

2011-2012 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award

These awards are presented to students in the major/honor program with high academic standing.

Jerry Chen writes:

I've had a strong interest in mathematics since I was in elementary school. I just loved how one of my math teachers explained where the numbers we see in the daily news came from, "for every cause in the world, there exists a source; and for every source, there will also be a cause." Although the comment may sound circular when you think of it today, but the main idea is that there are always hidden stories behind the data that one has observed, and it is usually beneficial to the public if we strive to find them out. So I decided to dive into the actuarial field to learn more in-depth math-related topics and applications.

I am currently an undergraduate pursuing an honors degree in the Statistics and Actuarial Science department. I am completing two of the SOA exams in the upcoming two months, and I am committed to obtain my ASA designation. I am currently studying survivor models and life tables in one of my actuarial courses.

Through past work experiences, I've developed myself into a well-rounded candidate to work in the actuarial field. For instance, as a tutor, I learned to communicate with people efficiently and effectively. My current experience as an Academic Director of a student club also prepares me with willingness to take responsibility and initiative.