

MTSU ACTUARIAL SCIENCES PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome for the NEW School Year!

Welcome back from the summer break and welcome new students that are joining the MTSU actuarial science program!

I'd like to take this opportunity to summarize and report the following news from the program:

- The Casualty Actuaries of Southeast (CASE) has awarded MTSU Actuarial Science Program 2014 Actuarial Science Program Grant of \$1500. The funds will be used to promote and support the actuarial science program at MTSU.
- Dr. Don Hong, Professor of Mathematics and Coordinator of Actuarial Science Program, has visited Ningbo University and North China University of Technology, as well as the City University of Hong Kong in May and June of 2014 for enhancing exchange programs in actuarial science between MTSU and these schools.
- In May and August 2014, twenty (20) students graduated in actuarial science program with either a BS degree or an MS (or MSPS) degree.
- Since January 2014, seven (7) students passed the first professional exam (Exam-P/1) from the Society of Actuaries/Casualty Actuarial Society; five (5) students passed the second professional exam (Exam-FM/2); two (2) student passed the third professional exam (Exam-MFE/3F); two (2) student passed the fourth professional exam (Exam-MLC/3L); and one (1) student passed the fifth professional exam (Exam-C/4). More details of news from actuarial students can be found at <http://capone.mtsu.edu/amsa/Newsletter.htm>.
- Since May 2014, we have students that received jobs from the following companies: Willis Casualty Actuarial Practice, Nashville, TN (Adam); SIGMA, Brentwood, TN (Lucy); Towers Watson, Memphis, TN (Dimple); The Capital Market Company (Capco), Washington, DC (Gabriel); 1st Acceptance Insurance (Daesha); US Army Officer Candidate, Ft. Benning, GA (Cliff); Greenwoods Asset Management, Inc., Shanghai, China (Lianlain); Lincoln Financial Group, Greensboro, North Carolina (Caleb); BCBS of TN (Brent and Lauren); BPS&M, Brentwood, TN (Lauren).
- Ten (10) students have finished internship programs in the Spring and Summer term of 2014 with the following companies: SIGMA Actuarial Consulting Group, Inc., Brentwood, TN; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee; China Life Insurance Company Limited, Beijing, China; Pingan Safety Insurance Company, Beijing, China; Sunshine Insurance Group, Beijing, China; TMW Group, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; Dr. G. Rowell's summer project, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; KBMD & Associates, PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee; Yinzhou Bank, Zhejiang Province, China; and the Hao Han Data, Beijing, China. We are so grateful for industrial support to the program.
- (1) Lu Xiong, Ph.D. candidate in Computational Sciences (COMS), gave a poster presentation at the Actuarial Research Conference held at the University of California at Santa Barbara from July 13-July 16, 2014. (2) Zoe Ye has submitted a paper based on her MS thesis to VARIANCE, a research journal of the Casualty Actuaries Society.
- Graduate School Admission News: The following recent actuarial graduates have been admitted to graduate schools in US for Ph.D./MS studies: Le Yin (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) with a full assistantship to study Mathematics; Zoe Ye and Sarah Lin (MTSU) with a full assistantship to study Economics; Alex Wolde (University of Memphis) with a full assistantship to study Statistics; Tian Zhang and Jiani Wang (Florida State University) to study Mathematical Finance; Lingsheng Liu (University of Connecticut) to study Mathematics and Actuarial Science.

Actuarial Student Foundation

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