FROM THE DEAN . . .

The University of Hartford’s Barney School of Business has a long legacy of preparing leaders and decision makers for the finance, insurance, and risk-management industry.

More than 100 domestic and 1,200 nondomestic insurance entities currently do business in Connecticut. Collectively, they write more than $30 billion in premiums and pay salaries of more than $119,000 each to nearly 60,000 people, making this an industry sector that continues to offer learning experiences and career opportunities for our students.

We are proud to boast of the accomplishments of Barney alumni in insurance and related industries. Some are members of our Alumni Hall of Fame, including Richard Booth ’69, M’77, Hon’05 (Guy Carpenter vice chairman, retired); David Cordani M’95 (Cigna president and CEO); Patrick Tannock ’82 (XL Insurance Bermuda president); and Jerry Vitkauskas ’64 (AIG Credit Corp. president and CEO, retired). On these Barney Update pages we shine the spotlight on other current and emerging leaders across companies and roles.

Each year, we bring insurance industry alumni and friends to campus to share their experiences with students. They speak to classes, present to clubs and organizations, and participate in internship and job-recruiting events. They also host students at their companies, providing a “day in the life” experience that helps facilitate and solidify career planning. We take great pride in connecting students with industry leaders, knowing how much value there is in such networking opportunities.

Let us know how we can connect students with you.

Best regards,

Martin S. Roth
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STUDENTS STUDY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL MARKETS IN BERMUDA AND LONDON

During the University’s 2014 spring break, Barney School of Business students visited Bermuda, where various companies—XL Insurance, Argus Group, HSBC, Bank of Bermuda, the Bermuda Monetary Authority, and the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies—hosted them and taught them about the island’s insurance and reinsurance industry. Our students also engaged in service learning, working with high-school students to develop business plans for stimulating the island’s local economy.

Early last summer another group of Barney students traveled to London, England, to immerse themselves in Europe’s leading financial market and to attend lectures at Regent’s University London. Highlights of the trip included visits to many companies, among them, AIG, Catlin Group, FM Global, OgilvyOne, and United Bank. Students also toured the famed underwriting floor at Lloyd’s of London. Cultural activities focused on Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus. Rounding out our students’ British experience were theatre tickets to the widely acclaimed The Book of Mormon on stage at the Prince of Wales Theatre.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

John Flynn ’86, M’89
Senior Vice President, Segal Consulting

John Flynn ’86, M’89, is a senior vice president and east regional manager at Segal Consulting’s Hartford office. He provides consulting services in the areas of health, flexible benefits, and retirement to a number of public-sector entities and collectively bargained health, pension, and annuity funds. Flynn is a member of the firm’s board of directors and the Barney board of visitors.

Elizabeth Gagne ’87
Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Travelers

As vice president and chief administrative officer, Liz Gagne ’87 provides support for business strategy and strategic projects to Travelers’ business insurance copresidents. She previously held vice president positions at Lincoln Financial Group and MassMutual. In addition to Barney’s board of visitors, Gagne is a member of the Connecticut Women’s Council; the United Way’s Women’s Leadership Council; and the American Red Cross, Connecticut and Rhode Island Region.

Maureen Leathers ’05
Director of Business Unit Communication, The Hartford

As the director of business unit communication, Maureen Leathers ’05 leads The Hartford’s Catastrophe Communication program, which uses advertising, social media, and direct email to help customers prepare for and recover from disasters and severe weather. Leathers’ career has included various marketing/communication positions at The Hartford, including serving in the individual life business, wealth management, and enterprise engagement, leading the team responsible for commercial markets internal communication. She recently joined the University’s Alumni Board.
Lee Garvin was our most recent Barney School Risk Manager in Residence. As director of risk management at JetBlue Airways, he oversees a broad portfolio of activities related to equipment, property, and, of course, people. The Risk Manager in Residence program is supported by the Spencer Foundation and our R.C. Knox Center for Insurance and Risk Management Studies. Students learn from risk managers in class as well as at lunches and dinners. Other area executives also participate in the program, offering excellent networking opportunities for students. 

### Third Annual Intersection of Risk and Finance Symposium

The Barney School’s third annual Intersection of Risk and Finance Symposium, held on Oct. 29, 2015, explored the interrelationship between the fields of insurance and finance, including current trends, issues, solutions, and career possibilities. This year’s event featured a vertical look from the client, carrier, and independent advisory perspectives. 

#### Symposium presenters featured

- **Joe Coughlin ’80**, founder and CEO of Corporate Risk Solutions (CRS), which serves about 90 private-equity and hedge-fund clients; CRS has advised on thousands of transactions around the world for the past 28 years, spanning all industry and investment classes;  
- **Tim Fazio**, managing partner of Atlas Holdings, a holding company with 14 platform companies operating more than 100 facilities globally and employing more than 12,000 people; and  
- **Rob Schimek**, president and CEO of the Americas for AIG, the world’s largest property and casualty insurer, serving commercial, institutional, and individual customers in more than 130 countries.

### Risk Manager in Residence Flies In From JetBlue

Stephen Mulready M’77 began his career at Aetna, where he advanced to senior vice president and business leader of national commercial accounts. He then became president of Orion Specialty, a division of Orion Capital. Mulready went on to hold various positions at Royal SunAlliance, including president and CEO of U.S. operations, followed by CEO of AIX Holdings, Inc., before joining Crum & Forster. Mulready serves on the Barney board of visitors.

Deb Palermino M’82 works with leaders across MassMutual to make sure they have the right talent and environment to achieve success. Under her leadership, MassMutual has been recognized as a distinguishing employer by various national organizations, including as a Top 10 company for women executives by National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), Diversity, Inc., Working Mother 100 Best Companies, and the Human Rights Campaign Best Places to Work. Previously, she held leadership positions in human resources at Aetna and Chubb.

In his position as chief underwriting officer, John Rottkamp ’95 is responsible for managing the growth, profitability, and risk profile of Cigna’s product lines. Prior to this role, he served as a vice president of finance, having joined Cigna as an actuarial analyst upon graduating from Barney. Rottkamp is a fellow in the Society of Actuaries, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and the Barney Actuarial Advisory board.

RISK MANAGER IN RESIDENCE FLIES IN FROM JETBLUE
The Barney School of Business ranked #2 among U.S. colleges and universities in insurer hiring of undergraduate risk management and insurance majors by Business Insurance magazine.

**PARTNERSHIPS DRIVE STUDENT SUCCESS**

The University of Hartford’s Barney School partners extensively with companies and organizations across the insurance and risk management spectrum.

**CORPORATE VISITS**

In the past year students and faculty have visited AIG, Catlin, First Monetary, FM Global, The Hartford, Travelers, and XL, as well as many accounting, asset-management, and commercial and investment-banking firms.

**MOCK INTERVIEW WEEK**

Companies like Aetna, Chubb, Hanover, MassMutual, Segal Consulting, and Vantis Life gave students invaluable practice and feedback.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) hosted students at chapter events and gave a scholarship to attend their national conference. The Insurance Accounting and Systems Association also offered a scholarship for its educational conference and business show. And the Society of Actuaries hosted students at its annual Candidate Connect Conference.