

BENJAMIN GAST

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EDUCATION

Ohio University, College of Business | Athens, Ohio

Bachelor of Business Administration

Majors: Finance and Management Information Systems

Minor: Business Analytics

May 2026

GPA: 3.7

EXPERIENCE

Valeo Networks | Cincinnati, Ohio

Centralized Managed Services Administrator

August 2025 – Present

- Optimized backup reliability by leveraging Datto and cloud-based recovery platforms, monitoring performance data, and implementing proactive measures to minimize downtime and prevent data loss
- Diagnosed and resolved managed service alerts by analyzing performance trends, system logs, and error reports to identify root causes and ensure rapid issue resolution
- Collaborated with infrastructure and security teams to maintain cloud environments, applying structured troubleshooting and automation tools to enhance system stability and client uptime

RSM | Cincinnati, Ohio

Technology Risk Consulting Intern

May 2025 – August 2025

- Executed IT risk assessments and control testing across diverse client environments to evaluate compliance with SOX, SOC 1, and SOC 2 requirements
- Assessed internal controls over financial reporting (ICFR) by reviewing IT general controls, application controls, and system configurations to identify control deficiencies and process gaps
- Collaborated with engagement teams to document findings, prepare client deliverables, and develop practical remediation recommendations aligned with COSO, COBIT, and NIST frameworks

SpliceNet Consulting | Cincinnati, Ohio

Systems Technician

August 2021 – April 2025

- Configured and deployed customer laptops and desktops based on specific build requirements, ensuring each device met performance standards and client specifications
- Diagnosed and resolved hardware, software, and network issues across laptops, servers, and mobile devices, restoring system functionality and reducing client downtime
- Monitored and maintained backup servers to ensure continuous data protection, verifying system integrity and preventing potential data loss or corruption

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Copeland Scholars Honors Program | Athens, Ohio

Active Member

August 2022 – Present

- Selected for a highly competitive honors program recognizing top business students for leadership potential, academic excellence, and professional initiative
- Collaborate with a cohort of scholars and faculty mentors to develop leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills through team projects and case studies
- Participate in weekly workshops, networking events, and corporate engagement sessions with industry professionals to expand business insight and career readiness

Ohio University Derivatives Management Group | Athens, Ohio

Intern

September 2022 – December 2022

- Conducted both fundamental and technical analysis to evaluate securities such as stocks, bonds, and derivatives, specializing in and recommending options and futures for the client
- Underwent financial training on how to read financial statements, evaluate macro news, and how and when to use different investments vehicles to become knowledgeable about financial markets
- Connected with four other interns by utilizing active listening, time management, and professionalism to create and present an in-depth analysis on potential security options to the executive board client

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data & Analytics Tools: Power BI, SQL, Excel (Power Query, Pivot Tables), Python

Cloud & Infrastructure: Datto, ConnectWise, Azure, Veeam

Risk & Governance: ITGC, SOX, SOC 1 & 2, COBIT, NIST

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ohio University Dean's List | Athens, Ohio

Ohio University Merit Scholarship | Athens, Ohio

August 2023

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