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EDUCATION

Brigham Young University – Marriott School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Strategic Management and Statistics, concentration in Finance

GPA: 3.82/4.00

Scholarships: Brigham Young University Multicultural Scholarship

Provo, UT

Apr 2028

EXPERIENCE

Nucleus Fund

Investment Analyst

Salt Lake City, UT

Sep 2025 – Present

- Performed due diligence on 10+ early-stage startups by conducting market research, industry expert calls, and financial analysis to evaluate investment potential
- Contributed to the funding of \$500k+ in equity across multiple companies, directly supporting portfolio growth and revenue generation
- Collaborated with founders to assess how funding would accelerate growth; partnered with a team of analysts to deliver in-depth analyses and pitch decks for investment decisions

Genesis Bank

Commercial Banking Summer Analyst

Newport Beach, CA

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- Supported genesis bank's acquisition of a publicly traded bank by assisting with financial due diligence, improving the phase 1-2 request list developed by the intern cohort utilizing smp's such as capiq and factset, which will be used during the acquisition
- Worked alongside the president/coo to plan for the implementation and execution of a large-scale backfile for acquired loans in the excel bank transaction, which beat the one-time cost saved in the acquisition model
- Collaborated with deal teams on a market expansion strategy, delivering a proposal to senior leadership that identified \$30m+ in potential loan and deposit growth across new sectors

Snagtag

Ambassador

Lehi, UT

Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

- Conducted market research on community impact, providing actionable insights to strengthen snagtag*'s product offerings
- Represented snagtag at the silicon slopes startup expo, generating brand exposure and connecting with 8 investors and 20+ potential clients
- Gathered feedback on snagtag's new app, facilitating discussions with software development engineers to enhance future operations development

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SEO Career

SEO EDGE Participant

New York, NY

Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

- Receive coaching and online instruction to achieve targeted interview, technical, and professional developmental goals
- Learn business fundamentals to compete successfully for internship opportunities
- Complete industry-specific training and assessments focused on developing technical skills, institutional knowledge, and attention to detail

BYU FlexGE Student Council

Activities President

Provo, UT

Jan 2024 – Apr 2024

- Led and facilitated meetings for student council members, focusing on strategic initiatives to enhance student life at BYU
- Directed the planning and execution of service and social events, increasing student participation and engagement
- Privately consulted students for academic and professional positioning, helping 25+ students receive scholarships and admittance to specialty programs

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Volunteer Representative

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Dec 2021 – Jan 2024

- Engaged with dozens of individuals in Spanish through various communication channels, including social media, cold calling, door-to-door outreach, and referrals, promoting community engagement and humanitarian work
- Collaborated with community leaders to coordinate social and educational events, positively impacting underprivileged populations and fostering a sense of connection

Other Organizations: President, Trading Desk at BYU, Captain, Water Polo Club, AI in Business Association (2025-2026), Officer Water Polo Club, Management Consulting Association, Venture Capital Club (2024-2025)

Other Activities: Student Athlete and Volunteer Coach for High School Water Polo, Physical & Mental Health Advocate

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Language: Spanish Fluency (Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking)

Certifications: Certified in platforms, SQL, VBA, Python, AI integration/automation proficiency, LLM Prompt engineering certified

Interests: Entrepreneurial Finance, Financial Consulting, and Deep Tech
Research experience in Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Fund structuring