



# SIEF SCHOLARSHIP

## SIEF LOOKS TO THE FUTURE: 2018 SIEF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**T**he transition from college life to the professional world appears to pose no great future challenge for Anna Petrides, a junior at the University of South Carolina who is this year's Self-Insurance Educational Foundation (SIEF) \$2,500 scholarship winner. Anna already manages a wide variety of achievements including a 3.7 GPA in USC's Darla Moore School of Business where she majors in risk management/ insurance.



SIEF Scholarship winner Anna Petrides and SIEF Chairman Nigel Wallbank

Along the way, she finds time for a class project to consult on risk management and security strategies for the university. She is social chairman and chairman of the Honor Committee for the USC chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity. Life as a marathon is more than a metaphor for Anna: she finished this year's Charleston Marathon and serves as a coach and mentor to elementary school-aged girls in Columbia.

“Every industry is nourished by its inflow of young talent, and Anna is a prime example of the young people we covet for ours,” said Nigel Wallbank, SIEF chairman.

SIEF conducts ongoing fund-raising activities including the popular golf tournaments at many Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA) events to support the scholarship program and other educational activities. ■

While growing up in Annapolis, Maryland, Anna says she was drawn to the field of finance. “My classes here really opened my eyes to all the implications of insurance – it really makes everything possible for business, organizations and individuals.”

A USC professor introduced Anna and her classmates to the concept of captive insurance and its opportunities for entrepreneurial creativity. Subsequently she won an internship at the Columbia office of a national financial services organization, working on business analysis and research for its captive insurance clients.

A second internship found Anna working in audit and business compliance functions for the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer. She is now pursuing internships for next summer with interviews ranging as far afield as Chicago.