

Society of Certified Insurance Counselors Honors Laura Rowe for Five Years of Dedicated Leadership and Professional Development



Laura Rowe

Laura Rowe, AAI, CIC of GHM Agency of Waterville was recently recognized for professional leadership and advanced knowledge by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.

Rowe was awarded a certificate of achievement recognizing five consecutive years of successfully maintaining the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation. The CIC designation requires an annual continuing education update ensuring that her education is always up-to-date and relevant.

“The dedication and commitment represented by the CIC program sets the standard within our industry,” said Mike Pierce, president of Allen Insurance and Financial, of which GHM is a division. “Laura’s emphasis on professional development positively sets a great example for her colleagues, both within our company and in our industry in Maine.”

ABOUT THE CIC PROGRAM: The CIC Program is nationally recognized as the premier continuing education program for insurance professionals, with programs offered in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, the Society of CIC is a not-for-profit organization and the founding program of The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research.

Sally Carlisle Completes 12-Week Class on “Aquaculture in Shared Waters”



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Sally Carlisle of Allen Insurance and Financial has completed the 12-week class “Aquaculture in Shared Waters,” offered earlier this year by Coastal Enterprises.

Carlisle, a member of the business insurance team and based in the company’s Belfast office. The class was offered at locations in Brunswick and Belfast, with the final four classes offered via video conference.

Topics included site selection; shellfish biology; marketing,

sales and logistics; equipment and husbandry and public health and biosecurity. Presenters included representatives of the Maine department of Marine resources, the Maine Aquaculture Association, the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, Coastal Enterprises, UMaine's Sea Grant program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Continuing education is an important part of all aspects of the insurance industry," said Carlisle. "This class offered a unique opportunity to learn about what is and will continue to be one of our state's burgeoning industries."

Sherree L. Craig Earns CEBS Fellowship



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Craig, CEBS

Sherree L. Craig, CEBS, Senior Account Executive in the Insured Benefits Division at Allen Insurance and Financial, has been awarded Fellowship standing in the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists.

Craig earned this distinction by successfully completing a national employee benefits continuing education exam developed by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

The International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists is an educational association dedicated to serving the professional development needs of those holding the

Certified Employee Benefit Specialist designation. Craig first earned her CEBS designation in 2004, and continues her commitment to the designation through the fellowship testing.

“Sherree’s efforts are emblematic of her commitment to continuing education,” said Mike Pierce, company president.

“Continuing education is important to all of our insurance divisions but it is especially so in the always-changing field of employee benefits.”

Earlier this year, Craig earned an advanced certification in self-funding from the national Association of Health Underwriters.