

Gamma Iota Sigma Announces 2018 Conference Keynote Speakers

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Yardley, PA, August 9, 2018 -- [Gamma Iota Sigma](#) (GIS), the insurance industry's premier collegiate talent pipeline, announces Dante Disparte, Patrick G. Ryan, and Jay Weintraub as the keynote speakers for its 2018 Annual International Conference. The GIS Conference, taking place October 4-6 at Chicago's Navy Pier, is the industry's hallmark event to engage the next generation of talent, bringing together 600 top students and over 250 industry professionals for three days of intensive programming, featuring the largest career fair of its kind, on-site interviews, educational sessions, Dive In-related diversity and inclusion sessions, and more, and serving as a single access point to recruit from more than 55 colleges and universities.

Mr. Disparte is the Founder and CEO of Risk Cooperative, an innovative strategy, risk advisory, and insurance brokerage based in Washington, D.C. A prolific speaker and writer tapped globally as a risk expert, he is the co-author of the book "Global Risk Agility and Decision Making" and was recently selected as one of the 40 leaders under 40 by the Washington Business Journal and among the top 100 most influential leaders in D.C., in the inaugural Powermeter 100 list. Mr. Disparte is a member of the Gamma Iota Sigma Board of Trustees.

Mr. Ryan is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Ryan Specialty Group (RSG), an international holding company specializing in wholesale brokerage, insurance underwriting managers, and other specialty services to brokers, agents, and insurers with operations in the US and Europe. RSG is a [Sustaining Partner](#) of Gamma Iota Sigma. A widely respected entrepreneur and global insurance leader, Mr. Ryan previously founded Aon Corporation and served as its Chairman and CEO for 41 years.

Mr. Weintraub is CEO and Co-Founder of InsureTech Connect (ITC), the world's largest event focused on insurance innovation and digital transformation. ITC and GIS recently partnered to create the [ITC 2018 Student Program](#), a scholarship geared towards highly motivated college and university students with interest in a career advancing the insurance industry through technology. Mr. Weintraub is also Co-Founder of two additional leading industry events: Grow.co, which serves the mobile app ecosystem, and HR Transform, which serves people professionals and those shaping the future of work. Prior to his work in the events industry, he spent seven years in digital marketing with an emphasis on customer acquisition.

Noelle Codispoti, CEO of Gamma Iota Sigma, said, "We are thrilled to welcome Dante, Pat, and Jay, three inspiring industry pioneers, to speak to our students. Their participation coincides with an exciting milestone in GIS's own trajectory, as we experience monumental growth in chapters, students, and – importantly as we enter the insurtech space and other innovative segments within the industry – unprecedented diversification of talent. We continue to see more and more students with backgrounds other than RMI and actuarial science come into the fold, a result of successfully sharing the limitless opportunities within insurance, and expect that the perspective these three dynamic speakers will provide will inspire countless others."

Registration for the 2018 Annual International Conference is still open, and there are various participation levels available for exhibiting and non-exhibiting organizations. Learn more at <http://gammaiotasigma.org/events/2018-conference-sponsorship-opportunities/>.

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About Gamma Iota Sigma

Incorporated in 1965 and boasting an annual membership of over 4,200 students and 25,000 alumni from a growing network of [78 colleges and universities throughout North America](#), Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS) is the industry's premier collegiate talent pipeline with over 50 years of history of engaging students and preparing them for careers in insurance. GIS is the only organization of its kind and is the solution to the industry's talent gap issue, pursuing a mission to promote, encourage, and sustain student interest in insurance. GIS is committed to growing the number of highly qualified students entering the industry; to that end, the number of GIS students and active chapters has more than doubled in recent years and continues to grow. In partnership with [Sustaining Partners](#), corporate supporters, professional associations, and trade organizations, the full spectrum of GIS programming provides its members with meaningful interaction with the industry, as well as the tools to pursue and succeed in an insurance career. For more information, visit: GammalotaSigma.org.