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RIMS HONORS THREE CHINESE NATIONALS WITH STUDENT GRANT

Jing Chen, Siming Fan and Xinyi Huang Recognized for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement, Invited to Philadelphia for World's Premier Risk Management Conference

(NEW YORK) February 20, 2017—[RIMS](#), the risk management society™, has awarded Jing Chen and Siming Fan of Peking University (Beijing) and Xinyi Huang of Fudan University (Shanghai) with a 2017 Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program (ABSIP) grant. The ABSIP recognizes the achievements of outstanding undergraduate and graduate risk management students. The students will receive funds for travel expenses, complimentary hotel accommodations and registration to [RIMS 2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#) scheduled for April 23 – 26 in Philadelphia.

In an effort to continue to strengthen RIMS' global network, for the first time, the Anita Benedetti Program has been expanded to include four grants for international students (outside the United States and Canada). Jing Chen, Siming Fan, Xinyi Huang and Ashirwad Padhee from the National Insurance Academy (Pune, India) comprise the first group of international grant recipients and will attend RIMS 2017.

"Just as organizations' risk management needs and expectations evolve, the needs and expectations of risk management students continue to change as well," said RIMS CEO Mary Roth. "The Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program not only affords this bright and enthusiastic group of students the opportunity to experience RIMS Annual Conference and Exhibition but it also allows the Society to gain a better understanding of the future of risk management and engage the men and women who will one day lead this profession. We are thrilled to welcome them to Philadelphia and support them at this very crucial stage of their risk management careers."

In addition to the four international grant recipients, 30 other risk management students were invited to attend RIMS 2017. Below is a complete list of this year's ABSIP grant recipients:

- Connor Aldridge – University of Mississippi
- Casey Ballenger – Troy University
- Garrett Bell – Temple University
- Amanda Bill – University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
- Parker David Chalmers – Butler University
- Jing Chen – Peking University (Beijing)
- Lolita Dukundane – University of Colorado (Denver)



- Meredith Durden – Troy University
- Siming Fan – Peking University (Beijing)
- Sean Fitzgerald – Illinois State University
- Andrew Grieco – Saint Joseph's University
- Jessica Groenewegen – St. John's University
- Sarah Hercules – Bowling Green State University
- Sunmi Hirata – Georgia State University
- Xinyi Huang – Fudan University (Shanghai)
- Viet Huynh – The University of Texas (Dallas)
- Madison Knowles – Florida State University
- Meerie Lee – The University of Texas (Dallas)
- Emma Leinweber – University of Georgia
- ZhengLyu – University of Wisconsin (Madison)
- Ryan Mroz – Temple University
- Ashirwad Padhee – National Insurance Academy (Pune, India)
- Wesley Robinson – University of Calgary
- Brianna Saylor – Eastern Kentucky University
- Matthew Sease – University of Mississippi
- Sydney Simpson – The University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
- Meagan Stenger – Indiana State University
- Lisa Sullivan – University of Colorado (Denver)
- Vicki Villarreal – University of Wisconsin (Madison)
- Alexis Wallace – Missouri State University
- Shelby Weatherman – Appalachian State University
- Ethan Witting – Illinois State University
- Katherine Wrightam – University of Central Arkansas
- Joshua Young – University of Hartford

Initiated as a pilot program at the 1978 RIMS Annual Conference, the program recognizes exceptional students involved in the study of risk management, and has grown into a differentiating part of the RIMS Annual Conference and Exhibition. The program became known as the Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program in 1997 to honor Ms. Benedetti's commitment to developing the next generation of risk professionals. The Spencer Educational Foundation is the principal sponsor of this year's program.

About RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition

Launched in 1963, RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition attracts some 10,000 risk and insurance professionals at all experience levels, business executives with risk management interests, brokers, insurers and service providers for the ultimate educational and networking experience. The four-day event offers more than 165 educational sessions, keynote presentations, special events and an expansive RIMS Marketplace Exhibit Hall with 400 exhibitors. Following Philadelphia, the event will be hosted in San Antonio in 2018. For more information, visit www.RIMS.org/RIMS2017.



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