THE ACTUARIAL ACCOUNT

YOUR BI-QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER CONTAINING EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION OF UCSB.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/23 – **Bowling Night Social** 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Zodo's Bowling and Beyond Come bond with the other members of the Actuarial Association and knock down some pins!

10/24 – **Aon Hewitt Info Session** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM South Hall 5607F (Sobel Room)

11/14 – **AAA** (CSAAIG) **Info Session** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM South Hall 5607F (Sobel Room)

JOBS:

M Financial Group in Portland, Oregon is looking to hire an Actuarial Analyst. Please contact Phillip Willsey for more information regarding the position.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DAVID GRAHAM

David Graham graduated from UCSB in June 2012, and has worked as an Actuarial Analyst at Towers Watson in San Francisco since. He enjoys working on the consulting side because it allows him to be exposed to the many aspects of the business and further develop



his skill set. He is constantly learning on the job; he attends meetings to learn about new legislature and stay updated with his field.

His advice to freshman/sophomores: "It is never too early to get involved with the actuary club and meet fellow students in the major. Having a network of friends going through the same things is an asset that will remain valuable long after sharing textbooks, discussing projects, and making the most of UCSB is a concern.

Attend the clubs info-sessions; these are excellent opportunities to learn about the profession. Not to mention, many of the companies who visit campus send the same individuals every year. It's a good opportunity to make a good impression with someone you may be interviewing for a job with in a year or two."

His advice to juniors/seniors: "Pass exams. Find opportunities to work with Excel. Use the Business Writing requirement as an opportunity to fine-tune a resume, and don't shy away from opportunities to have it critiqued. When interviewing, keep in mind that beyond the 'can you do the job?' question, the interviewer wants to know if you're someone they might want to work with. It may be worthwhile to ask about social activities you enjoy."

STRESSED FROM STUDYING? NEED A LAUGH?

Why did the underwriter deny coverage to the nudist colony?

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RECENT GRADS: WHERE THEY ARE NOW?



Some of our recent graduates (from L to R): Tiffany Sun, Bruce Gong, Andrew Mackenzie, Phillip Willsey, Daniel Mena, David Ren, and Chris Miller.

Andrew Mackenzie was the former President of UCSB Actuary Club. He passed exams P, FM, and MFE upon graduation and is currently working at Towers Watson in Houston, Texas as a Health and Group Benefits Actuarial Analyst.

<u>Daniel Mena-Martinez</u> was the former Vice President of UCSB Actuary Club. He passed exams P, FM, MFE, and C upon graduation and is currently working at Fidelity Investment in San Francisco, California as an Actuarial Analyst.

Course Highlight: PSTAT 195

Tired of looking at distribution functions and wondering "How will this help with my love life?" Well, it won't. However, there is a unique course offered by the Statistics Department which may indirectly resolve your dilemma.

PSTAT 195 is a course which concentrates on building effective presentation skills, confidence and experience in different settings impromptu, planned, oral, multimedia, etc. Emphasis will be placed on aiding students to acquire a high-level of professionalism in an actuarial working environment.

If you are interested in taking a rewarding course without all the Greek symbols, consider PSTAT 195. After taking this course, you may then wonder "How will I find time to finish my homework when I'm so busy going on dates?"



Come support our intramural basketball team every Thursday at 7PM in the Thunderdome! Our team has won its first game of the season!

Answer: There were no sufficient rates to cover the exposure.

"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." - Michelangelo