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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder – Leeds School of Business

May 2023

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting

With a minor in *Creative Technology and Design* (formerly known as *Technology, Arts, and Media*)

Cumulative GPA of 3.899

Business GPA of 3.792

HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Leeds School of Business Dean's List Fall 2019 / Spring 2020 / Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 / Fall 2021
 - Former Presidents Leadership Class Scholar.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER

Professional Mentorship Program (PMP), Boulder, CO

Fall 2021 – Present

PMP Mentee

- Receive mentoring from a professional working in the accounting field for 7 or more years. Current mentor has worked at Ernst & Young for 12 years.
- Coordinate a couple times a month to discuss career goals, questions about the field, advice about classes, and life.

Young Alumni Mentorship (YAM), Boulder, CO

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

YAM Mentee

- Receive mentoring from a recent graduate (up to 7 years) of Leeds Business School who shares similarities in majors, interests, and passions.
- Get together once or more times a month to share goals, experiences, and ideas.

Peer to Peer (P2P) Mentorship, Boulder, CO

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

P2P Mentor

- Mentor an incoming freshman and develop a relationship that will assist the freshman in career development, organization, and college navigation.
- Meet once or more times a month to discuss how college is going and be there to help he/she grow.

President Leadership Class, Boulder, CO

Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

PLC Scholar

- Meet with a highly selective cohort for four hours a week to discuss leadership internationally. Highlight leaders creating an impactful atmosphere and approach global problems with an ethical framework.
- Collaborated with organizations around school, such as, Boulder Bicycle Classic and PB 'N Lovin. Established meaningful friendships with a great community of like-minded leaders. Mentored by an older PLC scholar.

EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Athletics, Boulder, CO

Summer 2019 - Present

Football Equipment Manager

- Organize all equipment related items for football team. Work 25 plus hours a week to make sure football runs smoothly. Communicate with coaching staff, student athletes, and other managers on a daily basis.
- Facilitate travel to out of state games with team bringing a level-headed, responsible, and detailed perspective.

Welch Financial Planning, Boulder, CO

Spring 2022 - Present

Tax Return Intern

- Highly detailed analysis of clientele tax returns. Assist 10 hours a week preparing tax returns during busy tax season February to April. Utilization of Intuit ProSeries[®] Tax Software
- Help around the office getting things situated and relieve stress from full-time tax employer.

SKILLS

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- Proficient at Python coding, HTML & CSS coding, Microsoft Applications (incl. Excel), Adobe XD & Adobe Photoshop.
 - Operations Managing skills including supervising, customer service, utilizing Ship Station application, and packaging.
 - Basic Spanish comprehension.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Hobbies: playing games (board games, video games, etc.), working out, sports, traveling, and reading spiritual works.
 - Hiked 100-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain in summer 2014.
 - Cherry Creek High School Alum: Graduated with a 4.18 GPA and 4-year High Honor student.