

# Brian VandenAkker

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## Education:

### Boston College

Chestnut Hill, MA

*Master of Science in Applied Economics*

**GPA: 4.00**

*Certificate in Data Analytics*

**GPA: 4.00**

### Merrimack College

North Andover, MA

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Summa Cum Laude*

**GPA: 3.96**

*Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Concentration: Finance; Summa Cum Laude*

**GPA: 3.95**

*Minor in Mathematics*

**GPA: 4.00**

Honors & Awards: FEI Scholarship, AFCPE Scholarship, Dean's List (Every Semester), Sigma Iota Epsilon Honorary Fraternity

## Skills & Certifications:

Computer Skills: Python, R, SQL, Spark, Django, Flask, Scikit-learn, NLTK, SpaCy, Scala, Plotly/Dash, HTML, CSS, JS, Tensorflow, Bash

Portfolio: See my [Website](#) or [Github](#)

## Work Related Experience:

### United States Marine Corps Reserve

Londonderry, NH

*Assistant Intelligence Chief and Platoon Sergeant*

May 2013 – June 2020

- Served a dual role as the Assistant Intelligence Chief and Platoon Sergeant for a Battalions Intelligence Section which is typically held by someone two ranks higher in grade than myself.
- Responsibilities included the daily management and guidance of 10 Intelligence Specialists in support of the Battalions intelligence requirements, maintaining expert situational awareness of our areas of operation and accounting for over \$2.4 million worth of equipment.
- Notified and advised the commanding officer and battalion staff on operationally critical events which occurred in and around the INDOPACOM region during the first half of fiscal year 2020.
- Acted as an infantry team leader for 4 years which consisted of mentoring and leading a team of Marines through challenging training environments.

Honors & Awards: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

### Boston College, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences

Chestnut Hill, MA

*Teaching Assistant*

January 2019 – May 2019

- Provide undergraduates with supplemental instruction and assistance for a Sports Economics course. Duties also included grading subsequent problem sets and examinations.

### Merrimack College, Economics Department

North Andover, MA

*Economics Tutor*

January 2017 – May 2017

- Tutor economics students on topics covered in Introduction to Economics, Topics of Introductory Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, and Econometrics.

### Merrimack College, Girard School of Business

North Andover, MA

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*

September 2016 – January 2017

- Assisted in studying and researching the effects of financial exclusion in impoverished populations and collected information on financial institutions and their products in Lawrence, Massachusetts, to better understand the financial exclusions and inclusions that might exist.

### State Street Global Services

Boston, MA

*AIS Private Equity Fund Administration Intern*

January 2016 – August 2016

- Identified as "Top Talent" for the State Street internship class of 2016.
- Responsible for servicing large institutional private equity administrators by providing fund accounting: transaction recording, trial balance generation, allocation calculations, investment and fund level valuations and producing capital statements
- Led the training of four new employees in tasks such as daily cash reconciliation and fund level valuations.

## Leadership & Volunteer Experience:

### Merrimack College, Financial Capabilities Center

Lawrence, MA

*Certified Financial Coach*

September 2015 – December 2015

- Assisted in launching a financial capability center which aims towards the progression of financial literacy in lower income families primarily by coaching individuals on personal finance skills and knowledge.
- Realized a 40% increase in financial literacy, 42% of clients worried less about their financial situation after the program and 79% of clients left the program with higher savings than when they began.