BRANDEN WACHTEL

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EXPERIENCE

J.P. MORGAN ASSET & WEALTH MANAGEMENT, New York, NY   **June 2014-Present**

AI Strategy and Execution Lead, Executive Director   *January 2024–Present*
- Manage a cross-functional team of data scientists, engineers, and program managers to create AI solutions that enhance core data products/platforms, offer new capabilities, drive cost-saving efficiencies, and generate revenue
- Champion ChatGPT adoption and citizen development to empower employees to be more efficient, effective and innovative
- Drive new business by creating an AI Advisory program for clients and prospects to meet with an AI expert, generating over 50 relationship-deepening opportunities for advisors to engage clients, discuss investments, and arrange follow-up meetings
- Re-engineered a data governance review system with RAG architecture and OpenAI APIs, reducing decision time by 90%

Post-Acquisition Data and Automation Lead, Executive Director   *August 2023–January 2024*
- Automated the roles of 11 voluntarily-departing First Republic Bank employees, enabling J.P. Morgan to continue fulfilling fiduciary responsibilities and providing top-tier service during mass-resignations and terminations post-merger
- Engineered a Python-based data transfer tool used in 61 projects to securely migrate 25,000+ sensitive client datasets

Head of Python Innovation & Training Center, Executive Director   *January 2021–August 2023*
- Founded a transformative program that taught 7,000 employees to code, enabling them to automate tedious parts of their jobs
- Saved over three million hours annually through 1,200+ employee-built custom Python solutions
- Recruited and managed a global team of 20 technical trainers, engineers, developers, project managers, and strategists
- Built a production framework for citizen-developer solutions with testing, governance, and deployment workflows

Data Science Lead Engineer, Vice President   *January 2018–January 2021*
- Ran engineering for a new Data Science team, deploying servers, managing databases, and processing & ingesting big data
- Deployed and managed data science workbenches (JupyterHub, Domino Data Lab) across on-premise and cloud servers
- Learned advanced coding and engineering skills through self-guided online learnings and research
- Created a Data Science newsletter with 16,000 weekly views and 1,000 comments to raise awareness and understanding of AI

Business & Compensation Strategist, Associate   *March 2016–January 2018*
- Supported the CEO and CFO in managing a $1.5B bonus process through advanced financial modeling and strategic analyses
- Saved $500K per year after proactively identifying the opportunity to cancel phone contracts for disconnected fax lines
- Coordinated weekly operating committee meetings by managing the agenda, speakers, and materials

Business Manager, Trusts & Estates, Analyst   *June 2014–March 2016*
- Developed an interactive platform that saved over 9 hours per week through the automated collection of trustee data
- Partnered with Trust Officers and Trustees to extract and record key information from trust agreements

EDUCATION

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY   *April 2025*
Executive Data Science Certification

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, OLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL, St. Louis, MO   *August 2010–May 2014*
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Major in Entrepreneurship
Major in Economics in The College of Arts and Sciences
- Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Generative AI, ML , Python, SQL, APIs, Cloud Platforms, Snowflake, Data Visualization, Database Management, Web Development

SOFT SKILLS

Business Strategy, Consulting, People Management, Client Engagement, Public Speaking, Training