

## **Risk Management & Insurance/ Gamma Iota Sigma Alumni**

### **Luke Charlton**

I started college at Missouri State University in August, 2000, then Southwest Missouri State University. I graduated in December of 2004. During my time in school I became involved in the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, the only International Risk Management and Insurance Fraternity. I became president of Missouri State's Chapter in 2002 and continued as president for two years. This great fraternity did a wonderful job of preparing me for a career in insurance.

After graduating in December of 2004, I was working as a loan officer at a small bank. I wanted to use my insurance degree so I began selling life insurance for New York Life. I fully enjoyed my short time at New York Life, but decided to move and got a job with Foremost Insurance Company, the specialty lines division of Farmers Insurance Group of Companies.

I started working with Foremost in August of 2005 as a field claims representative in Modesto, California. I enjoyed being a claims representative and climbed the career ladder becoming a Senior Claims Representative, then onto a Special Claims Representative. When the opportunity came up I applied for the Field Supervisor position in Las Vegas, Nevada and after only about a year and a half as a field claims representative, I became a Supervisor. I currently live in Kingman, Arizona and supervise Las Vegas, northern Arizona, Western New Mexico, Utah and a small portion of California.

The experience and knowledge I obtained while at Missouri State University and in the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma was crucial to my success. I feel I would have been overlooked for the position as a field claims representative if not for the degree in Insurance and Risk Management as they wanted someone with three years of experience; however, since I had the degree, I got the interview. I excelled through the 6 weeks of training that Foremost provided because of the knowledge I had from obtaining my Insurance degree. Having the degree in Risk Management and Insurance has given me the edge needed to do my job well and be successful.



Recently, I became a Board member for the National Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma so that I can give back to this great organization that has given me so much. I would highly recommend a career in insurance to anyone interested or looking for a great field. I would also highly recommend becoming involved in the Gamma Iota Sigma organization as it is an excellent opportunity to network and get you ready to enter the workforce.