



2022 Council Foundation Scholars

The following 75 students each received a \$5,000 academic scholarship from The Council Foundation at the beginning of the academic school year.



Kristina Abraham

SCHOOL: University of Louisiana, Lafayette

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Dwight W. Andrus Insurance
Having both my parents in the military gave me a unique perspective on life and the risks we take. I am grateful for my time with Dwight W. Andrus Insurance for allowing me to see how I can apply my own skills and personal experience to meaningful work in this industry.



David Agbi

SCHOOL: Georgia State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Quantitative Risk Analysis & Management

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Sterling Seacrest Pritchard
I am currently pursuing a master's degree in quantitative risk analysis and management at Georgia State. Thanks to my internship at Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, I learned not only about the insurance brokerage industry and the industry at large but also many life lessons necessary to excel in the future. Receiving this scholarship connects me to an exclusive group of industry professionals.



Courtney Andersson

SCHOOL: Colorado Christian University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cobbs Allen
My internship with CAC Specialty [sister company to Cobbs Allen] taught me that insurance is meaningful, exciting and important. Insurance is fast-paced and ever-growing. My background as a collegiate athlete has prepared me to work in insurance because I know what it takes to work hard, take risks, be a team player and find quick, innovative solutions to challenges.

Assurex Global
Robert P. Ashlock
Scholar

Christopher Barton

SCHOOL: University of Louisiana, Monroe

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: H.W. Kaufman Financial Group

Much like sailors and merchants who went to the Lloyd's coffee shop to expand their ventures, we now see expanses into areas such as space travel and artificial intelligence. If we are to continue in this direction with insurance at its core, I desire to be part of that process.



Liv Barwinska

SCHOOL: University of Illinois Urbana, Champaign

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Creative Writing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: OneDigital

I was born in Poland, the land of onions and vodka. I moved across the globe three years ago knowing only one thing—once I start something, I should give it my all. My time at OneDigital has shown me how valuable my positive attitude and curiosity are in this industry. My increased understanding of how insurance helps individuals helped me realize that this work is impactful and I'm looking forward to a career in it.



Mary Grace Browne

SCHOOL: University of Georgia

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Tanner, Balley and Maloof

My internship has given me a deeper understanding of the retail markets and insight into the industry as a whole. Between my work there and my past experiences as president of the UGA Insurance Society and my study abroad program at Lloyd's of London, I have learned how encompassing this industry is, and I look forward what's to come in the future.



USI Insurance
Scholar



Alexis Buglione

SCHOOL: University of Central Florida

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Accounting

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

Throughout my time at UCF, I have made it a priority to get involved and find ways to advance my career path. I am passionate about volunteering and helping others, and individuals in the insurance industry have that same motive. My strong desire to keep learning and growing with every professional experience will set me up as an ideal candidate for a successful future in insurance.



Mackenzie Byrd

SCHOOL: University of Mississippi

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Managerial Finance, Real Estate and Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

My time at Higginbotham has shown me that success in insurance takes thorough communication and active listening. I believe that brokers must know a lot more than just how to sell a policy, and as a triple major, I feel that my well-rounded education will put me in a strong position of success. I look forward to waking up every day and impacting people's lives.



Carter Cappon

SCHOOL: Olivet College

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Insurance & Risk Management

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hylant

I am the president-elect of Gamma Iota Sigma at Olivet College, one of the top chapters in the country. I am also going to be the new president of Olivet's insurance program and am looking forward to following in my father's footsteps. His career trajectory in the industry demonstrates for me that, with hard work, there are endless possibilities and opportunities available to me in this industry.

Five of this year's recipients have also been honored as named scholars—scholarships that are administered by The Council Foundation—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.

Davina Chang

SCHOOL: Florida State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Baldwin Krystyn Sherman Partners

Insurance requires you to be on your toes and is a career with a lot of learning required, which is exactly what I want. It's an industry that is constantly changing, and you have to think ahead for what will happen in the future. I think I will enjoy a career in insurance, and I'm excited to learn more.



Sofia Chiang

SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin, Madison

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Economics and Communication Arts

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Risk Strategies

In my previous professional experiences, I realized how much I value security within industries. As an industry based on protecting people, insurance seemed like a perfect fit. My internship with Risk Strategies has allowed me to develop my product and data management skills further and show me how they can be applied to protect individuals.



Sean Christy

SCHOOL: Stephen F. Austin State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: BXS/Cadence Insurance

Growing up with a mother in risk management and a father who was an underwriter at Lloyd's of London allowed me to experience the impact of insurance at a very young age. After receiving my MBA, I have learned to enjoy the journey that is my professional career. My time at BXS/Cadence Insurance has continually shown me that my formative experiences have prepared me for success within this industry.



Gianpaolo Colannino

SCHOOL: Providence College

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Mathematics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Aegis Insurance Services

My time at Aegis allowed me to draw a connection between the role insurance plays in the success of our daily lives to that of pursuing my mathematics degree. The habits I've developed as a mathematics major have translated well to the insurance world, helping me to better understand the industry and my potential place in it.

Cooper Craiger

SCHOOL: Western Illinois University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy

I went to my internship every day coining myself as an "insurance chameleon." I dove headfirst into tasks all summer with the intention of adapting to and learning from my surroundings. I learned the roles of sales, analytics and data, and service, among others. This scholarship instills within me the confidence that I will find success in my future career endeavours through the insurance brokerage world.



William DaRocha

SCHOOL: Saint Anselm College

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Borislow Insurance

My time at Borislow has given me a better understanding of what it means to work in a business-oriented company. I am currently entering the second year of my internship and have had a great opportunity to learn the inner workings of the insurance industry. As a first-generation college student, this internship has provided me with the tools, resources and support I need to thrive in a career within the industry.



Emma Davis

SCHOOL: Ramapo College of New Jersey

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Baldwin Krystyn Sherman Partners

Providing stability, peace of mind, and a friendly face for people is an experience I can relate to as a result of my varied job history, from hostess to sales associate to marketing. I feel that my experience and talents will be well suited for a career in the insurance industry, and I'm very much looking forward to it.



Oliver De Croock

SCHOOL: Lawrence University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: M3 Insurance

While studying economics, I have grown to understand the importance of data and digitization. My internship with M3 has shown me that insurance is ripe for these growing needs. We will see a continued need to protect data and collect it. I now see an opportunity and a future for myself where I can directly impact these growing sectors of the industry.

“Interning at AssuredPartners Aerospace opened my eyes to the amazing opportunities in the insurance industry. Before the summer, I had never considered insurance as a potential career path. After a few weeks in the APA office, I knew it was for me. I was able to learn from seasoned professionals who created a great environment for me to learn and grow. I’m so grateful for everyone who invested time into my professional development, and I can’t wait to see where my career in insurance takes me.”

—Sarah White, University of South Carolina, Finance & Management



Molly Deal

SCHOOL: Temple University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh McLennan Agency
 Growing up in a large, blue-collar family allowed me to understand the value of a dollar from a very young age. My time at Marsh McLennan has allowed me to see how impactful insurance can be when protecting yourself and loved ones from financial loss. This internship has given me a new perspective and appreciation for how this industry protects and supports families like mine.



Jennifer Dean

SCHOOL: University of Maine
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cross Financial Corporation
 My diverse professional background has not only led me to a career in insurance but has made me appreciate it. My time at Cross Insurance Agency was informed by my customer service role at my local State Farm office. As a result, I have been able to experience the impact insurance has on individual lives, which reaffirms my sense of belonging within this industry.

Major Variety

Of the 75 scholarship winners, just 17 are RMI majors, signaling interest and opportunity across many different disciplines.



Economics & Finance (19)



Risk Management & Insurance (17)



Business Administration & Accounting (13)



Sales/Marketing (12)



Other (10)



Communications/
Creative Writing (4)

Mitchell Dimunah
SCHOOL: University of Massachusetts, Lowell
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hub International
 My background in physical therapy served as an introduction to the insurance industry. The direct correlation between the carriers to the insured allowed me to see how the industry impacts people's lives. Thanks to my internship at Hub, I have had the pleasure of helping people with their insurance needs, and my experience has made me excited for my future within this industry.



Elizabeth Fleming
SCHOOL: University of Mississippi
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Riding
 While interning at Brown & Riding, I also waitressed at a restaurant. Working in the restaurant industry will help me in my brokerage career because both have characteristics that coincide—creative thinking, problem solving, adaptability and collaboration. If my customers leave happy, I've done meaningful work for my community, the main factor driving me to the brokerage industry.



Julia Frerk
SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin, Madison
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Studies, Global Economics
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh McLennan Agency
 Thanks to my time with Marsh McLennan, I discovered that insurance is everywhere. My interests lie internationally, focusing on our foreign partners' cultures, economies and languages. Before my internship, I never considered how this would translate to insurance. I now see the industry's future is multinational—giving me confidence that I have a future within this industry.



Kaeja Garner
SCHOOL: University of Iowa
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Communication Studies
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy
 I believe that acknowledging the differences we all bring to the table and consciously learning from them is the best way for our industry to grow and evolve. My internship at Holmes Murphy has reminded me that my passion for others and a growth-centered mindset will help propel me to a future in insurance.



Jana Hindiyeh
SCHOOL: UCSB
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Actuarial Science
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Aon
 My time at Aon as an account executive risk intern has given me exposure to various insurance lines like property, casualty, cyber, management liability and others. Additionally, working in a client-facing role, I have witnessed the ever-growing demand for insurance across all aspects of life and business life. The breadth of knowledge I have gained throughout this internship will allow me to excel wherever I end up.



Madison Homovich
SCHOOL: University of Georgia
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Truist
 This past summer, I interned at McGriff Insurance, and in addition to learning many new things, I was mentored by great leaders. The commitment that the CIAB and McGriff have shown to the next generation of industry professionals is promising. I am so glad to work within an industry that cares so much about the community around them.



Will Hunt

SCHOOL: Washington State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh McLennan Agency

When mapping out my career, I initially had a greater interest in the financial industry due to my interest in investing. After researching different fields, however, I discovered how much the insurance industry has to offer. My time Marsh McLennan Agency has allowed me to interact with clients, carriers and colleagues, and has solidified my desire to build a legacy in this industry.



Mihika Jain

SCHOOL: Cornell University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Computer Science

FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

During my time at Assured Partners, I learned that networking, conflict-resolution, communication and customer service are pertinent skills to the insurance industry. I trust my background as an athlete has helped me hone and further develop these skills, making me a perfect candidate to work in insurance.



“I am so honored to be a recipient of a Council Foundation Scholarship. I came into the summer with little to no insurance knowledge and quickly learned there is a place for everyone within the insurance industry. One of my biggest career goals is to do my part to help people, and getting involved in the insurance industry is a way for me to achieve this goal that I had not previously considered. I am super thankful for everyone at MJ Insurance and my team for making this summer an awesome learning experience!”

—Julia Patras, DePauw University, Psychology

Madison Johnson

SCHOOL: University of Southern California

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Business Administration

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Amwins

Before my internship with Amwins, I was unfamiliar with the insurance industry. However, I learned that building relationships with clients is fundamental within this industry, and as an extroverted and friendly person, I enjoy that aspect of it. It is also fulfilling to know that my work will positively impact someone's life.



Roderick Johnson Jr.

SCHOOL: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, History

FIRM INTERNSHIP: H.W. Kaufman Financial Group

My time at Burns & Wilcox has taught me that life in the insurance industry requires an unprecedented degree of versatility and resilience. My willingness to continuously cultivate my skill sets makes me an excellent candidate to be among the forward-thinking young professionals who are needed to tackle the complex and diverse challenges that insurance will face in the future.

Aaron Kim

SCHOOL: University of Connecticut

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: OneDigital

Thanks to my time with OneDigital, my career goals within this enterprising field have come into clear focus. I worked specifically with EyeMed, financial reports, 5500 audits, and organizing clients in D365 by factors like renewal dates, product additions, and other policy updates. It has been a pleasure to know that I am contributing to truly meaningful work.



Michael Kurtenbach

SCHOOL: University of Illinois Urbana, Champaign

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Agriculture and Consumer Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: M3 Insurance

The complexity of this industry is what attracted me most. My upbringing taught me the importance of exposure to specific systems and the impact communication could have on individuals' lives. I can clearly see the impact I can make in this industry and am grateful for the opportunity this internship has given me.



Hayley Lazo

SCHOOL: Tusculum

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Political Science

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown

During my time at Brown & Brown, I learned about the intricacies involved in the art of selling insurance. A good agent knows the products and services they are marketing, understands the market, and possesses strong collaborative skills to deliver distinguished customer service. Reflecting on the skills I developed has given me a newfound appreciation for insurance and has encouraged me to find growth within this industry.



Bianca Leal

SCHOOL: The University of Texas, Austin

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Actuarial Science

FIRM INTERNSHIP: NFP

Service to others is an opportunity I never turn down. The insurance industry mirrors service, as the foundation of insurance is to protect and aid consumers. Assessing my own talents as a math major, I was drawn to actuaries. Two elements stood out to me the most: critical thinking and detail-oriented skill. I know the insurance industry will provide a platform to continue my leadership skills and create opportunities to serve.



“I am appreciative of this generous scholarship in support of my education. I am honored to be the recipient of such a gift. So much of my success is a direct result of the time and effort people across the industry have invested in me. Interning at Cottingham & Butler was one of the best experiences I have had. Each day presented itself with new challenges, requiring a dedication to be better every day. I was surrounded by a whole bunch of amazing people who are active in my growth and success.”

—Mark Rapp, Iowa State University, Marketing



Derek Lee

SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin, Madison

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

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler

The insurance industry is unique and challenging, and my work this summer with Cottingham & Butler has only reinforced my desire to pursue a career in this field. With the experiences I have had, I believe my background in the insurance industry is strong, and I look forward to building on it as I move into my last semester in college.



Paige Leonard

SCHOOL: Georgetown University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Business Regional Studies

FIRM INTERNSHIP: NFP

My internship with NFP has shown me that my formative experiences have prepared me for success within this industry. As a college athlete, I know the importance of communicating with people to reach the best result. This role has shown me how important that skill is in this industry. I know that when the time comes to begin my professional career, I will have success in insurance.

Caitlin Mahoney

SCHOOL: University of Florida

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Brown & Brown

In my high school yearbook, I stated that my dream career was to work for an insurance brokerage, having been drawn to the industry after a job shadow day with my mom. Now, years later, I continue to pursue that dream, having recently passed my South Carolina 19-03 exam and interning with Brown & Brown. I feel as though my passion and analytical mindset will help drive me toward a future of success in the industry.



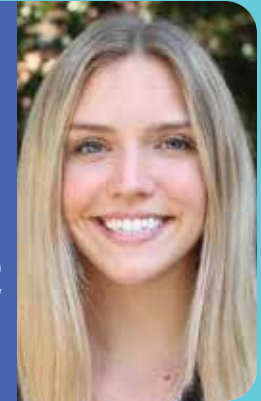
Abigail McCarthy

SCHOOL: Florida State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Amwins

Although my stumbling into the industry can be attributed to FSU, I owe my parents for shaping me and showing me the importance of work ethic and hard work. I know I'm signing myself up for a very competitive industry, but I'm extremely grateful to have found an industry that I not only have fallen in love with but also one where I can have an impact on others.



Grant McCoy

SCHOOL: Creighton University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, FinTech

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

My time at Higginbotham revealed how important the use of soft skills is in insurance. My diverse background has allowed me to expand my network and deeply connect with individuals in our industry. Whether it be knowledge acquired from my fintech degree or the use of the Spanish language, I have tools that will allow me to establish relationships with future clients.



Kena McDaniel

SCHOOL: Berea College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Communications

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Alera Group

My time with Alera Group was nothing but wonderful. While I didn't begin my educational journey with insurance in mind, this internship provided me with an environment that immersed me in this industry. I was then able to see my skills at work, giving me a vision of the impact I can make within this industry.

Alexandra McGrogan

SCHOOL: Bentley University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Hub International

My insurance industry knowledge a few months ago was very minimal and daunting to unravel; however, I now know I can step outside my comfort zone and learn about different fields in order to help the clients at hand. Hub has emphasized how insurance taps into many different industries in order to insure and gain knowledge in the fields of their clients.



Claire Michel

SCHOOL: University of Iowa

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Enterprise Leadership

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy

My desire to form relationships and give unselfishly of my time has led to my involvement in many organizations including Special Olympics, student ambassador, sorority recruitment counselor and American Marketing Association. These skills will allow me to be focused on building long-term meaningful relationships with my future clients.



**Assurex Global
Robert P. Ashlock
Game Changer
Scholar**



Elizabeth Moreland

SCHOOL: University of Louisiana, Monroe
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

I believe that my background as an athlete will allow me to be successful in the insurance industry. From analyzing situations, making in-game decisions and communication, to time management, patience and leadership skills, all of these attributes create a healthy balance of who I have become and will contribute to my career goal of becoming a producer in the insurance industry.



Olivia O'Hare

SCHOOL: University of South Carolina
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance; Business Analytics concentration
FIRM INTERNSHIP: NFP

My internship has shown me that compassion, determination, poise and sociability are essential attributes of a successful insurance professional. These qualities resonate deeply with me, and I plan to embody them in my professional career. My inquisitive nature, determination and love for this industry will drive my success in insurance, and I look forward to the journey unfolding.



Julia Patras

SCHOOL: DePauw University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Psychology
FIRM INTERNSHIP: MJ Insurance

I had never considered a career in insurance until my time with MJ Insurance where I learned that this industry has a place for everyone. There are various career and growth opportunities for people with different skills and interests. This internship has made me realize there is so much opportunity for my generation to experience professional growth within this industry.

Allison Phillips

SCHOOL: Florida State
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Professional Sales

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Marsh McLennan Agency
This scholarship would not have been possible without my mentors at Marsh McLennan. My summer with MMA was nothing short of incredible, leaving me with advanced selling strategies, technical insurance knowledge, and claims-based reasoning skills I will take with me throughout my career. Thank you for investing in young minds!

**Franklin
Wheeler
Scholar**



Reagan Phillips

SCHOOL: University of California, Berkeley
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Legal Studies and Media Studies

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Integrated Specialty Coverages
My internship with ISC has allowed me to explore both business and marketing and all that they encompass. Balancing life as a student and working with ISC has proven to be a challenge; however, I know what I am experiencing will provide me with knowledge and a constant desire to push forward in the insurance industry.



Delaisha Phillips-Davis

SCHOOL: Southern University & A&M College
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Alliant Insurance Services

I am focused, driven and have a positive attitude to be the best I can be in my career. I am a first-generation college student and also have 5+ years' experience in the workforce. I believe my customer service background is perfect for insurance, and I am committed to putting in the necessary work to be successful in my career.



Mayte Porrugas Paseiro

SCHOOL: University of Colorado, Boulder
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Strategic Communications
FIRM INTERNSHIP: TrueNorth Companies

My time at TrueNorth has shown me how crucial all roles are within this business. I have experienced significant professional growth and have been able to exercise my creative side on client-facing projects. Through my experiences, I have seen what an impact the arts can have on this industry, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of establishing brand identities in the future.



Olivia Prouty

SCHOOL: Creighton University
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Healthcare Administration & Policy and Spanish & Hispanic Studies
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Holmes Murphy

My interest in insurance was piqued during an introductory healthcare administration course. After receiving my nursing assistant certification, I gained a greater appreciation for the clinical side of healthcare. My time in the EB department at Holmes and Murphy has shown me how my passion for helping others can be applied in this industry.



Mark Rapp

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

My success is a direct result of the time and effort people across the industry have invested in me. Interning at C&B was one of the best experiences I have had. Each day presented itself with new challenges, requiring a dedication to being better every day. I was surrounded by hard-working people who have inspired me to make a difference in this industry.

Chet Redstone

SCHOOL: Kansas State University
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

I consider myself to be someone with the mindset of an engineer but with the heart of a servant. The insurance industry needs servant leaders in service roles to create solutions both for employers as well as their employees. Growing up with my dad as an EB consultant has propelled my interest in wanting to learn more about the industry. I believe my passion to diversify my knowledge and connections will be a direct asset to my success in the industry.



Camrynn Referente

SCHOOL: Temple University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Aegis Insurance Services

During my internship at Aegis, I learned about how the marketing department of a corporation operates on a day-to-day basis and how important attention to detail is. Winning this scholarship means that I am on the right track toward the career that I envision for myself.



Matty Richardson

SCHOOL: University of Texas, Austin
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Human Dimensions of Organizations
FIRM INTERNSHIP: The Plexus Groupe

My internship with The Plexus Groupe has allowed me to see the value I can bring to this industry. My attention to detail and strong communication skills have proven helpful, and I look forward to utilizing them in my career. Insurance is an exciting career option, and I would love to one day be a part of it.





Gabrielle Ricklefs

SCHOOL: Iowa

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Cottingham & Butler

I'm a proud, fourth-generation "insurance nerd." When you grow up watching the people you admire do something they love, it makes you wonder what it is that makes them love it so much. I began to find that answer at a college career fair and then again during my internship at C&B. I love the people aspect of the job and am beginning to understand the importance of relationships along this career path.



Cayman Rigdon

SCHOOL: University of Mississippi

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance and Real Estate

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Amwins

Insurance is great in that it allows an individual to reach their potential in an entrepreneurial environment while facing new, exciting challenges every day. I enjoy being challenged, as I believe that is the most effective way to grow and learn. Through my internship with Amwins, I learned that insurance brokers are faced with new challenges and dynamic market changes daily. I truly enjoy that aspect of the industry.



Daniel Rodriguez

SCHOOL: Illinois State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Business and Risk Management & Insurance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Lockton

I am a critical thinker and an example of what it is to serve for the bettering of others—things needed to succeed in this industry. Throughout my internship, I was blessed with mentors who guided me to a path of success. I have gained experience in customer service and client retention and am looking forward to developing the skills needed to succeed in the insurance industry.

Nathaniel Roffman

SCHOOL: Bowling Green State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, International Business and Data Analytics & Intelligence

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Huntington

My time at Huntington has taught me that insurance is not just about selling various insurance policies to customers. Working with multiple people with a wide range of jobs in different fields in this business has helped me become a more well-rounded professional who can understand all aspects of the insurance industry.



Kevin Rybka

SCHOOL: Hillsdale College

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Highstreet Insurance Partners

The many changes this industry faces is something that I love about it. My time with Highstreet Partners showed me that this industry is in the business of people, and I can see the impact insurance can have on people's lives. The active care and support in this business inspired me to have a career in this industry.



Kimberly Santaguida

SCHOOL: Colorado Christian University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business Administration & Music Composition

FIRM INTERNSHIP: IMA Financial Group

It was such a privilege to intern with IMA this summer. This internship provided me with the experience of working full-time in an industry where I could see myself having a career. Supporting individuals in a time of need has become important to me, and I look forward to sustaining a career within this industry as time goes on.



Devon Shelton

SCHOOL: Florida State University

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

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Baldwin Krystyn Sherman

With parents in law enforcement, I have long made it a goal to help others succeed and grow personally and professionally. Also, my grandmother, who has worked in insurance brokerage her entire career, helped me see I could do those things with a career in insurance. With inspiration from her and a skill set that matches the industry, I believe insurance is the perfect fit for me.



Joseph Sinicropi

SCHOOL: Providence College

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance and Marketing

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Risk Strategies

The values my upbringing instilled within me were compassion, teamwork and helping others. During my time at Risk Strategies, I felt these values being exercised in a professional environment. Insurance has helped me in times of need, so I want to help assist others in using it also.



Julia Sonntag

SCHOOL: Indiana State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Insurance & Risk Management

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Arlington/Roe

I want to encourage transparency and communication in our work with clients. Our communities need to feel like the insurance industry cares about their well-being and will cater policies to their needs. During my time with Arlington/Roe, I have developed meaningful relationships and have sharpened other soft skills that will help me reach my career goals in this field.

Kiara Tejada

SCHOOL: University of Denver

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance

FIRM INTERNSHIP: IMA Financial Group

My time with IMA was informed by my experience as a summer intern with CIAB. Both have given me a great foundation for what this industry is all about—supporting the greater community. I was fortunate to see how my skills and values are aligned with this industry.



Blake Ternan

SCHOOL: University of Texas, Austin

YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Economics

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Higginbotham

I believe that I have the right combination of skills and characteristics to be successful in this industry. I am outgoing and analytical, enjoy helping others, and am intellectually curious. I push myself to take risks and make myself a little uncomfortable so that I continue learning and growing. I will likely pursue a position that is client-facing, as I enjoy meeting new people and developing and maintaining those relationships.



Cole Thompson

SCHOOL: San Francisco State University

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Business

FIRM INTERNSHIP: Heffernan Group

I am someone who is compassionate and enjoys making other people's lives better. I truly believe that, through a career in insurance, I can continue to help others by providing them the necessary tools to protect them and their businesses. There is a need for more young talent in the industry, and I am excited to be a part of this process. I'm really looking forward to taking the next steps toward a career in insurance.





Blake Todes

SCHOOL: University of Texas, Austin
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Economics and Plan II
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Truist

My strong analytical thinking skills, my academic studies and my strong work ethic make me well suited for a career in the insurance industry. Prior to my internship, I had little knowledge of the industry, but since learning about wholesale brokerage and insurance at CRC, I can say I have the drive, the motivation, and the ambition to work in the industry, and I look forward to building my experience in this industry.



Isabella Trave

SCHOOL: Saint Joseph's University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Risk Strategies

As a daughter of businessowners, I have been exposed since a young age to myriad discussions of obstacles, risks, financials and strategies. My time at Risk Strategies gave me a new perspective on these topics. My experience in the brokerage space allowed me to connect my prior work experience and realize that I am passionate about customer service and consulting.



Masengu Tshitenge

SCHOOL: Southern Utah University
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Accounting
FIRM INTERNSHIP: The Leavitt Group

I immigrated to the U.S. after being born and raised in the Ivory Coast and took an ESL program in college (English as a Second Language; my native tongue is French) which eventually led to my decision to study accounting—the “language of business.” I found the insurance industry thanks to an opportunity at Leavitt and am now pursuing a master’s degree with the help of this scholarship.

Anna Wang

SCHOOL: UC Davis
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Economics and Psychology
FIRM INTERNSHIP: InterWest Insurance Services

I had no previous knowledge of insurance until my time at InterWest. I spoke to dozens of industry professionals working in different industry verticals about their backgrounds; they were of different ethnicities, creeds and genders, and had different interests and passions. No matter what, though, they all unanimously shared a certain dedication and intensity when speaking about what they do.



Bret Wang

SCHOOL: Indiana University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Supply Chain Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Lockton

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Lockton. I have given my best effort to to absorb the many nuances of insurance. I try to embody my values of hard work and efficiency. This scholarship will help me cover the rising expenses of higher education but also signals the industry’s investment in young people like me that will pay dividends for the industry in the future.



Sarah White

SCHOOL: University of South Carolina
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Finance and Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: AssuredPartners

My time at AssuredPartners has shown me what a force the insurance industry truly is. And as the industry continues to evolve, we will be faced with new challenges, new risks and new technologies that will change the way we operate. I’m ready to utilize my experiences and background to take these challenges on. The next generation of insurance is here, and I’m proud to be a part of it.



Andrew Witt

SCHOOL: University of Cincinnati
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Insurance & Risk Management
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Unison Risk Advisors/Oswald Companies

After my internship with Oswald Companies, I want to advance into the producer side of insurance. I have a keen sense of emotional intelligence and listening skills and am outgoing, motivated and persistent. My background, coupled with my life experiences and ambition, is perfect for a career in the insurance industry.



Daija Worley

SCHOOL: Temple University
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Risk Management & Insurance
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Johnson Kendall & Johnson

My internship at J&J was in employee benefits. I worked with an experienced account manager and saw firsthand what exceptional client service looks like. I learned the pivotal role brokers play in ensuring businesses’ safety and success. This scholarship helps with my college expenses and is motivation to keep striving for the best.



Arfa Zahid

SCHOOL: CUNY Brooklyn College
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior, Accounting
FIRM INTERNSHIP: Aon

As a first-generation American who lived in Pakistan, I have had close exposure to an environment that lacked essential protection and security. I came to learn that there is a durable means to mitigate risks and the damage of the aftermath. Thanks to my internship at Aon, I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and insight into the insurance industry and fully intend to learn and grow in the field.

Gabrielle Zielke

SCHOOL: University of Texas, Austin
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior, Advertising & Communications
FIRM INTERNSHIP: NFP

I believe in providing a service that contributes to the social good and well-being of society. Many would not consider insurance as the hero that paves the way for a better quality of life, but insurance is the ultimate protector and provider in the face of life’s uncertainties. I strongly believe in insurance as a worthwhile, valuable and necessary investment.



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