

# ACTUARIAL SCIENCE BULLETIN

## Updates

- » We begin with the fantastic news that UWM has passed the rigorous re-accreditation process and we remain one of the schools to continue to hold the CAE designation. More details about this on page 4.
- » The Panos Skordi Encounter podcast is now live and you can catch up with the videos: [ThePanosSkordiEncounter.com](https://www.thepanoskordienter.com)
- » We continue to develop our program and are excited about the announcement of the UEC system being introduced by the SOA



## Awards

Jada Morgan received the 2021 Alice Siu-Fun Leung Award in Mathematics and the Milliman Scholarship. These awards are given by the UWM Math department to those who are excelling in their different mathematical majors.

The Alice Siu-Fun Leung Award is an award for outstanding UWM undergraduate students in Mathematical Sciences. Jada is a second time winner of this award having also received it in 2020.

Jada is also the 2021 awardee of the Milliman Scholarship. It is given to a sophomore or junior majoring in Actuarial Science who demonstrates academic excellence and shows potential for success in becoming an actuary.

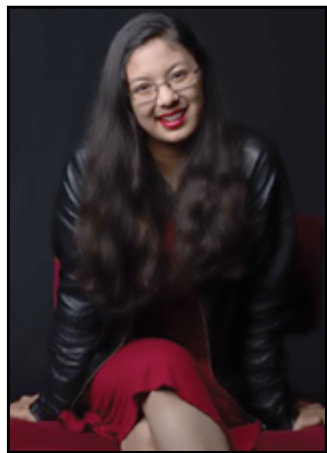
# Get to Know Us

## Incoming Actuarial Club President Jada Morgan

Hello! My name is Jada Morgan. I am a senior majoring in Actuarial Science with a minor in Economics. I was born on the beautiful island of Jamaica, and I now reside in Milwaukee. I have successfully passed Exam FM (Financial Mathematics) in Fall of 2020; Exam P in Spring of 2021 and I am planning to sit Exam IFM (Investment and Financial Markets) in the coming Fall semester. I am the Course Coordinator for Exam FM and work remotely as an Actuarial Intern at National General Insurance Company. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family whether that includes going to beaches or pools, watching movies and just being outside together. Traveling is also



something that I look to do. I hope to travel to many different tropical countries around the world to learn about new cultures and to meet some amazing people.



## Undergraduate Student Lily Levrault

I am a first-year/sophomore member of the UWM Honors College majoring in Actuarial Science and Applied Mathematics & Computer Science and minoring in Russian. The fact that UWM offers all of these programs and allows for them to be studied concurrently was my main reason for choosing this school. I am from a small town called Mascoutah in southern Illinois (30 minutes east of St. Louis) but I went to high school at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora (an hour from Chicago). In my free time, the activities I enjoy include tabletop strategy games and performing arts. Whether it's euchre (a card game) or set building or Catan or tinikling (Filipino dancing), these pursuits contribute to a social atmosphere in which to connect with people and allow me to flourish through a variety of outlets.

## Faculty Member Daniel Gervini

### *Computational Statistics and Multivariate Statistical Analysis*

I obtained my PhD in Mathematics, with specialization in Statistics, from the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1999. My advisor was Víctor J. Yohai and the dissertation versed on Robust Statistics. Then I was a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Statistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1999 to 2001. From there I took up a postdoctoral position at the Department of Biostatistics of the University of Zürich, 2001-2004, under the supervision of Theo Gasser. There I started working on Functional Data Analysis topics. In 2004 I took up this position here at UWM, at the rank of Assistant Professor (2004-2008) and then Associate Professor (2008-2017) and Professor (since June 2017). Starting this Spring of 2021 I've become the Coordinator and Undergraduate Advisor for the department's new BS in Data Science.



# **Spotlight on Alumni**



## **Drake Menzia** *Alumni (and Advisory Board President)*

My name is Drake Menzia, and I am an Actuarial Manager at National General. I have spent a majority of my career so far in health pricing working primarily with supplemental products. I graduated from UWM in 2013 and am a very proud alumnus. UWM is where I met my amazing wife, some of my best friends and it gave me a great education to build off of in my career as an actuary. I think the most beneficial part of my Actuarial Science education at UWM was the speaker series and the number of connections UWM has made with local companies. For me, the most beneficial experience that has helped me as an Actuary is a

concession business I ran in high school and through college. I sold at a number of local events like Milwaukee Air and Water Show, New Berlin 4th of July and St. Martin's Fair to name just a few. In my free time I enjoy working on projects around my house and spending time with my wife and two kids: Huckleberry and Dexter. We like fishing, playing cornhole, going to the park and watching the Packers, Brewers or Bucks.

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# **Spotlight on Advisory Board Member**

## **Jason K. Sciborski** *FSA, MAAA* *Principal, Consulting Actuary*

Jason is a principal and consulting actuary with the Milwaukee office of Milliman. He joined the firm in 2006. Prior to joining Milliman, Jason worked at a large insurance company specializing in dental, life, and short-term disability products. Jason's areas of expertise are managed care, Medicare Advantage, supplemental benefits products, and strategic consulting. He has assisted clients with rating and underwriting, experience analyses, reserve and liability estimates, product design, risk sharing arrangements, healthcare reform analysis, risk adjustment, and other actuarial projections. Jason specializes in assisting healthcare plans and their sponsors to succeed in a volatile environment. His clients include professional associations/trusts, employers, provider-owned health plans, and insurance companies, both in the commercial and retiree markets.



Jason has a BBA, Actuarial Science and Risk Management/Insurance Double Major from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He resides in Waukesha with his wife, two children, and dog (a cavapoo). He's a Wisconsin sports fan, enjoys travelling, reading, fitness, cars (really anything that goes fast), and spending time with family and friends. Beer and bourbon are pretty good too...

# Center of Excellence

The Department of Mathematical Sciences at UWM proudly shares the news that the Society of Actuaries (SOA) has re-accredited UWM's Actuarial Science Program as one of 33 Centers of Actuarial Excellence (CAE) around the world and only 17 in the USA. The CAE status recognizes programs that meet strict criteria in quality of curriculum, number and quality of graduates, qualified faculty, strong ties to business, and beneficial research and scholarship.



The University's Actuarial programs include the BA in Actuarial Science, the MS in Mathematics (option in actuarial science), and the PhD in Mathematics (concentration in actuarial science).

The department would like to take this opportunity to thank the program's many stakeholders—students, alumni, employers, leadership of the College of Letters & Science, UWM Foundation, and all the corporate partners—as without their continuing support, the program would not have achieved this recognition.

## Fundraising

To achieve our goal of producing the best actuaries of the future, we encourage our students to start professional exams early and participate in professional development seminars.

Funding is required to enable our students to pay the costs of taking the professional examinations. The costs are relatively small for working professionals but can be debilitating for some students.

To help us reach our goals you can donate on-line: [www.give.uwm.edu/actuarial-science](http://www.give.uwm.edu/actuarial-science)  
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