

# **ACTUARIAL SCIENCE BULLETIN**

## **Year in Review - Winter 2021**

We are so thankful for all the hard work and dedication from the faculty, students, advisory board, and industry partners, that made everything possible. With this help we were able to:

- Maintain our CAE accreditation
- Submit our UEC application
- Increase club memberships
- Deploy our new mentorship program
- Develop our new website
- Recruit new professional faculty
- Increase the number of professional exams passed by our students

We are looking forward to more opportunities in the coming year, including:

- Our new Director's Honors List, acknowledging students' achievements
- Recruitment of more high-quality actuarial team members
- Our inaugural fast pitch competition for students to improve their presentation skills

## **Get to Know Us**

### **Kam Chuen Chan**

#### **Actuarial Club VP of Membership**

My name is Kam. I am a graduate student majoring in Mathematics with an Actuarial Science option. I serve as a Vice President of Membership for the UWM Actuarial Science Club. In addition, I am a teaching assistant at UWM. I have successfully passed exams P, FM, IFM and SRM, and I am currently preparing for STAM and LTAM. My dream job is to be an actuarial consultant. In my free time I like to hang out with friends and play billiards



### **Undergraduate Student Conner Angeli**

My name is Connor Angeli. I am a senior at UWM this year majoring in actuarial science. I am planning to take exam IFM this November. Some things I am involved with here at UWM are the actuarial club, which I am a board member of, as well as being a tutor for Calc II.

### **Faculty Member Jessica Odonnell**

My name is Jessica O'Donnell and I'm currently an actuary practicing in the Health Industry. I recently moved back to the Milwaukee area after moving around the Midwest, which has allowed me to spend more time with my family and friends. In my free time I enjoy reading, playing board games, and taking my dog for walks. I'm excited for the opportunity to work with Exam FM students and am looking forward to helping with questions and resources surrounding the actuarial profession.



## **Spotlight on Alumni**

### **Mannix Carroll Ascension**

My name is Mannix Carroll and I graduated from UWM in 2020 with a major in Actuarial Science and a minor in Economics. As a sophomore, I started an internship at Ascension on the pricing and product team where I supported building claims data summaries and developing pricing factors. I finished my degree with two exams passed and accepted a full time offer on the network analytics team at Ascension. Now I support the network analytics team with researching and analyzing our provider networks. Our work includes developing dashboards and models that display areas we can improve our network by finding gaps in medical services, shortening distance from providers to members, and finding price differentials from market competitors. In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family and being active. I like to be active by working out, rollerblading, golfing, and volleyball. I also really enjoy watching movies, tv shows, and cooking when the harsh Wisconsin winter comes around.



## **Spotlight on Advisory Board Member**

### **Kelsey Wakefield Ascension**

Kelsey attended The Ohio State University and majored in Actuarial Science, with minors in Statistics and Economics. She moved to Milwaukee after college to begin her career in health insurance consulting, and transitioned to the healthcare provider side at Ascension in 2019. In her current role, Kelsey works on Commercial pricing for Ascension's employees and the ACA Individual Market. She is looking forward to attending the Fellowship Admissions Course to attain her FSA this December. When she's not working, Kelsey enjoys running outside and baking.



# Gratitude

The Actuarial Science Department and Club would like to extend our collective thanks to this month's guest speakers: Charles Johnson, Krystal Smuda, and Drake Menzia. Your shared experience & expertise is invaluable to those starting their actuarial journey! Also, the club would like to thank The Infinite Actuary for their donation and Lee for his time.



Charles Johnson



Krystal Smuda



Drake Menzia

## 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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