**Ryan Pegler**

rpegler2@illinois.edu | (630) 995-0343 | Lombard, IL 60148 | [LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/in/ryanpegler) | [Portfolio](https://www.ryanpegler.com)

**EDUCATION**

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign:** Gies College of Business*Expected Graduation: May 2026*

*Bachelor of Science in Finance and Information Systems* **GPA: 3.66/4.00**

**Bocconi University:** Milan, Italy  *January 2025 – May 2025*

*Exchange Program: Finance, Technology, and Management Courses*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**OpenField Chicago, Illinois**

*Founder | CEO June 2025-Present*

* Developed a platform to connect underrepresented collegiate athletes with local businesses for personalized NIL deals
* Built and maintained 100+ strategic relationships with clients, leveraging data insights to drive athlete exposure
* Budgeted, forecasted, and processed payouts for athletes and businesses, ensuring 100% financial accuracy

**Prairie Road Partners Chicago, Illinois**

*Intern May 2024**-August 2024*

* Executed deal sourcing and proprietary review for 1,000+ companies, leveraging Excel to identify acquisition targets
* Produced 20+ detailed reports leading to actionable insights and strategic recommendations for healthcare acquisitions
* Conducted in-depth market research across multiple sectors, presenting findings that informed investment decisions

**Illini Blockchain Champaign, Illinois**

*Investment Analyst January 2024-Present*

* Analyzed blockchain-based assets and decentralized finance projects, identifying high-growth investment opportunities
* Developed and presented 10+ research reports on emerging technologies, providing insights into their market impacts
* Engaged in a comprehensive bootcamp process focused on DeFi fundamentals and their real-world applications

**LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT**

**Illinois Sports Consulting Agency Champaign, Illinois**

*Consultant January 2024-May 2024*

* Conducted market analysis for a local sports business and proposed strategies to optimize their application services
* Presented actionable data insights to enhance brand visibility and increase customer satisfaction

**HEDGE: Equities, Options, and Alternatives Champaign, Illinois**

*Analyst January 2024-May 2024*

* Analyzed equities and derivatives data to gain practical insights into real-world asset performance
* Engaged in weekly interactive lessons on equity valuation, financial markets, and portfolio optimization

**Investment Portfolio Organization Champaign, Illinois**

*Investment Analyst October 2023-December 2023*

* Selected into premier finance organization to participate in weekly lessons involving professional development, accounting, investment strategies, and company valuation methodologies to enhance investment portfolio management skills
* Delivered weekly market updates and a final stock pitch to faculty while managing a 2nd-ranked investment portfolio

**Kappa Delta Rho - ETA Chapter Champaign, Illinois**

*Treasurer | Social Chair September 2022-May 2024*

* Re-founded chapter by leading networking events and recruiting 32 members in first year on campus
* Managed a $10,000+ annual budget while organizing and budgeting for 30+ fraternity events

**Special Olympics Illinois Villa Park, Illinois**

*Volunteer November 2021-February 2022*

* Coached 20+ participants and officiated games for Special Olympics basketball team, prioritizing their well-being

**PROJECTS**

**Fundamental Chicago, Illinois**

*Developer* *August 2025*

* Built a simplified AI-powered investment platform that tailors stock selections based on personalized market sentiment

**Upside Champaign, Illinois**

*Developer | Data Analyst April 2024*

* Developed an immersive data-driven model that accurately evaluates draft prospects using machine learning

**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Key Skills:** Market Research - Data Analysis - Microsoft Suite - Python - SQL - Financial Modeling - Leadership

**Career Interests**: Investment Management - Asset Management - Data Analytics - FinTech - Quantitative Finance

**Other Interests:** Basketball - Football - Soccer - Baseball - Golf - Travel - Movies - Coaching