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EDUCATION

Illinois State University - Normal, IL BS/MPA Program, Accounting GPA: 3.65/4.0 Honors Program, Redbird Scholar, Dean's List	May 2028
University of Cyprus - Nicosia, CYP Study Abroad Semester	May 2024 – Aug 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) - Chicago, IL <i>Incoming Audit Intern</i>	Jan 2026 - Present
▪ Assist with audit testing and analytical procedures to evaluate GAAP compliance and financial reporting risk across client engagements	
▪ Perform walkthroughs of key transaction cycles and document internal controls for design and effectiveness per audit standards	
▪ Support engagement teams with controls testing, financial reviews, and preparation of audit workpapers for audit conclusions	
Illinois State University Campus Recreation - Normal, IL <i>Customer Service Associate</i>	April 2024 - Present
▪ Support high-volume front-desk operations, handling transactions and assisting 150+ customers daily during peak hours	
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises - Chicago, IL <i>Business Operations Intern</i>	May 2025 - Aug 2025
▪ Built pro-forma P&L and cash flow models analyzing costs, revenue drivers, and profitability scenarios	
▪ Analyzed operational KPIs and margin trends to identify efficiency opportunities and support staffing and market research decisions	
▪ Placed 1 st out of all intern teams in final presentation to 20+ executives by delivering data-driven financial insights	
NASCAR Chicago Street Race & Windy City Smokeout - Chicago, IL <i>Operations Intern</i>	Aug 2023 – Aug 2025
▪ Managed inventory, cash handling, and sales flow during high-traffic, high-volume festival operations	
▪ Monitored demand patterns to support real-time operational decisions that maintained service speed and efficiency	
Entrepreneur Self-Employed (Shopify E-commerce) - Chicago, IL <i>Founder / Operator</i>	June 2022 – May 2023
▪ Operated a self-managed e-commerce business, tracking revenues, costs, and profitability while managing vendor payments	
▪ Utilized Shopify analytics and basic Excel tracking to monitor sales performance, expenses, and order-level margins	

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Professional Sales Institute (ISU) - Normal, IL <i>Outreach Coordinator</i>	Aug 2025 - Present
▪ Coordinated outreach to 30+ companies and RSOs for ISU's Golf & Networking Mixer, strengthening corporate sponsorships	
▪ Support career fairs by managing communication and partnership-related initiatives; placed first with ADM in golf portion	
Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity - Normal, IL <i>Treasurer</i>	May 2025 – Jan 2026
▪ Managed budgets, dues collection, and financial reporting for 80+ members while ensuring accuracy and transparency	
▪ Tracked expenses, monitored cash inflows/outflows, and supported budget vs. actual variance analysis for chapter leadership	
<i>Mentor</i>	May 2025 – Dec 2026
▪ Mentor a pledge through resume refinement, interview preparation, and long-term professional networking while providing structural guidance	
<i>Fundraising Chair</i>	Nov 2024 - May 2025
▪ Increased fundraising revenue 47% year-over-year through data-driven pricing and targeted outreach	
▪ Led 14 fundraising events, generating \$1,100+ and built an Excel tracking system for monitoring event costs, revenues, profits, and ROI	
Discovery Partners Institute - Chicago, IL <i>Career Catalyst Program Participant</i>	May 2025 – June 2025
▪ Selected for a competitive analytics-focused program with company visits, AI workshops, and professional development sessions	
Business Week Mentorship Program - Normal, IL <i>Mentor & Mentee</i>	Jan 2025 - Feb 2025
▪ Guided students in developing professional development skills through networking and career preparation sessions	
▪ Provided individualized mentorship and feedback throughout the program to strengthen participants' career readiness	

VOLUNTEER WORK:

Totes4Hope - Normal, IL ▪ Co-founded Totes4Hope, raising \$1,400+ in 4 weeks through targeted outreach, pricing strategy, and streamlined operations	Sep 2024 – Nov 2024
▪ Maintained financial records and managed inventory for 300+ units, improving budgeting accuracy and operational efficiency	

Skills: Power BI, SQL, Excel (PivotTables, VLOOKUP, Functions), Financial Modeling, Data Analysis, Budgeting & Forecasting