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Alumni: Kyle Lewis, Business Consultant @ EY

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## **NHIEN PHAN WALL STREET TREK ALUMNI INTERVIEW REPORT**

I interviewed Kyle Lewis, a recent graduate from Case Western Reserve University with a BS in Accounting and Finance. He was participant in 2017 Wall Street Trek and currently working as a Business Consultant at EY.

Lewis has a unique journey in which he attended the Wall Street Trek but chose to pursue a career in consulting instead of investment banking. His case really resonates with me because I am interested in both investment banking and consulting, but I have not made the decision to pursue which one yet. He interned at the Smith-Midland Corporation during his freshman summer. He joined the Wall Street Trek the next fall and interned at Cohen & Company the next summer. It was during this time Lewis made his decision and he attributed this to Wall Street Trek and networking.

Lewis stressed the importance of networking towards both career development and personal growth. According to Lewis, the Wall Street Trek is a wonderful opportunity to create an expansive network. He took initiative and followed up with connections he had from the Wall Street Trek and scheduled one-to-one phone-calls as much as he could. These conversations provided a great opportunity to learn more about the financial industry and understand the work behind each role. It was through the information learned from the trek that Lewis finally made

his career decision. Even though he chose not to go into investment banking, he truly appreciated the impact of the Wall Street Trek and advised everyone to try and get the most out of it.

Another important issue that Lewis mentioned beside networking is preparation during job application. He said that doing your research about the company and the industry is extremely crucial for any job interview. Keeping up with the news about the company and their relevant market is also a good way to show your interest. His key advice is to continuously learn about your industry and never stop expand your network.

The precious advices of Lewis are remarkably useful for someone who is about to get their foot into in the door like me. They will help me to utilize both my time and effort much more effectively both inside and outside the Wall Street Trek to develop my career.