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# FIRST ANNUAL CAE STUDENT SUMMIT

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**THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES (SOA)** welcomed 41 student representatives from the Centers of Actuarial Excellence (CAE) universities to downtown Chicago in mid-August for the SOA's first annual CAE Student Summit. Attendees participated in a dinner and a daylong event to allow students to connect with each other, learn more about the SOA, gain career insights from experienced practitioners and share feedback with the SOA about their experience as actuarial students and exam candidates.

The students mingled with SOA President Brad Smith, SOA President-Elect Tonya Manning, SOA Past President Don Segal and SOA staff at a welcome dinner on August 16. The Summit kicked off on August 17 with a warmly received keynote speech from SOA President Brad Smith. Smith's talk was followed by staff members sharing information about current initiatives and a lively panel discussion on the future of the profession. The panel featured Smith and Manning along with Education general chairperson Jim Mange and member volunteer Elizabeth "Liz" Jobe.

The afternoon wrapped up with small group breakout sessions including a video challenge, where student groups were given one hour to create and shoot a short video promoting the actuarial profession to various demographics. Students pushed the limits of their imagination taking to the streets of Chicago to utilize the outdoor cafés on Michigan Avenue. The new event takes a step toward developing a better understanding of our candidates and finding ways to enhance that important relationship. **A**

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**"IT IS TRULY AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN TAKE AWAY FROM SUCH AN EXPERIENCE."**



**"IT WAS A TRUE JOY TO MEET BOTH EXPERIENCED ACTUARIES AND FELLOW STUDENTS."**



**"... IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE."**