology	1

Kinley Longest
SCHOOL: Butler University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hylant
Insurance is constantly changing, evolving, and reupdating itself so there will always be new things to learn and adapt to as the world simultaneously changes. There is a career path for everyone within this industry because of all the different opportunities available.



Maricela Lopez
SCHOOL: Miami University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Public Health
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Oswald Companies
Being able to examine the different policies for each type of insurance and how much impact they make really inspired me and made me realize how vital insurance is. I have come away from my internship with a much deeper understanding of and appreciation for insurance.

Assurex Global
Robert P. Ashlock
Game Changer Scholar





Elijah Lucas

SCHOOL: University of Tulsa
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

I have gained an immense amount of knowledge about the structure of the insurance industry and the importance it holds on the lives of individuals and businesses.



Trey Lucas

SCHOOL: University of Missouri
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh & McLennan Agency

I often compare insurance to a puzzle. For each piece of the puzzle you find, it leads you to four new things that you may or may not have known about. Insurance is truly a never-ending learning cycle full of obstacles and solutions.



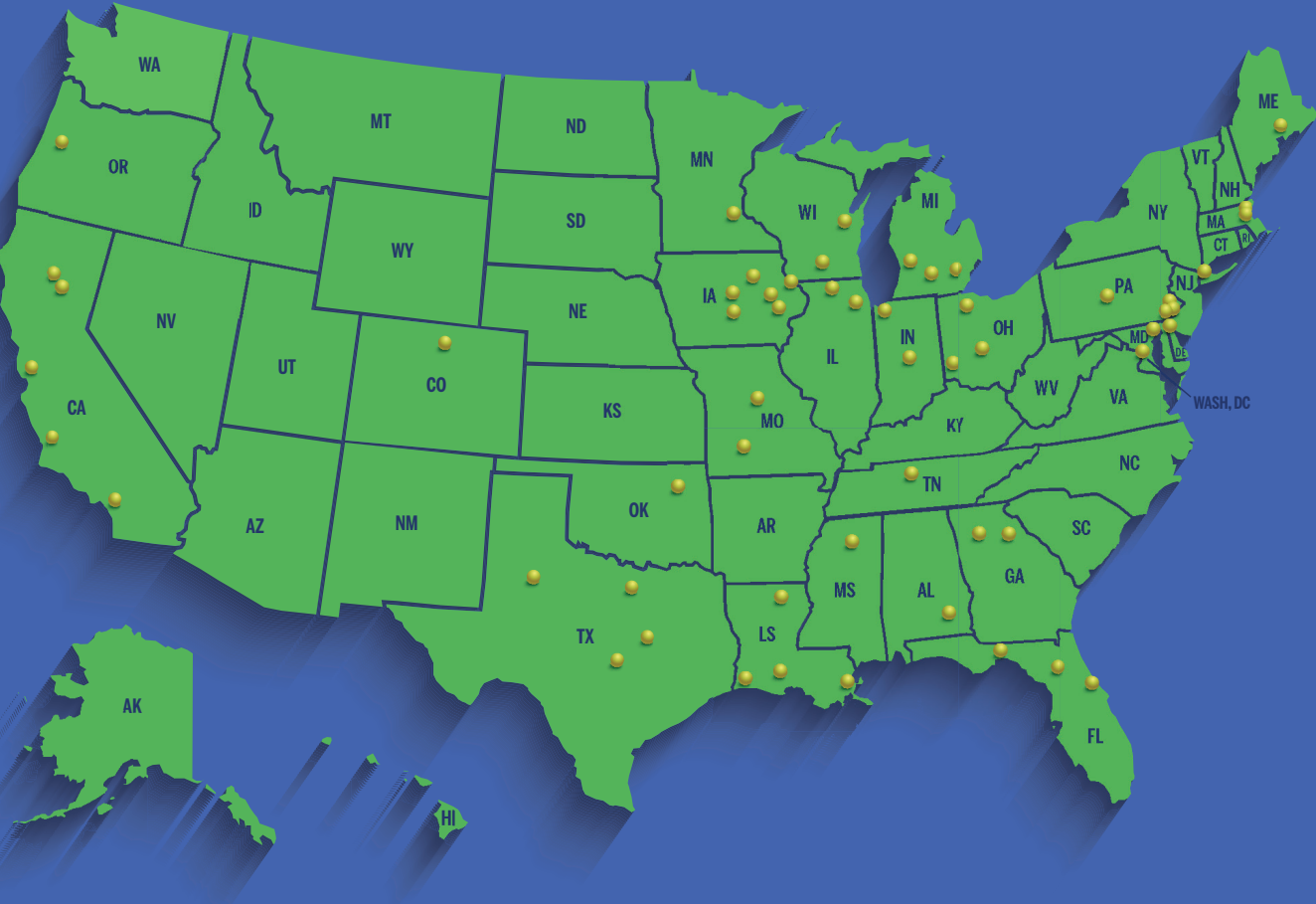
Sienna Lyford

SCHOOL: University of California, Irvine
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration - Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Burns & Wilcox

I was exposed to some very unique risks this summer. Part of my internship experience involved weekly phone calls with underwriters through which I learned how exciting insurance can be. In excess and surplus lines, each day is different and each risk comes with its own set of nuances and challenges, which is very intriguing to me.

School Pride

This year's class of Council Foundation scholars attends a healthy mix of colleges and universities, large and small, across the country. Some may be in your backyard.



- Alabama**
Troy University, Troy

California
California State University, Chico
San Jose State University, San Jose
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Chico State University, Chico
University of California, Irvine

Colorado
Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Delaware
University of Delaware, Newark

Florida
Florida State University, Tallahassee
University of Florida, Gainesville
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach

Georgia
Georgia State University, Atlanta
University of Georgia, Athens

Illinois
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign
University of Notre Dame, South Bend

Indiana
Butler University, Indianapolis
Purdue University Northwest, Westville

Iowa
University of Iowa, Iowa City
Iowa State University, Ames
Coe College, Cedar Rapids
Wartburg College, Waverly
Loras College, Dubuque
Drake University, Des Moines

Louisiana
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe
Tulane University, New Orleans
McNeese State University, Lake Charles

Maine
University of Maine, Orono
- Maryland**
Towson University, Towson

Massachusetts
Bentley University, Waltham
Babson College, Wellesley

Michigan
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Davenport University, Grand Rapids
Olivet College, Olivet

Minnesota
Macalester College, Saint Paul

Mississippi
University of Mississippi, Oxford

Missouri
University of Missouri, Columbia
Missouri State University, Springfield

New York
St. John's University, Queens

Ohio
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green
The Ohio State University, Columbus
Miami University, Oxford

Oklahoma
University of Tulsa, Tulsa

Oregon
University of Oregon, Eugene

Pennsylvania
Temple University, Philadelphia
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Tennessee
Belmont University, Nashville

Texas
University of North Texas, Denton
Texas Tech University, Lubbock
Baylor University, Waco
University of Texas, Austin

Washington, D.C.
Howard University

Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin, Madison
St. Norbert College, De Pere



Taylor Martin

SCHOOL: Purdue University Northwest
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance & Accounting
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hylant

Insurance gives the ability to aid people, families, and businesses to be fully insured and protected against unexpected risks. I find that very rewarding.



Bryce McCumber

SCHOOL: Davenport University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Human Resources Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hagerty

My internship has made me realize that insurance is more than just financially protecting valuables and making a profit; it is about people.



Maxwell Muehring

SCHOOL: Iowa State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler

I can say that there are a limited amount of industries out there that match the insurance industry on the criteria of developing solutions to evolving challenges.



Hunter Mulkey

SCHOOL: Troy University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: BXS Insurance

Insurance interests me because it gives me a way to help people in life.



Margaret Murdock

SCHOOL: University of Notre Dame
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Mathematics, Business concentration
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Lockton

Coming from a strong math background with an eye for numbers, the claims side of insurance particularly interests me as companies can control for outliers and simplify risks across a diverse set of employees.



Evan Neufeld

SCHOOL: Towson University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services Division

Before my internship, I did not understand the reach that insurance had on my day-to-day life, and I am humbled that I am allowed to encourage others to live healthier lives. It makes me want to come to work each day and help people—something I did not expect when first applying.



Abigail O'Brien

SCHOOL: Florida State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Burns & Wilcox

This industry has shown me that there is an exciting world of wonder filled with amazing people and even better opportunities to advance my career.



Mazeed Oluwu

SCHOOL: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Communication and Media Studies
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Gallagher

Insurance gives a wide variety of skill sets an opportunity to generate success, and I love that there are many positions that I find potential for me to be successful within insurance.



Oumalkaire Omar

SCHOOL: Howard University
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cross Insurance

I firmly believe that recruiting and attracting the next generation of diverse talent to the commercial insurance brokerage industry through internships, resources and scholarships is essential to keeping the industry fresh and dynamic. It is the reason I am here today.



Caralynn Orbell

SCHOOL: St. Norbert College
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Business and Spanish
FIRM INTERNSHIP: M3 Insurance

My internship has given me the opportunity to make a difference by protecting and preventing the unknowns in my community and in the lives of others across the globe.



Lily O'Sullivan

SCHOOL: University of Delaware
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Economics
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Alliant Insurance Services

My colleagues really opened my eyes to how fascinating insurance can be. It seems satisfying to make order out of the chaos of so many inputs and moving parts. In a world as crazy as this one, I am comforted by the idea of providing people with a safety net when they most need it. This internship has convinced me that I want to pursue a career in insurance.

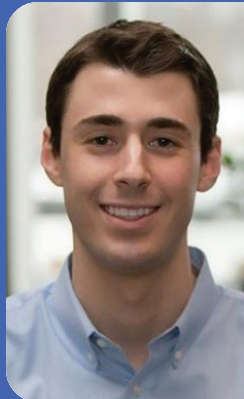


Varun Patel

SCHOOL: University of Georgia
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

USI Insurance Scholar





Noah Reinstein

SCHOOL: Butler University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hylant

The insurance industry breeds innovation, which allows people to push boundaries and take risks knowing they'll be protected in the time of need.



Seth Reynolds

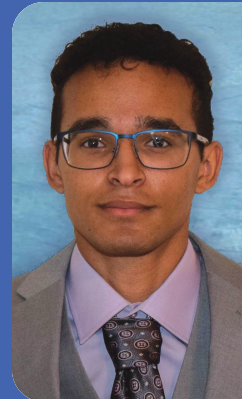
SCHOOL: University of Georgia

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh & McLennan Agency

I am extremely excited to step into a rewarding career path in the insurance industry and make an impact on people's lives.

Franklin Wheeler
Scholar



Anthony Russell

SCHOOL: Bowling Green State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Insurance and Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hylant

The insurance industry offers a dynamic world where each day can give you a completely new challenge.

Grace Searing

SCHOOL: Temple University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services Division

My passion is educating and informing people about insurance to ensure their coverage adequately meets their needs. This aids in my mission to make insurance understandable and accessible to all. What could be more interesting and rewarding than that?



Laura Shoopman

SCHOOL: Belmont University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Gallagher

Today's leaders must be conscious of the next generation on the rise. I was blessed to be a part of an internship program that has already invested so much into young individuals. The fact that one industry can touch so many lives is even more of a reason that I want to begin my career in insurance.



Maya Sobchuk

SCHOOL: Macalester College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Studies, Political Science, Legal Studies

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh & McLennan Agency

Successfully protecting innocent people and their businesses from malicious cyber criminals is the goal for my career, which is why I chose to work with the insurance industry.



Mallory Sprehe

SCHOOL: University of Louisiana at Monroe

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Burns & Wilcox

What interests me about insurance is how broad it can be. I learn something new each day and will continue to learn, as current events and other factors change daily.



Shannon Stoltz

SCHOOL: Missouri State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance - Corporate & Investments

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

The insurance industry is constantly evolving which ensures continuous learning and growth opportunities.



Maia Thompson

SCHOOL: Florida State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Baldwin Krystyn Sherman Partners

A career in Risk Management & Insurance provides the perfect opportunity to pursue my passion for creating a meaningful impact for others because insurance provides the foundation of support and safety from the world around us.

Tina Tran

SCHOOL: Drake University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Health Science Service Management (3+2 MBA Program)

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

Insurance, in my opinion, is what fuels our economy and supports our communities by protecting buildings, helping entrepreneurs, and ensuring the safety of the working class at times of hardship and struggles.



Wentzel van der Berg

SCHOOL: Colorado State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Corporate Finance and Organization and Innovation Management

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hagerly

Growing up in South Africa was no easy task, especially knowing what my future would likely look like: poor, uneducated, and stuck in a non-opportunistic world. After several moves to different countries, my family immigrated to the United States. On a personal level, the industry has provided me with the freedom to go to college, network and, now, the opportunity to make a living.



Brady Vanover

SCHOOL: University of North Texas

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

Insurance is interesting because it gives me the opportunity to help create a better life for people. Insurance is complex, always changing, and there is always room to grow and learn.





Jonni VanRite

SCHOOL: St. Norbert College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration and Integrative Studies

FIRM INTERNSHIP: M3 Insurance

I always knew that I wanted a career that allowed me to help people. When I started my internship, I knew I was entering an industry where forming positive relationships and assisting others is a top priority. I learned the importance of asking questions, communicating effectively, and being fully committed to the work I do every day.



Abigale Vomastek

SCHOOL: Miami University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hagerty

Insurance is intertwined into our everyday lives. We lean on it daily to not only protect ourselves but to protect the things we love, e.g., our family and valuables. With the help of insurance, families can customize their plans and focus on rebuilding their lives after accidents, something I can personally attest to.

“As a first-generation student, I have had to teach myself how to navigate through both my educational and professional experiences...This summer I had the opportunity to intern at Oswald Companies. I was fortunate enough to experience the fundamentals of the insurance industry and felt welcomed by everyone, especially my mentors. I especially liked that Oswald Companies provided me with an opportunity to work on different projects, especially ones focusing on diversity and inclusivity, ensuring the work would have a lasting impact on the future of the industry. My time this summer reinforced my goal to pursue a career in the insurance industry.”

— Maricela Lopez, Miami University, Public Health

Zoie Walters

SCHOOL: Olivet College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Insurance/Risk Management, and Financial Planning

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Burns & Wilcox

Finishing a day of work knowing you've helped someone find the coverage they need can provide so much job satisfaction. Whether it's a small business with an equipment failure, a big corporation with a workers comp claim, or a family that has lost everything to a house fire, the insurance industry is what puts people and businesses back together.



Jia En Wang

SCHOOL: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Econometrics & Quantitative Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Lockton

I wanted to learn more about the numbers driving clients' decisions when choosing benefit plans for their employees. I am fascinated by this because it's almost as if we are entering uncharted territory when trying to predict and create models using past data. I enjoy the idea that we cannot say for sure what the future will look like, but we have just enough information to make an educated guess.



Olivia Whitten

SCHOOL: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Aviation Business Administration

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

The aspect that I find most impressive about the insurance industry is the emphasis on human connection, demonstrated by the dedication of agents regarding establishing relationships with and meeting the needs of clients.



Kayla Winfrey

SCHOOL: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Statistics & Econometrics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Lockton

Insurance is always evolving. New lines such as pet and cyber have grown in popularity in recent years, while both brokers and carriers have been utilizing data analytics and technology to help develop the industry as a whole. This has been really cool for someone with a statistics and data science background like me to see how data can be used for both providers and clients.

Megan Witte

SCHOOL: The Ohio State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Oswald Companies

Insurance is rewarding. As a broker, it is fascinating to work with a diverse range of carriers and clients in all different business sectors and create relationships with people all around the world.



Tingzi Zhang

SCHOOL: Babson College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AmWINS Group

To me, insurance can never be boring because there are endless opportunities, from creating business relations, to developing economic models to analyzing new risks.



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