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Wall Street Trek Alumni Interview: Sasha Sindhvani

For my Wall Street Trek Alumni Interview, I talked to Sasha Sindhvani, a second-year undergraduate student studying Finance and Economics at Case Western Reserve University. She participated in the Wall Street Trek in the spring of 2020. Sasha has held several internship positions at companies like Crafted Capital and Jumpstart Foundry, and she is currently an incoming Sales & Trading Summer Analyst at Citi for the summer of 2021. Interviewing Sasha helped me learn more about her career goals and how the Wall Street Trek advanced her skills and professional development.

As mentioned above, Sasha has professional experience working with several companies. One of these companies is MCM Capital, which was a great introduction to the financial services industry. She conducted market research during her time at MCM Capital, which helped prepare her for her internship with Jumpstart Foundry. Additionally, her experiences with Crafted Capital helped her see what exactly an investment banker does.

Before the Trek, Sasha was considering a career in sales and trading at an investment bank. She enjoyed the idea of an intense environment, especially as an athlete in high school. However, after participating in the Trek, Sasha realized that she wanted to pursue a career where she could work directly with people over long periods of time. In terms of her short-term and long-term goals, Sasha will be interning with Citi as a Sales & Trading Summer Analyst this summer. She is interested in pursuing a career in investment banking and private equity in the future.

Regarding professional development, Sasha benefited greatly from the Trek. Specifically, she learned a lot about interviewing and networking. Sasha expressed the importance of networking in navigating the recruiting process, and that it is great to have early conversations with potential mentors. It is essential to keep in touch with those you speak to as well. She also explained how the Trek helped her learn beyond the coursework at CWRU. For instance, Sasha learned the importance of sharing your interests with others and “going beyond your resume.” Often, some of your interests are the same as that of your interviewer. Sasha also shared that it is very important to start preparing early for interviews, especially for technical questions. It is helpful to practice with your peers.

My interview with Sasha was very insightful. I learned invaluable information about her professional goals and how the Trek helped her along her journey. Additionally, I learned more about how to navigate the recruiting process, particularly how to network effectively and interview well. I am excited to continue my journey with the Trek and to grow both personally and professionally.