

Hi Joe,

I would like to thank you once again for taking time out of your busy week at RIMS to spend with Andrew and me. I trust things have been well since your return to the west.

I am also writing to provide some feedback on the experience that I had attending RIMS.

I really enjoyed my time at the conference and felt very welcomed by everyone that I met there. It was great to have a mentor with you that knew others attending because we met people in the industry besides just our mentors. Furthermore, our mentors gave me insight on what was taking place and provided commentary as to what the speakers were talking about. I also thought it was great that the students were able to attend the evening functions being hosted by the various companies; these events allowed me to meet even more people in the industry.

It was a great idea to have two students attend the conference together. It made the experience more comfortable and also provided a companion to bounce ideas off since we were at the same stage of our careers. However, as the local student, I often found it difficult to get back and forth to the conference as I do not have my own vehicle. If I was to provide one recommendation to the foundation it would be to have both students stay in a hotel (or other accommodations) near the conference site.

Overall, the Canadian RIMS conference was a fantastic opportunity. I am honoured to have been selected to attend and want to express my gratitude to the McGannon Foundation for that. I learned a great deal about the risk management and insurance industry that university often cannot provide - a look on the inside. It was my pleasure meeting you and your colleagues; I can honestly say I have never met such a large group of people more willing to get to know and offer assistance to students. It was an eye-opening and motivating experience to say the least.

If there is any further information you would like from me regarding my experience, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards and take care,

Jana Harding