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**What has made the insurance industry your field of choice?**

*There are a lot of factors that influenced my choice of joining the insurance industry. I grew up in Bermuda, which has a very saturated insurance market. This gave me the opportunity to be exposed to the actuarial and underwriting professions as early as my freshman year in high school. I wanted a career that could further expand my love for math and numbers, while also continuously challenging me to enhance my skills, which led me towards actuarial science.*

**What kinds of experiences have shaped your perceptions of the insurance industry?**

*From my experiences in both Bermuda and the United States, I have found the insurance industry to be very focused and committed to the development of younger talent. There are multiple organizations and companies in both Bermuda and the U.S. that provide scholarships and other resources, such as exam funding, to advance students that are looking to join the insurance industry. These experiences have shown me that the insurance industry cares about its future talent.*

**Where do you see an opportunity for the insurance industry to grow?**

*One area I think the insurance industry can grow is in its outreach to students who are not very familiar with this area of business from the pre-college level. In my college career, I have interacted with students who switched to insurance from another major after they received some exposure to it through various classes. I think to bring more awareness to what this field can provide to high schoolers, and even middle schoolers will be very beneficial to the industry as a whole.*

**What are some of your favorite Gamma experiences?**

*I have had so many remarkable Gamma experiences that it is hard to choose a favorite. Concerning educational experiences, my chapter, the Alpha Iota Chapter, has hosted VBA workshops with past president alumni. I found this to be a fantastic way to learn technical skills from professionals that I was already comfortable with. Regarding social events, I have thoroughly enjoyed the Philadelphia Excursion hosted by Temple University. I have gone three years in a row and found it to be a great time to make new connections and to reconnect with members from different chapters while exploring Philadelphia.*

**Do you think being involved with Gamma has prepared you for effective leadership in the industry?**

*My involvement with Gamma has tremendously improved my leadership skills. Through multiple roles in Gamma, I have learned how to communicate with senior professionals, manage my time effectively, and significantly improve my public speaking skills. Gamma has dramatically contributed to the development of my professional skills through its numerous workshops, symposiums, and conferences that I have attended.*

**Understanding that you are an international student, how important is culture to you, personally and professionally?**



*To me, I find culture to be a crucial factor that contributes to my overall experience of working at a company. With working in both Bermuda and the United States, I have had the opportunity to work with many people from numerous countries, all with their own unique experiences and stories to share. On a professional level, I find that understanding one's culture helps you to navigate conversations and interactions with them differently; in a way that creates a more inclusive work environment. I have personally found a more natural work experience when working with coworkers that I can relate to, but I also enjoy sharing my culture with those that are not familiar with it as well.*

**Do you feel like your voice has mattered in your time involved with Gamma and the insurance industry?**

*I feel that my voice has mattered throughout my time involved in this organization and this industry thus far. Through my involvement with GammaSAID, we have placed a spotlight on issues that actual students such as myself go through. Whether I'm presenting an idea to my local chapter, the grand chapter, or even professionals, I have always received very engaging responses. However, I do think that there is still room to allow more voices to be heard.*