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EDUCATION

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

Masters in Business Administration

Cambridge, MA

May 2024

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Labor Relations, Minors: Business, Law and Society, Inequality Studies

Ithaca, NY

May 2017

Honors: Deans List (all semesters), Quill & Dagger Honor Society, Mortar Board Honors Society

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, SCHWARZMAN SCHOLAR

Master of Management in Global Affairs, Concentration: Economics and Business

Beijing, China

July 2018

Activities: Treasurer, Schwarzman Student Government; Journalist, Harbinger Tech blog

EXPERIENCE

Ardent VC | Remote

MBA VC Intern

January 2023 – Present

- Working with investment team to evaluate opportunities in early-stage market, conducting research to help with thesis development

US Bitcoin Corporation | Remote

Chief of Staff / Interim Head of People

Dec 2021 – Aug 2022

- Created and executed all core HR functions, including recruiting, onboarding, benefits enrollment and employee relations from scratch, scaling company from 17 full time employees to over 50 in 5 months; evaluated numerous HRIS, PEO, ATS technologies
- Served as Chief of Staff to CFO and COO, helping lead key strategic initiatives including capital raises and operational efficiency measures

Springbank Collective | Remote

Research Assistant

March 2022 – July 2022

- Partnered with Springbank (early stage VC fund) on compiling research around accelerators / incubators and resources for startups in the FamTech space (AgeTech, Baby/KidTech, ParentTech, and FemTech)

Medium | Remote

Corporate Strategy and Operations Associate

Dec 2019 – Nov 2021

- Leading corporate development and fundraising, building company financial forecast, and diligence for acquisitions of Knowable (audio learning platform) and Projector (browser based design tool), working directly under CEO & CAO
- Helped negotiate contract terms for multi-million-dollar strategic initiative and conducted extensive financial modeling

Business Operations Analyst

- Led diligence and integration for acquisition of Glose, a French books company, launching new line of business

J.P. Morgan | New York, New York

Investment Banking Analyst, Energy Coverage

Aug 2018 – Nov 2019

Select Transaction Experience

- Buy-side advisor to oil & gas company Callon's (CPE) \$3.2BN acquisition of Carrizo; built merger model, worked closely with management team to incorporate elements of company structure and synergy analysis, and evaluated multiple financing scenarios
- Lead analyst on energy transition project working to help mid-cap oil and gas companies strategically invest in renewable energy resources

ByteDance (TikTok) | Beijing, China

Public Policy / Expansion Strategy Intern

Mar 2018 – Jun 2018

- Conducted extensive research and presented M&A and strategic collaboration opportunities for Bytedance to enter key global markets
- Advised international expansion team on ways to best partner with key stakeholders in the US and UK markets
- Developed outreach program, "Girls in Tech" Day, partnering with UN organizations, NGOs and high schools

LEADERSHIP

Millennial Career Polls

Founder & CEO

Mar 2020 – Present

- Created Instagram based polling platform (@millennial career polls) for young professionals to get peer-sourced advice on their careers
- Featured as a source in a [New York Times story](#) around work culture in investment banking among junior bankers
- Created a newsletter to help millennials searching for jobs (600+ subscribers) with a podcast series on career transitions

Jon Ossoff for Senate Campaign

Regional Mobilization Manager

Dec 2020 – Jan 2021

- Managed highest performing team in mobilization program that increased Early Vote turnout in Georgia Senate Runoff Election by 3.22%
- Interviewed and directed a team of 75 community mobilizers that reached out to over 3,000 Georgia voters in their communities

Cornell University Board of Trustees

Student-elected Trustee (highest role in student government)

May 2015 – July 2017

- Served as only undergraduate student on the committee charged with finding the 14th President of Cornell University
- Oversaw major university investment decisions for \$6 billion endowment; collaborated with CEOs of major Fortune 500 companies
- Published bi-weekly column in Daily Sun newspaper updating students on projects and initiatives of the Board of Trustees

Highwind Impact Fund | Founding Board Member, Chief Impact Officer

NJ Young Democrats South Asian Council | Founding Team Member

Sept 2020 – Jul 2022

Oct 2020 – Aug 2022

Interests: Harpist, Traditional Indian Folk Art, Archery Tournaments, Stand-up Comedy, South Asian Women's Book Club