WHAT CAN OMEGA DO FOR YOU?

The Omega Chapter is dedicated to the students success! We will provide networking opportunities such as career fairs, social events, banquets, and much more! We strive to professional develop all of our members through resume workshops with the Career and Development Center, mock interviews with industry professionals, travel opportunities to conferences for only $25, and informational meetings about new things in the industry plus free food at meetings!

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My name is Camille Montanye and I wasn’t always interested in insurance. After receiving my Bachelor’s Degree in mathematics from the University of Miami, I came to MTSU thinking I would go down the Actuarial Science path. After all, actuaries are the ones that make the real money! It didn’t take me long to realize that, while I enjoy analyzing numbers in data, I did not enjoy spending hours and hours actually calculating them. Luckily, I ran in Dr. Wood and found the world of Risk and Insurance! Here I would be able to use statistics, without having to find them from scratch, the perfect place for me. It didn’t take long after that for me to really find a passion for this program and for Gamma. So, while getting my MBA, I also took as many insurance classes and attended as many conferences as I could fit into my schedule, and I found out Risk and Insurance is the most interesting and exciting industry to be in! (At least for me, someone who has no affinity for jumping out of planes or whatever.)

After graduating, I moved to Atlanta, GA to take a full-time position as an Underwriting Support Specialist with Markel in their Environmental Department. My role was to handle all of the Environmental endorsements for the Southeast Region, process renewal accounts, which entailed everything from receiving their renewal application, to quoting, to tracking down any further information if we needed it, to make sure all aspects from the old policy, including any mid-term endorsements, were included in the new policy, and finally to binding the finished product and getting it issued.

So, while I feel that most people that go to MTSU are from Tennessee, I came down from the Philadelphia area. While that may sound like a big move to most people, considering I moved to the tip of Florida for my undergraduate years, Tennessee wasn’t so far from home for me. Plus, I’ve always loved country music! When I was looking at graduate schools, I wanted a school that had a great MBA program of course, but because I was originally thinking of taking the Actuarial Science route, I was also looking for a school with a great Actuary program. MTSU was able to check both of those boxes, as well as offer me a new Southern culture to learn about and fall in love with, so down I moved.

I chose to get my MBA because as someone who wants to work their way up through a company, I find it important to have at least a base understanding of all of the aspects that make a business tick. In my undergrad, I never took a business class, so I felt at a bit of loss.

An MBA is a great way to become familiar with all walks of business such as finance, marketing, information technology, and professional development, and it really helped to prepare me for my future career.

What I have enjoyed most of Gamma Iota Sigma is all of the people I met and friends I made. I know, that’s a cliché answer, but it’s true. I met so many great people through my MBA program and through Gamma. Everyone you meet can teach you something new, so as long as you keep meeting people, you’ll keep learning. I learned that from someone I met at a Gamma Conference. Everyone knows something you don’t, and if you take just a little time to speak with them, you may discover something wonderful that you otherwise may never have come across. Also, most people are overly generous and do want to help you in any way they can, and all you have to do is introduce yourself.

I honestly can’t say that I regret a single moment of my 2 years at MTSU. I studied when I had to study, and surpassed even my own academic goals. But I also had fun when I had free time and was constantly surrounded by friends. It was a great balance of work hard, play hard! I was never overly stressed, but also never bored. I surpassed my academic goals, I made lifelong friendships, I got started in a great career and now I can afford the dog I always wanted! (His name is Barry and he’s the best by the way.) I would say my time at MTSU really gave me a great foundation to build a life upon.

Camille Montanye

Advice for Future Graduates

1. Learn how to budget better. Bills are more important than beer.

2. Yes, a lot of things in a workplace are serious, but a lot of things aren’t. Don’t forget to have fun while you work. You’ll get further in work, and life, if people know you can laugh.

3. No one is going to do it for you, get up and get things done yourself and know that it’s okay if it’s wrong. Learn from it, and do it better next time.
SNAPSHOT OF 2018

- Check out our Career Opportunities webpage for a full listing of all paid internships available www.mtsu.edu/martinchair/Career_Opportunities.php or stop by BAS N330 to view the jobs book!

- MTSU will be hosting the GIS Regional Conference January 25th and 26th. We need student volunteers! Please reach out to GammaIS@mtsu.edu if you are able to volunteer.

- Meeting times have changed! Meetings will now be on Thursday from 4:30-5:30 PM.

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NEW MEETING TIMES

- January 17 Open House 4:30-5:30 PM
- January 22 Accounting Club Informational Meeting 4:30-5:30 PM
- February 7 General Meeting 4:30-5:30 PM
- February 21 General Meeting 4:30-5:30 PM
- March 14 Bernard Health 4:30-5:30 PM
- April 4 Professional Development 4:30-5:30 PM
- April 12 (Tentative) GIS Banquet
- April 15 Golf Tournament
I am a current student in the Master of Science in Professional Science program at Middle Tennessee State University. I am studying Actuarial Science, with hopes of becoming an actuary. My career goals are quite broad, though I hope to earn my Associate and Fellowship in one of the Actuary organizations. I chose this path mainly because of my interest in Mathematics. My major is in Professional Mathematics for my Bachelor of Science degree which I also earned at MTSU. My focus in my undergraduate degree was actually in theoretical mathematics. I did not enjoy the theory as much as I had anticipated, but luckily thanks to some of my math electives, I found a new interest in applied mathematics, such as actuarial science.

I chose MTSU mainly because of its location. It was close to Nashville, where there are a lot of opportunities. More importantly, however, it was close to home. I grew up in Smyrna and most of my family is in the area, and I’m a bit of a homebody. As for choosing my major in Mathematics, it was always my favorite subject, I was good at it, and I had aspirations to become a math teacher. I have enjoyed being a part of Gamma Iota Sigma. I have got to meet some great people such as my fellow members, the faculty who support us, and the people in the industries we get to meet. It has helped me network, get to know the insurance industry, and be better prepared to enter the workforce. It has also given me an opportunity to practice my professionalism (which, between you and me, is something I definitely needed some practice with).

There’s not much I would particularly have done differently. I could have chosen Actuarial science from the start and be much further along in the accreditation process, but then I wouldn’t have as strong of a math background as I currently have. If there is one thing, it would be that I could have been a more focused and dedicated student in my undergraduate program. Believe it or not, I haven’t always been the A+ student that I am today in my master’s program. I started school with a lot of scholarships but did not retain them. I put more focus on work then I did school then. So if I could change anything, I would go back and retain those scholarships, but the experience has taught me some valuable time management skills.

Those skills have helped me continue to ace my classes despite being a full-time graduate student with an assistantship, a job, a member of Gamma Iota Sigma, and a newborn at home.

As I mentioned before, I stay quite busy, so I don’t have too many hobbies. I am a fan of music and entertainment so I try to find time to get out of the house to attend concerts and stand-up comics when I can.
You Don’t Want to Miss This!

What's in store for you?

Gamma Iota Sigma and the Martin Chair of Insurance are very thankful to Auto-Owners and the RIMS Cumberland Chapter!

Thank you, CPCU, for donating to the CPCU William Booth scholarship!

There is now an Alumni Chapter for GIS! Please join the group on LinkedIn: GIS Alumni Council—Nashville Chapter

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