



We've Done it Again!

We're proud to announce that, for a second time, UNT's Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS) chapter was awarded the Distinguished Chapter Award at the 2024 GIS Annual Conference! Out of more than 105 chapters nationwide, only seven received this honor, and UNT was the only chapter in Texas receiving such recognition. This award highlights our organization's commitment to leadership, community service, professional development, and chapter management. Way to go!

Beyond the award, our chapter had a jam-packed and successful year. UNT's GIS hosted guest speaker sessions on multiple and diverse topics such as the changing role of actuarial science within the insurance industry, personal branding, emerging risks, and featuring professionals from local and regional organizations such as the Insurance Council of Texas (ICT), Texas Mutual, Federated Insurance, and Liberty Mutual, among others. We also stayed active in service and outreach efforts, including volunteering at Shiloh Field Community Garden and visiting local high schools to promote insurance careers. Social events included a mini-golf mixer with Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas (IIAD), a joint dinner with RMI UT-Dallas, and a "Casino Night" event for students on campus to close out the semester. With a strong focus on professional development, service, and connection, UNT's GIS continues to lead by example.

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This summer, we are launching a fully online introductory RMI course for students in the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science and Bachelor of Science in General Business programs at UNT. This expansion will open doors for more students to explore career pathways in insurance and risk management.

Expanding Access to RMI Education

Student Spotlights

This year, RIMS sponsored 20 select students from across North America to attend the annual RISKWORLD conference through its Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program. This program recognizes the outstanding achievement of top RMI students throughout the U.S. and Canada. For 2025, Brock Polydoroff and Lily Westmoreland were selected as honorees of the award and represented UNT at the event in Chicago. This elite honor allowed them to connect with global industry leaders, attend high-impact educational sessions, and experience one of the largest annual gatherings in the risk management profession.

Additionally, congratulations to Harizah Kabiruddin, a recipient of the highly competitive 2024 Spencer Educational Foundation Scholarship. This national award recognizes exceptional RMI students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and a passion for advancing the industry. Harizah continues to be a standout representative of UNT RMI.

Also of special note is that Ethan Philips earned third place in the national Wholesale and Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA) Video Contest. The competition challenged students to create a three-minute video on how the insurance industry can attract and retain talent. Ethan's thoughtful and engaging submission earned him a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations, Ethan!



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2025 RMI
Career Fair

Conference Attendance

With support from our advisory board, donors, and national partners, UNT students actively participated in a wide range of industry conferences during the 2024–2025 academic year. From multiple regional events to national symposiums, these experiences provided meaningful exposure to current industry trends, emerging risks, and valuable networking opportunities.

Students attended several key Texas-based industry gatherings, including the 2024 ICT Property & Casualty Symposium in Dallas, where they explored scholarship opportunities and connected with longtime program supporters. They also joined the IIAD for the annual Jim Millerman All Industry Day—a day full of learning and networking with local professionals. The DFW RIMS Annual Conference once again offered a valuable opportunity for professional development, while students at the spring PRMA Summit gained insight into the specialized world of high-net-worth risk management.

At the national level, UNT RMI was proud to send representatives to the Gamma Iota Sigma Leadership Symposium in Columbus, Ohio, where Karine Chalhoub, Brock Polydoroff, and Kaitlyn Adamson collaborated with fellow chapter leaders and explored ways to enhance GIS' impact on campus. And just this past March, a group of RMI students traveled to Las Vegas for the WSIA Extreme Risk Takers Symposium, taking a deep dive into the E&S insurance space and connecting with top professionals across the country.

The academic year concluded in May with a strong UNT showing at RISKWORLD 2025 in Chicago, where eight RMI students explored the future of risk management at one of the industry's largest annual events. Travel made possible through a grant sponsored by the Spencer Educational Foundation, the conference gives students access to powerful keynote sessions, career resources, and global industry leaders.

RMI Week Events 2024

The UNT RMI program's annual RMI Week, held in October, delivered a meaningful lineup of events that brought together students, faculty, alumni, and industry professionals for a week of learning, networking, and career development.

The week began with a welcome reception for our 2024 Risk Manager on Campus, Catrina Gilbert (VP Risk Management at DFW International Airport) and her Marsh McLennan broker, Toni Tate. Catrina's multiple high-energy presentations set the tone for the days ahead and gave students a chance to connect. The week also included the annual RMI Career Fair in a packed Union ballroom. Our next RMI Career Fair is October 30, 2025. We hope to see you there!

The week wrapped up with a behind-the-scenes tour of DFW International Airport for our students, where they experienced firsthand how risk is managed at one of the busiest airports in the country—an eye-opening experience for all who attended. A special thanks to the Spencer Educational Foundation for sponsoring RMI Week 2024 and helping us put together this dynamic lineup of events.

RMI Day 2025

And in what has become an annual event, we hosted our third RMI Day in the early spring in the Ryan College of Business Atrium. The festive and lively event brought together UNT Ryan College of Business students, faculty, and advisory board member representatives.

Students connected one-on-one with the guests and learned about internships and full-time employment opportunities, and got answers to “real-world” questions related to launching their own respective careers. With snacks, giveaways, and even a surprise appearance from Scrappy (the UNT mascot), the atmosphere was upbeat and welcoming.

