# FIRST GENERAL MEETING

**Bruin Actuarial Society** 



# AGENDA

- Meet the Officers
- What is an Actuary?
- BAS Events
- Relevant Majors and Minors
- Actuarial Exams
- Joining BAS
- BAS Website

# MEET THE OFFICERS



# KRISTI INTARA



### **President**

Class: Senior

Major: Financial Actuarial Mathematics

• Minors: Specialization in Computing; Accounting

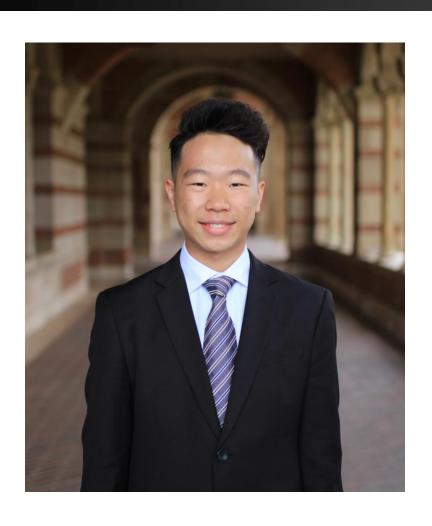
Work Experience:

Pacific Life, Newport Beach

Liberty Mutual, Seattle



# **GAVIN HU**



### **Vice President**

• Class: Junior

Majors: Applied Mathematics; Statistics

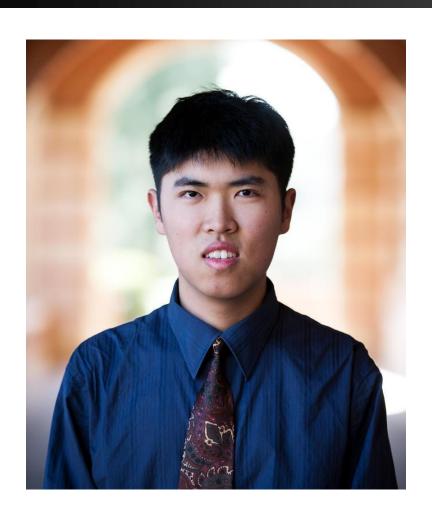
• Minors: Specialization in Computing; History

• Work Experience:

Beam Dental, Columbus



# ROGER YUAN



### **Director of Professional Development**

Class: Senior

• Majors: Financial Actuarial Mathematics; Statistics

• Work Experience:

Cigna, Bloomfield



# GABBY IGNACIO



### **Director of Finance**

• Class: Junior

Major: Financial Actuarial Mathematics

Minors: Geospatial Information Systems and Technology

Work Experience:

Cobec Consulting, Washington, D.C.



# EVA MARS



### **Director of External Outreach**

Class: Junior

Major: Financial Actuarial Mathematics

• Work Experience:

• CSAA, Walnut Creek



# ERIK CHEN



### **Director of Internal Outreach**

• Class: Junior

Major: Financial Actuarial Mathematics

• Minor: Specialization in Computing

Work Experience:

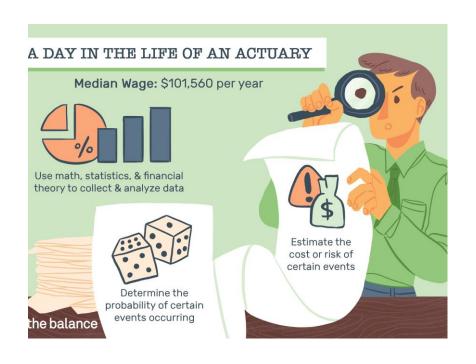
Milliman, Seattle



# WHATIS AN ACTUARY?



### WHAT IS AN ACTUARY?



- Business professional who measures and manages financial risk
- Uses math, data analytics, and business knowledge to study future events
- Helps businesses deal with risk of loss by quantitatively measuring and qualitatively managing uncertainty



# WHY BECOME AN ACTUARY?

- **™** Work-life balance
- - During economic recessions, risk management is even more important
  - Our work requires a certain level of human input that computers can't replace
- - We can see how our solutions and proposals affect the real world
- Instead of paying to go to graduate school, career advancement is made through a series of (employer-funded) exams



# WHERE DO ACTUARIES WORK?

Actuaries can work in insurance companies, consulting firms, government, accounting firms, tech companies, and more.

### **Major Lines of Business:**

- Health and Benefits
- Property and Casualty
- Retirement
- Life
- Reinsurance

### **Other Roles:**

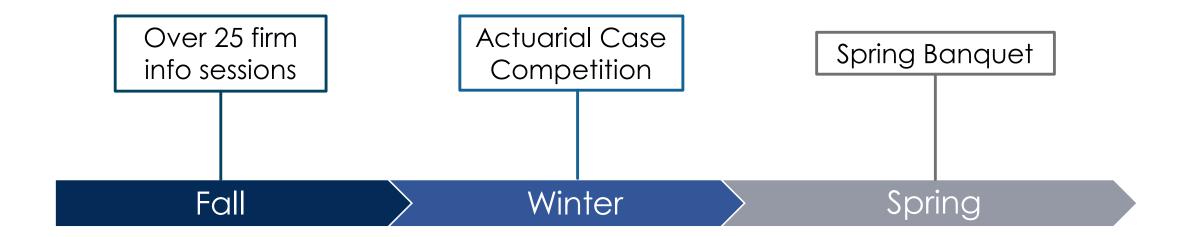
- Data Mining
- Catastrophe Modeling
- Investment Management
- Software
- Quantitative Analytics



# BAS EVENTS



## WHAT BAS OFFERS



- Professional Development and Technical Skills Workshops
- Mentorship Program
- Opportunities to socialize with fellow members



# FIRM INFO SESSIONS

Instead of our usual in-person Career Fair, we will be hosting individual firm info sessions.

- Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (times vary by firm)
- 25+ firms representing a variety of lines of business
- Zoom details will be sent after RSVP

- Each presentation will be followed by optional 1-on-1 networking time
- Learn about different companies (industries, company culture, and work environment)
- Recruit for full-time and internship opportunities

All students, even freshmen and transfers, are HIGHLY encouraged to attend! Even if you're not looking for a position this year, firm representatives may remember your face next year!



# FIRM INFO SESSIONS

To attend the firm info sessions, you must:

- Be a current UCLA student or alumnus
- Complete this form (<u>www.tinyurl.com/BASreqs</u>)
- RSVP for each info session at least 2 days in advance

We will take attendance at the info sessions.



# WINTER AND SPRING EVENTS





### **Case Competition**

Team up with other BAS members to gain professional experience through a practical problem written by industry professionals

### **Spring Banquet**

Meet and speak to firm representatives over dinner as we celebrate another eventful year

### Workshops

Learn more about interviewing, writing a solid resume, developing technical skills (e.g. Excel, VBA, R), and more

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# TENTATIVE FALL SCHEDULE

### **October**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------|
|        |   |                          |   | 1<br>Milliman Info<br>Session (San Diego<br>and Seattle) | 2 First General Meeting (Session 2) | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>Liberty Mutual Info<br>Session         | 6<br>Cigna Info Session  | 7<br>Ascensus Info<br>Session           | 8<br>CSAA Info Session                                   | 9<br>Aetna Info Session             | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>PWC Info Session                      | 13 Fidelity Info Session | 14<br>Oliver Wyman Info<br>Session (LA) | 15<br>Farmers Info<br>Session                            | 16<br>Mercer Info Session           | 17       |
| 18     | 19<br>Interviewing<br>Workshop              | 20                       | 21                                      | 22 First-Year and International Student Workshops        | 23<br>Mentorship Mixer              | 24       |
| 25     | 26 Actuarial Fields / Career Paths Workshop | 27                       | 28                                      | 29 Coaching Actuaries Tutorial                           | 30                                  | 31       |

Visit <u>www.math.ucla.edu/~actuary/events.html</u> for up-to-date schedule



# RELEVANT MAJORS AND MINORS



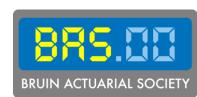
### FINANCIAL ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICS MAJOR

Pre-Major Requirements

- Math 30 series (6 classes)
- 1 additional math class
- 2 PIC classes
- 3 economics classes
- 1 management class

Major Requirements

- 10 math classes, including:
  - Probability
  - Financial math
  - Actuarial courses
- 2 electives from math, stats, or economics



# OTHER RELEVANT MAJORS

| Major                      | Requirements (Excluding Pre-Major)                  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Mathematics                | 12 pure math courses                                |  |  |
| Applied Mathematics        | 12 applied math courses                             |  |  |
| Mathematics of Computation | 14 math and computer science courses                |  |  |
| Mathematics / Economics    | 14 math and economics courses                       |  |  |
| Data Theory                | 16 math and statistics courses                      |  |  |
| Statistics                 | 13 statistics courses, including a capstone project |  |  |
| Business Economics         | 10 economics and management courses                 |  |  |



### RELEVANT MINORS

Employers look for students with **quantitative backgrounds**. If your major is not as quantitative, it is a good idea to supplement it with a math-related minor.

| Minor  | Requirements (Excluding those necessary to declare the minor) |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Mathematics (if not in a math major)                             | 5 upper-division math courses                                 |  |  |
| Specialization in Computing (if not a Math of Computation major) | 7 PIC and math courses  |  |  |
| Accounting   | 7 management courses  |  |  |
| Statistics   | 6 statistics courses  |  |  |





### THE CAS PATH TO SUCCESS:



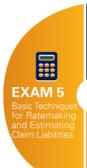


#### Validation by Educational Experience (VEE)\*

 Accounting and
 Economics Corporate Finance







#### **ONLINE COURSES**

Insurance Accounting, Coverage Analysis, Insurance Law, &









**COURSE ON** PROFESSIONALISM



**EXAM** 7

**CONGRATS** You Have Achieved the FCAS Credential!



**EXAM 8** 

- Actuaries typically **do not** go to grad school!
  - No more student debt 🙂



- Instead, the actuarial career involves a series of around 10 exams
- It generally takes 5-10 years to complete



- The two actuarial organizations (SOA and CAS) require the same first three exams:
  - P (Probability)
  - FM (Financial Mathematics)
  - IFM (Investment and Financial Markets)
- UCLA offers courses that cover all three of the above and more



- Firms typically require at least one passed exam for internship or full-time positions
- The preliminary exams are 3-hour, multiple choice exams
- The recommended study time is 100 hours per hour of the exam (100 x 3 = 300 hours total)





# JOINING BAS



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Annual Fee: \$20

### GENERAL MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Access to all workshops
  - Professional development
  - Technical skills
- Mentorship program
- Firm information sessions and networking
- Presentations by experienced actuaries
- Exam prep discounts

### PAID MEMBER BENEFITS:

- All of the general member benefits
- Access to major events
  - Case Competition
  - Spring Banquet
- Dinners with an Actuary (small group dinners with actuaries)
- Emails about job openings
- Free BAS t-shirt



# **MEMBERSHIP**

**Anybody** can attend our workshops. All majors and all years are welcome!

- No application (but paid members must fill out a form)
- No time commitment or attendance requirements
- Even if you decide this career isn't for you, you'll still be able to benefit from our resume workshops, interviewing workshops, and technical skills workshops!



# HOW TO JOIN

### To become a paid member,

- Fill out the BAS paid membership form here:
   https://tinyurl.com/y2c2lj5j
- The form contains payment details via PayPal or Venmo
- Join the mailing list by subscribing to the BAS Google Group:
   <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y4rj6can">https://tinyurl.com/y4rj6can</a>

### To become a general member,

I. Join the mailing list by subscribing to the BAS Google Group:
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# CODE OF CONDUCT

- Bruin Actuarial Society is a professional organization. We want to maintain our strong reputation.
- We expect our members (both paid and general) to abide by a set of professional standards. In turn, you can expect us to uphold our duties as officers and represent BAS professionally.
- Recruiters tend to think highly of UCLA FAM majors and BAS members. Let's not screw that up.



# CODE OF CONDUCT (ABRIDGED)

### Introduction

As members of Bruin Actuarial Society, all students, alumni, and officers are responsible for maintaining the highest ethical standards.

### **Purpose**

It is our commitment to use the highest ethical and professional standards as the basis of all decisions. We are each accountable for our own actions and are collectively responsible for upholding standards of behavior.

### **Accountability**

As members of Bruin Actuarial Society and students at University of California, Los Angeles, you are expected to be honest with yourself and answerable for what you say and do.



# CODE OF CONDUCT (ABRIDGED)

### Rules

- Your attendance is expected at all events to which you RSVP. If you must cancel an RSVP, you must do so by email with at least 24 hours' notice.
- Providing false information on resumes or during interviews is prohibited.
- Direct questions and concerns to the Bruin Actuarial Society email address, even if you have officers' personal contact information.
- Interact with the firm representatives professionally.



# WEBSITE www.math.ucla.edu/~actuary



#### **Schedule of Events**

Up-to-date schedule of upcoming events and workshops

### **Actuarial Courses**

List of UCLA actuarial courses and their relevant exams/VEEs

### Handbook

Detailed guide on writing a resume, interviewing, taking actuarial exams, creating a 4-year plan, and more





#### Exams

Exam overview, study groups, and exam prep discounts



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