

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE BULLETIN

Director Updates Summer 2022

As we conclude another semester, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our graduating students a healthy, happy, and successful future.

Our careers day will take place in September and if you would like to be involved please contact Panos Skordi (skordi@uwm.edu).

We look forward to the new semester with important enhancements to our program which we will announce shortly.

Spotlight on Alumni

Jada Morgan

My name is Jada Morgan, a graduating senior with Commencement Honors and the outgoing President of the Actuarial Club at UWM, majoring in Actuarial Science with a minor in Economics. I was born on the beautiful island of Jamaica, but I now reside in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After leaving high school, I migrated to the US as a permanent resident and quickly transitioned and adapted to the American college system where I became active within the students' associations and societies. The Actuarial Club and UWM at large made my transition stress free. In April 2021, I was inducted into UWM's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa – the Eta Chapter, a honors society aiming to promote and advocate excellence among liberal arts and sciences students. Additionally, I was apart of different activities at UWM such as the Ignite Leadership Workshop.



I have successfully passed the Financial Mathematics (FM) exam, the Probability (P) exam and will be sitting IFM in summer 2022. With this, I managed to secure an internship with National General Insurance in my junior year extending right up to graduation. After graduation, I will be joining Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL as a full time Actuarial Analyst as well as the Actuarial Science Advisory Board here at UWM. I want to extend my profound gratitude to all the professors that got me this far and aided in my academic excellence especially Director Panayiotis Skordi for his continuous support.

Get to Know Us

Evdokia Obrknez

Actuarial Club Member

Evdokia Obrknez is a Milwaukee local finishing up her second year here at UWM in the actuarial science program. When deciding what she wanted to pursue in college, she set out to find a major that combined her love for math and business and stumbled upon actuarial science. She's sitting for exam FM, her first exam, in June 2022 and is quite nervous, yet excited. Along with the actuarial club, she's also in the math club and enjoys the camaraderie in both very much. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, concert going, and spending time with family and friends.



Undergraduate Student

Tia Purcell

Hi, my name is Tia Purcell and I am currently an actuarial science major with one year left. I have passed Exam FM and plan to take Exam P this July. I plan on applying for actuarial internships this summer and hopefully start this upcoming school year. I am super interested in furthering my knowledge of the different specialties that I can go into through actuarial science and I am excited for what comes next!



Outstanding Scholar

Kiran Earnshaw

Throughout Kiran's first year at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, he passed the FM exam in December 2021 and the P exam in March 2022. He also earned the Milliman Scholarship and was offered an internship at an insurance company. Kiran accredits most of his success to the Actuarial Club and tries to help whenever possible. Following through with the ideas of Dr. Skordi, he constructed the Outreach program, which is meant to highlight the club's outstanding features and share the advice he wishes he had going into Actuarial Science. To end his first year, his involvement in the Actuarial Club earned him a nomination for the "Outstanding First-Year Student" award. Kiran is presently studying for the IFM exam in July to continue his ascent towards fellowship.



Advisory Board Member

Fred Brautigam

Fred is a content specialist at Coaching Actuaries (CA), located in Des Moines, Iowa. He joined Coaching Actuaries in 2016. Prior to joining Coaching Actuaries, he worked at Cardinal Stritch University as the Assistant Director of the Academic Support Center, tutoring in subjects such as writing and statistics. At CA, Fred has had a variety of roles including author, editor, narrator, and forum coach for exams MFE, FM, IFM, LTAM, and FAM.



Fred has a BA and MA from UWM. He lives in West Des Moines with his dog Loli, and enjoys traveling, specifically to places with a good surf break. He enjoys reading, watching independent films, and volunteers with Math Motivators in Des Moines.

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.

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