

# William McKinnon

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

*Gies College of Business, Finance + Data Science*

May 2026

GPA: 3.87/4.00

Relevant Courses: Investment & Portfolio Management, Advanced Corporate Finance, Financial Markets, Options & Futures Markets, Data Science Discovery, Data Science Exploration, Accounting I & II

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Laubinger and Associates

*Accounting Intern*

Glen Ellyn, IL

May – August, 2023 & 2024

- Researched, identified, and communicated solutions to various client tax concerns
- Converted multiple clients' data from Jobber to QuickBooks Online
- Reconciled bank and credit card accounts in clients' accounting software
- Created an Excel-based template to streamline monthly construction waivers; prepared monthly waivers for contractors to submit to project owners
- Calculated projectable taxable income for individuals, based on the estimated balance of 2023 income
- Updated clients' 12-month financial forecasts based on changes in estimates and created a reporting structure for project managers to track their business
- Converted assets into Ultra Tax and Fixed Asset Software, reconciling depreciation from prior software
- Participated in onsite meetings and calls with landscaping and construction companies for month-end closing

### Klein Creek Golf Club

*Attendant*

Winfield, IL

May 2024 – August 2024

- Managed the flow of 100-150 guests arriving and leaving the golf course each day by greeting and checking in customers, setting them up in golf carts, directing them to their start, and assisting as they exited
- Resolved guest concerns and provided information about policies and rules to ensure a positive experience
- Developed customer relationships with a diverse range of people by using professional communication skills

## LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

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### Gies Derivatives and Trading Academy

*Member*

Urbana-Champaign, IL

August 2024 – Present

- Strengthen finance and quantitative skills through tailored courses centered around options and futures markets, and derivatives strategies; selected for initial Fall 2024 cohort of 34 students
- Increase professional development through special projects, and collaboration with professors, outside experts, and peers in the field

### Illinois Data Science Club

*Member*

Urbana-Champaign, IL

September 2023 – May 2024

- Executed a data science project with a team of interdisciplinary students and presented results to a panel of data science professionals and professors
- Collected historical price data for various assets to calculate expected returns and volatility
- Created an interactive HTML page that optimizes a retirement portfolio using Python and machine learning

### Association for Quantitative Trading Education

*Member*

Urbana-Champaign, IL

September 2022 – May 2023

- Gained an understanding of quantitative trading principles, implementing basic to intermediate trading strategies
- Participated in AmplifyME Finance Simulations in sales, trading and asset management roles

## SKILLS

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Microsoft Excel (advanced), Microsoft PowerPoint (advanced), Python (intermediate), QuickBooks (advanced)