# **JAMES KINDA**

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### **EDUCATION**

# University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

# **Leventhal School of Accounting**

Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Graduated May 2018

GPA: 3.78

**Honors:** Dean's List (Every semester at USC), Lisa and Douglas Goldman Scholarship, Florence B. Watt Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Beta Gamma Sigma (Distinction given to seniors who rank in the top 10% of their class in the USC Marshall School of Business), Order of Omega (Distinction given to USC juniors and seniors who rank in the top 3% of the USC Greek community), Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (Distinction given to USC juniors and seniors who rank in the top 7.5% of their class)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### PwC, San Francisco, CA

Capital Markets and Accounting Advisory Services (CMAAS), Senior Associate

Sep 2018 - Present

- Analyzed and documented impacts of accounting standard updates for clients
- Drafted memos on complex accounting issues related to financial instruments and business combinations
- Collaborated with client executives to determine accounting implications of strategic decisions
- Developed tools which are now used on PwC engagements related to the new insurance accounting standard
- Presented the developed tools to 160 PwC professionals at the PwC FASB LDTI Training in Philadelphia
- Developed dashboards which summarized IPO trends and were published to PwC Deals internal webpage
- Selected as 1 of 18 to participate in a 12-week full-time coding bootcamp focused on software engineering
- Developed memo automation applications which have been uploaded to PwC Deals internal webpage
- Cleansed and manipulated large client data sets using Python and advanced data structures and algorithms
- Developed Python script to calculate daily balances of inventory and COGS under FIFO, LIFO, and WA
- Informed client of options for inventory and COGS balances as well as the monetary effect of errors in data
- Developed desktop applications and scripts which perform CRUD operations on SQL databases for client
- Led code walkthroughs for client personnel with technical backgrounds

## Ernst & Young, San Francisco, CA

Assurance Intern

Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

- Assigned to the assurance teams of two major technology companies
- Researched and documented client's social media presence to identify future functionality commitments
- Drafted and updated revenue related walkthrough documentation for client
- Researched, tested, and updated the tax, equity, payroll, and fixed-asset controls for client
- Performed tie-out procedures for client

# L-3 Technologies, Los Angeles, CA

Accounting Intern

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016

- Published white paper on warranty accounting which was used to revise warranty accounting practices
- Led a 6-person cross-functional process improvement team for customer material returns
- Created current and future state maps using Microsoft Visio
- Gained cross-functional consensus of stakeholders for future state of process

### **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

### Farmers Market, Napa Valley, CA

Volunteer

Jan 2021 - Mar 2021

- Volunteered weekly at Napa Farmers Market to enforce state restrictions for Covid-19
- Maintained count of customers and enforced social distancing protocols inside the market
- Assisted Covid-19 high-risk individuals to make their visit as safe as possible

# Chi Phi Fraternity, Los Angeles, CA

Founding Father, Executive Board

Jan 2017 - May 2018

- Co-founded the Eta Delta Colony of Chi Phi at USC
- Worked with USC and Chi Phi Fraternity National Office to meet accreditation requirements
- Collaborated with USC and 3Strands Global to orchestrate a Break Free Charity Run
- Raised \$3,000 from the Break Free Charity Run which was donated to fight human trafficking
- Achieved goal of becoming a nationally accredited chapter of Chi Phi with over 80 active members

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS / SKILLS / INTERESTS

**CPA:** Completed all exams

**Applications:** Excel, PowerPoint, Visio, Tableau, Alteryx, and Minitab

**Trainings:** Silicon Valley Revenue Recognition and Leasing Bootcamp; PwC FASB LDTI Training; Training the Street Financial Modeling, Corporate Valuation, and Excel Bootcamp; and PwC Coding Bootcamp

Programing Languages: Python, JavaScript, Google Apps Script, SQL, VBA, CSS, and HTML

Databases and Backend-as-a-Service: MongoDB, SQL Server, and Firebase

**Libraries and Frameworks**: React.js, Express.js, Material-UI, Axios.js, React Router DOM, Redux, Redux-Saga, D3.js, Mongoose, Pandas, NumPy, and Tkinter

Interests: Traveling, coffee, skiing, swimming, running, and software development