

MTSU ACTUARIAL SCIENCES PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We have a lot to be thankful for here at MTSU's actuarial science program. I am thankful for a great place, excellent program, supportive administration and faculty to work with and talent students to serve. I hope you'll look around and see all the things that you should give thanks. But the thing we are most thankful for is the Love we receive. Our hearts should overflow with gratitude for the blessings we receive. Time flies, we are in December now for Christmas! Wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

- In the year of 2013, seven (7) students passed the first professional exam (Exam-P/1) from the Society of Actuaries/Casualty Actuarial Society; seven (7) students passed the second professional exam (Exam-FM/2); one (1) student passed the third professional exam (Exam-MFE/3F); one (1) 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>.
- The enrollment of actuarial students increased significantly in the past 5 years (from 15 in 2008 to 75 in 2013). Fifteen (15) students graduated in actuarial science program with either a BS degree or an MS degree in the year of 2013.
- Recently, two alumni of MTSU actuarial science program, Jeremiah I Richardson (ACAS 2013) and Xiufeng "Ben" Yin (ASA 2013) have achieved the Associateship designation from the Casualty of Actuarial Society and Society of Actuaries, respectively.
- Ten (10) students have finished internship programs in Summer and Fall semester of 2013 from seven companies/agencies including Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI), Blue Cross and Blue Shield of TN (BCBS-TN), and Community Health Systems at Franklin, TN. Recent graduates have received job offers from Nationwide Insurance, BCBS-TN, Wells Fargo (BPS&M), AIG at Atlanta, Humana at Louisville-KY, Alpha Vision, PingAn Insurance at Shanghai, China Life Insurance, etc. We are so proud of our graduates and also grateful for industrial support to the program.
- Faculty and graduate students in the program got a chance to participate in TDCI's rate review project for the past two years. In addition to completing the rate review report and the training courses, the research team conducted a research topic on trend analysis and software development. An abstract of the research topic was presented at the 2013 Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) held at Temple University in Philadelphia from July 31 through August 3, 2013. The abstract has been published in ARCH 2014.1. of the Society of Actuaries.
- MTSU actuarial science program has also received strong support from the regional actuarial associations. Two students received 2013 Scholarships from the Casualty Actuarial of Southeast (CASE) and four students received 2013 Scholarships from the Southeast Actuarial Conference (SEAC).

Looking at the achievements made by the student and faculty in the program, I would like to say thank you all again for your support. Although we do not say it nearly enough, we wholeheartedly thank you for the love and support that you have given us on support MTSU actuarial science program.

Actuarial Student Foundation

The Actuarial Student Foundation is restricted to support actuarial students in their actuarial career development. If you would like to make a contribution to this foundation, please make your check or money order payable to: *Actuarial Students Foundation, Box 34, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132*. Be sure to send in your contribution before the end of this year to receive tax deductible statement from MTSU Foundations Office. Please also check with your company about the matching contributions. If you are interested in setting up a scholarship for ACSI students bearing your's or your company's name, please contact Dr. Hong or MTSU Foundation Office for assistance.