

My name is Austin Neimanis and I am a senior graduating in May from the University of Iowa with a degree in Finance. I am also pursuing a Risk Management and Insurance Certificate and a Certificate in Leadership Studies. I am originally from West Des Moines, Iowa where I attended Valley High School.



My involvement within the Vaughan Institute of Risk Management and Insurance began when I joined Gamma Iota Sigma, the professional risk management, insurance, and actuarial science business fraternity. I was looking for something new on campus and wanted to become involved on an executive board for an organization to gain leadership experience. I quickly became interested in the topics our speakers presented on, which included their career paths and current positions. After my first semester in the student organization, I became the Vice President of the Mentoring Program. I was fortunate enough to have two fantastic mentors, Hal Larson and Lara Baugh, who provided me with unique perspectives and helpful guidance within the industry. My involvement within Gamma Iota Sigma has continued this semester as I have served as the Vice President of Industry relations.

I found the insurance industry to be rewarding and interesting, but more importantly I developed a passion for risk management. I have been able to see the industry within my coursework, student organization involvement, and the various industry conferences I have attended. After speaking with various professionals within the industry, I am confident that I have found a career that fits my interests and strengths.

Currently, I am searching for a full time position that will allow me to continue to develop my leadership, analytical, and teamwork skills. I would like to join a trainee or development program to enhance my insurance knowledge as I transition into a career within the industry.

My risk management and insurance coursework has successfully prepared me for a career in various aspects within the industry. My favorite courses within the program have been Risk Modeling and Corporate and Financial Risk Management. The skills I have learned in the classroom have benefited me during my internship experiences at both Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and AEGON USA Investment Management. I look forward to utilizing my education upon graduation and continuing my professional development by pursuing various professional designations.

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EDUCATION

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

May 2014

B.B.A. Finance | GPA: 3.56/4.0

Certificate in Leadership Studies | GPA: 3.73/4.0

UI Cumulative GPA: 3.31/4.0

Risk Management and Insurance (RMI) Certificate | GPA: 3.5/4.0

Dean's List

STUDY ABROAD

The University of Iowa at ACCENT International, London, England

Winter 2012 – 2013

Topics in Finance II: Risk Management in a Global Economy

- Studied the importance of risk management in the birthplace and global hub of modern insurance
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Portfolio Management Intern

August 2013 – May 2014

AEGON USA Investment Management / Transamerica, Cedar Rapids, IA

- Supported portfolio managers and analysts by producing models on \$100 billion portfolio
- Created portfolio management reports with nearly 400 charts on a weekly, monthly, and quarterly basis
- Maintained the Monthly Client Reporting Package given to all divisions within the company
- Provided economic support and research utilizing Excel, VBA, Bloomberg, Haver, Aladdin, and Access

Commercial Underwriting Intern

May – August 2013

Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Grinnell, IA

- Assisted management and underwriters by performing quantitative studies on insurance programs
 - Made observations on company's profitability and adherence to company guidelines
 - Developed and communicated research on the multi-family residential and commercial auto products
 - Participated in the Foundation of Leadership Program to explore insurance and leadership principles
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LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE

Market Researcher, *HawkTrade: Stock and Investment Club*

August 2013 – Present

- Conducted weekly research analysis on investment strategies, market news, and equity valuations
- Utilized analytical tools and PowerPoint to present and communicate economic data and forecasts

Vice President of Industry Relations, *Gamma Iota Sigma Risk Mgmt. and Insurance Fraternity*

April 2013 – Present

- Administered our professional relationships with companies, industry leaders, and alumni
- Student representative and attendee for the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS)
- Arranged the speakers and planned the topics for our biweekly meetings

Executive Finance Chair, *Campus Leaders Today, Career Leaders Tomorrow*

April 2012 – Present

- Created organization to enhance and empower student leadership and teamwork skills
- Oversaw finances and built \$3,000 budget while updating reports for each pillar of the organization
- Collaborated with executive peer members to successfully generate campus leadership awareness

Vice President of Mentoring, *Gamma Iota Sigma Risk Mgmt. and Insurance Fraternity*

April 2012 – May 2013

- Coordinated and managed the Vaughn Institute Mentoring Program made up of 42 participants
- Directed program events and professional development activities such as etiquette dinners and panels
- Participated in mentoring program where I learned from two mentors within the RMI industry

Career Leadership Academy, *Active Student*

January 2012 – Present

- Four semester program with coursework to gain additional leadership and teamwork skills
 - Enhanced communication, interpersonal, and presentation abilities through activities and community service
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Leadership Iowa University

August 2013

- Received scholarship from Iowa businesses and higher-education institutions to attend program that educates, inspires, and develops leaders as the foundation for Iowa's future economic growth

Dana Ramundt Scholarship

Spring 2013

- Recognized for my involvement and academics within the Vaughn Institute at the University of Iowa