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Business & Risk Management Students Earn CAWC Designations

Fifteen students from the Business & Risk Management program at the Wilson Talent Center (WTC) recently earned their Certified Authority on Workers' Compensation (CAWC) designation. Earning the CAWC designation provides a competitive advantage for agents and producers by giving them the tools and knowledge necessary to earn business, create client loyalty and be viewed as an authority on workers' compensation. The students took the coursework through the AF Group, where they focused on the areas of workers' comp fundamentals, claims, loss control, return-to-work, experience rating and more. Once the coursework is completed, students must pass the exam with 70% or higher to earn the designation.

"I am extremely grateful to the AF Group for allowing my students the opportunity to learn about workers' compensation from such highly esteemed professionals in the industry," states Monique Colizzi, Instructor of Business & Risk Management at the WTC. "This exam can be hard for adults to pass and for this many high school students to pass it, says a lot about the preparation they received from the AF Group," Colizzi also noted.

Students earning their CAWC designation include:

- Drake Burke (Stockbridge High School)
- Aidan Daenzer (Mason High School)
- Angelo Diaz-Hidalgo (East Lansing High School)
- Rashaun Gant (Waverly High School)
- Aliviah Gresh (Leslie High School)
- Sam Jaskowski (Mason High School)
- Nico Kolb (Great Lakes Learning Academy)
- Mariah Mayhew (Dansville High School)
- Shany Mesadieu (Waverly High School)



- Amelia Messier (Mason High School)
- Matthias Overley (Waverly High School)
- Karma Poprawa (Williamston High School)
- Andrew Stahl (Mason High School)
- Tianna Tran (East Lansing High School)
- Samuel White (Dansville High School)

The Business & Risk Management program is a two-year program in which students work toward earning their Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR) designation through the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research. In addition, students will refine their social and meal etiquette skills, learn professional communication skills, create a resume, cover letter and LinkedIn account. They will participate in many off-campus trips which include networking and practicing professionalism. Finally, they will create a business plan and have the opportunity to pitch their plan in a local competition.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County Schools. For more information, visit [Wilson Talent Center](http://www.inghamisd.org/wtc) (www.inghamisd.org/wtc).

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