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Introduction

About Me

Hello! I am Isabella Rom and I am a finance major at The University of Texas at Dallas. I was exposed to leadership responsibilities early on, which helped me build my communication, organization, and problem-solving skills. I am a very detail-oriented, motivated individual that prioritizes making data-driven conclusions, improving skills, and raising the standard with every achievement.



Experience

Throughout my educational career, I sought out various opportunities to improve my skills, and network with people. I am a member of the

Professional Program in Finance (PPF9), the Vice President of the Financial Leadership Association, and a finalist in the 2025 Consulting Case Competition. In the summer of 2025, I interned at Carbo Ceramics on the FP&A team, where I was tasked with a project to review the supply chain process and inefficiencies in production, and present my findings and recommendations to c-suite executives. This was an important role for me as it taught me how to ask critical questions, make data-driven conclusions, and learn to communicate with different levels of people.

How I Chose My Path

In high school, I learned about stock trading through my father and friends. I wanted to try it myself and I began researching and learning different ways to make investment decisions. I'm glad I went through with it because it is an activity that a lot of people that age were scared to engage in. Overall, I can say I learned a completely new way of thinking than I had learned in school, because this time there were actual risks.

After a few months of trading and researching, I was convinced that this was what I wanted to do. While I've decided to study topics outside of stock trading, I still plan to be involved with companies' finances and learn how to create successful businesses. A specific desire that drove me to my decision to study finance is my interest in learning how people in other countries work and what the work environments are like. I seek to travel the world, learn the most optimal way of viewing business from experienced professionals, and find what is successful for different companies.

Conclusion

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Generative AI and Technology

Relation to Finance

In the field of finance, artificial intelligence is a handy tool that has expanded the ways in which businesses operate compared to the past. From automatic trading to risk management and customer service, AI has made results more accurate and quick to access.

The automation of repetitive and time-consuming tasks is one of the biggest advantages of AI. These new algorithms can analyze vast datasets and calculate complex problems at incredible speeds, reducing human error and saving professionals valuable time to complete other tasks. AI also leads to cost savings if the data has a low chance of being incorrect.

Another significant contribution of AI to the business field is its ability to analyze customer data. AI has opened new doors in the field of banking, allowing for services like personalized investment advice. Additionally, companies can gain better intel on their audience as a whole because large samples are analyzed in a short amount of time. These contributions are important because business executives can then use this information to make better decisions to drive their companies forward.

My Future With AI

By the time I'm in a professional job, AI will be much more prominent in the business world compared to now. The foreseeable opportunities of artificial intelligence will allow people in my generation to achieve and research further into advanced analytics and business management. In the future, I see myself and other students taking classes specifically targeted toward learning the functions of AI and utilizing it effectively. Additionally, the jobs that are being replaced with robots will be substituted by AI research and development. The field of computer science has expanded greatly in the last few years due to the advancements of AI.

With that said, AI doesn't come without its flaws, though. While it's known for its accuracy, that's not the case 100% of the time. We can't be too reliant on AI just yet because it still needs improving. AI also can't be trusted with its decision-making. It is not able to contextualize situations to make the most optimal decisions, and leaving those AI-made decisions without review from a human can cause problems in a business setting.

Conclusion

In conclusion, AI is still in the beta stage and will continue to be updated as we learn how to improve it. Who knows how much power humans are willing to give AI?

Writing

In my writing, I keep in mind how the context affects the tone in which I convey the message I desire. A notable skill of mine is the ability to show a significant difference between casual writing and professional writing. Growing up, my parents wanted to give me as much experience meeting and conversing with adults to develop the right type of language. I don't get nervous when writing and addressing business associates because I am confident in my ability to remain professional.

High school claims to "prepare students for college," however, it surprises me how different the writing styles are in high school and college. I took a couple of dual credit classes in high school, and I felt that I learned and improved my writing more in one semester than in all the other years in high school. College writing has a less structured format and allows for more creative freedom.

On the other hand, one aspect of my writing that I would like to improve on is adding meaning and depth to my words. Although I am able to get my main message to reach the audience, I have trouble giving my words the power and weight behind them for people to remember them and understand them. To achieve this, I often review the work of other successful writers and mimic their writing style and word choice until I am able to do it myself smoothly.

Cover Letter

About the Job

JP Morgan Chase & Co.

Global Finance & Business Management Summer Analyst Program

The Global Finance & Business Management Analyst Program (GF&BM) Insights Programs are virtual events with business-specific overviews and networking, followed by interviews.

Participants will be provided with an introduction to financial services and the firm. They will be exposed to our senior leaders and have an opportunity to learn about our businesses, build professional development skills, and gain insight into how their diverse backgrounds and perspectives as financial services professionals might positively impact the future of people's lives, the firm, and our industry.

We are looking for highly motivated individuals who have a passion for analysis that will help drive strategic business decisions.

Key skills and interests include:

- * Preferred minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- * Pursuing a B.A., B.S., or 5th year M.A. or M.S., with an expected graduation date between December 2024 and June 2025
- * Ability to thrive in a dynamic and collaborative work environment
- * Excellent leadership, interpersonal and problem-solving skills
- * A well-rounded academic background with an interest in financial management, data analysis, and accounting
- * Excel, PowerPoint, and Word proficiency
- * Relevant internship experience and leadership in school or community organizations

Global Finance & Business Management Summer Analyst Program

Dear Mr. Marsh,

My name is Isabella Rom, and I am currently a freshman at the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in Finance.

I am writing to express my interest in the Summer 2024 Global Finance and Business Management Intern position at Chase Bank. I spoke with one of your company representatives, Hugo Rodriguez, who directed me to your contact for my interest in this program. When I heard about this position, I felt that my professional experience and skills in adapting to diverse environments and in teamwork, along with my various certifications, make me a worthy candidate.

Throughout my internship with the FP&A team of a manufacturing company, I was entrusted with a strategic project to map and analyze the entire supply chain from planning through customer delivery. I conducted interviews across four production plants, identified inefficiencies in inventory tracking, and developed recommendations for process improvements—all of which I presented to senior leadership, including the CEO. I have also joined multiple groups related to finance, like the Professional Program in Finance and the Financial Leadership Association, and taken on leadership roles. Through coursework in Financial Modeling, Managerial/ Financial Accounting, and Business Finance, I've developed a strong understanding of financial reporting and forecasting. I recently applied these skills in a consulting case competition, where my team and I forecasted new market growth using a comprehensive three-statement model.

Your company's dedication and honesty to its clients creates an environment that I would love to engage in and learn from. I have attached my resume to this email, and I would be thrilled to meet you for an interview. Thank you for considering my application, and feel free to contact me at isabella.rom@utdallas.edu.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Comets to the Core Essay

Future for Students and AI

With the spread of technology and artificial intelligence throughout the world, many people wonder if society will stand a chance once AI has reached its full potential. AI has the capacity to advance society to a level where flying cars and space travel are regular day occurrences- things people only dreamed about. However, those advancements don't come without costs, and preparing humans (especially students) for a world with fully integrated AI poses a challenge. Humans need to be educated on the things AI is and is not capable of and need to be prepared to master the skills not achievable by computers. In terms of education, AI is most relevant when it comes to self learning, its accuracy, and the long lasting effects it has on students.

First, what can AI do? In a world that is ever so changing, the internet allows for "self-directed learning" (Dede), which is a critical tool for modern students. The internet has many options for learning that come at no cost at all, allowing students access to almost everything there is to know about the world. A recent addition to education that has taken the world by storm is bots like Chat GPT. Chatbots are great tools for students because they are available 24/7, can give detailed explanations, and have all the cultivated information given to them by billions of people around the world. There are also other apps that many students are familiar with, like Photomath and Mathway that provide in-depth problem solving. Youtube or Khan Academy are also platforms with videos from actual teachers that allow students to learn for free and in some cases, better than in the classroom.

Throughout history, entrepreneurs like Steve Jobs or Elon Musk have resorted to AI for their professional knowledge. They have been able to achieve great things as college dropouts and learning all they need from the internet. This puts into question the relevancy of schools, as they can be seen to be a waste with their outdated education systems and highly variable quality of education. In the future, there will be an increasing number of students who choose to learn from the internet than in schools since it is cheaper and good quality. If AI provides the same, if not better, education than schools and is free, why don't more people just drop out of school? The reality is that the business world has not yet accepted AI entirely, and employers who see a degree trust those applicants more simply because it shows effort and “proper” education. The outlines of having a “proper” education have kept the reputability of AI’s ability to teach below that of a certified teacher. In the end, it all comes down to what a person decides to do with their education that determines their success in other people’s eyes.

On the other hand, AI programs are not perfect quite yet. A lot of apps and software that use AI for educational purposes are usually small companies without much funding or professional programmers. As previously mentioned, Photomath and Mathway are amongst the most popular AI math assistants, however Mathway requires a subscription and Photomath is not as accurate in some instances. Tools like these are rarely updated and because the education is not consistent throughout the United States, neither are the math solutions. Another program that struggles with accuracy is Grammarly. As widely used as it is, I have personally encountered times where Grammarly’s suggestions are simply incorrect. Finally, another AI tool that has actually been used in a course at UT Dallas is Quincia. This website provides practice interviews conducted by AI, and resume screening. It is the first website of its kind I have

encountered, however myself and some other students agree that this program's accuracy and grading of student's resumes and interviews are questionable. Until these AI programs are completely updated, students will never be able to rely on fully AI-taught education.

So how will AI affect students in the future? Students will see an increase in AI when it comes to job interviews or even grading papers. As most people know, Chat GPT has become a “valuable cheating tool” in education (Leffer). This puts the actual knowledge of students into question, and whether students are actually learning or not. From the students perspective, they will need to learn how to act a certain way that will prevent a bot from misinterpreting communication, or even write a certain way that allows AI recognize what's correct. AI isn't human, and it doesn't know what's human-like and what are alternatives for certain actions. The best way to put it is in order to understand AI, “we need to change what we're educating people for because if you educate people for what AI does well, you're just preparing them to lose to AI,” states Chris Dene.

Overall, generative AI has good and bad parts to it, but how we use AI will dictate whether we as humans are ready for it. For students, it is important to recognize AI's roles in self-learning, accuracy, and its long lasting effects on students.

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Virtual Exchange

Introduction

At UT Dallas, I had the opportunity to participate in a virtual exchange project. This project includes a select few students who meet online with students in France who are working professionally and attending school simultaneously.

Meeting Summaries

In the first meeting, we talked about the structural differences between our school and their specialized college in France and compared our daily activities, and I learned that European schools tend to focus more on hands-on experience when it comes to learning. They also told us about their unique work-school system, where they spend a month at university and a month at a job in their field, as opposed to college students here doing internships separately from school.

Additionally, the topic of AI came up and how it applies to school and work. Turns out that the US is one of the few places where AI is commonly used for anything other than data analytics, along with some countries in Asia. They were surprised and slightly scared to learn that we had already begun experimenting with AI interviews and resume screenings, saying it is something not at all seen in France.

Conclusion

This experience was a chance to learn how foreign schooling and jobs work compared to the US. Since I seek a career that allows me to travel and work outside the US, I value the information I learned from them and the connections I now have with people on the other side of the world.

Resume

This version of my resume is my most current one. I have joined multiple organizations that add to my resume, participated in a competition, and had an internship.

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EDUCATION

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Bachelor of Science in Finance

December 2026

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ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE

Financial Leadership Association (FLA) - Dallas, TX

Vice President

May 2025 - Present

- Oversee internal operations and communication through weekly officer check-ins, task assignments, email updates, and progress tracking to ensure accountability, strong turnout, and timely preparation for events

Consulting Case Competition - Dallas, TX

Finalist

February 2025 - May 2025

- Competed in a team of three to develop a profitability plan for a manufacturing company, along with a detailed industry analysis and forecasted three-statement financial model
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Accounting Club - Dallas, TX

Member

August 2023 - May 2024

- Participated in case studies related to financial reporting, forecasting, budgeting and building three-statement financial models
- Evaluated effectiveness of large manufacturing firm's financial management strategies, including cost control and inventory management

WORK EXPERIENCE

Carbo Ceramics - Houston, TX

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- Analyzed and documented end-to-end supply chain workflows from planning through customer delivery
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- Presented recommendations to C-suite to optimize inventory management and reduce inefficiencies

Abercrombie & Fitch. Co - Dallas, TX

Brand Representative

February 2024 - March 2025

- Surpassed sales targets by 15% on average through effective product knowledge and upselling techniques
- Implemented inventory control procedures to minimize stock shortages and optimize product availability
- Maintained a welcoming and organized store environment to enhance customer experience and drive repeat business

American Taekwondo Association - Houston, TX

Instructor

June 2021 - May 2022

- Created and implemented new instructional material for 100+ students, tailored to individuals to ensure 100% student growth and engagement
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Fluent English, Intermediate Spanish, Intermediate German

Interests: Music Performance, Taekwondo, Painting, Travelling, Sailing

Dream Resume

This is a version of my resume that I want to achieve by my senior year of college. By then, I plan to have more relevant courses and training associated with my major, along with multiple internships and competitions.

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Other Competition - Dallas, TX

Winner

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- X

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Internship - Dallas, TX

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Writing Conclusion

Throughout college, I have learned how to integrate AI into my writing in a proper way, utilizing it for planning and coming up with ideas. My writing assignments were less stressful because I was able to get ideas and topics to write about, creating a starting place for my brainstorming. I also like AI for its grammatical editing because it has helped me learn some bad habits in my writing that I needed to be made aware of, as well as helping me change my diction to achieve my desired tone. I've had a good experience with AI overall, and I plan to continue to use it as a tool to better myself in school and in the professional world.

Oral & Visual Communication

My Growth in Oral Communication

My experience as a speaker varies between different contexts. I've held a couple of leadership positions in high school, which showed me how my work and effort directly affected the team's outcome. I had to think about the ways in which I could speak to constructively criticize team members, but also assert a sense of authority. I learned to find a balance between being viewed as a friendly educator and a respected figure. I feel comfortable speaking to large crowds and taking on leadership positions because I have heard from peers and superiors that I have a knack for leading and public speaking.

One thing I've been able to improve through my internship was how to ask the right questions. My project required me to use very delicate language towards senior leadership to tackle inefficiencies the company was facing. I was mentored on how to formulate these questions not only to be respectful, but to gather truthful data in the process.

In retrospect, my public speaking experience has taught me the importance of balance. Each type of context has balance, whether talking to a stranger, an adult, or being a team leader. Being a good speaker means you are able to put meaning behind your words and influence people to act in a specific way.

My Growth in Visual Communication

In terms of my Visual Communication experience, the only way I saw improvement in myself and my presentations was through practice. I've learned how to integrate gestures in my speeches and presentations, and based on audience feedback, my presentations were perceived to be professional and educational. I believe the final step to improving my visual communication is the type of people I communicate with, and I will reach that desired audience once I get a professional job,

LinkedIn

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90 connections

The University of Texas at Dallas

This screenshot shows the top portion of a LinkedIn profile for Isabella Rom. It features a circular profile picture of her smiling. Her name, "Isabella Rom", is displayed prominently in a large, stylized font. Below her name, it says "Finance major at The University of Texas at Dallas" and lists "Richardson, Texas, United States" with a link to "Contact info". At the bottom, it shows "90 connections" and the logo for "The University of Texas at Dallas".

The profile picture and design is the first feature people notice on LinkedIn. Having a professional and simple-looking profile will create a good impression on viewers, and is one of the only places on your profile that allows for someone's

About

Hi! I am Isabella Rom, a finance major at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Looking back, I've always been intrigued by the finance and business world and have made an effort to take a peek into it at any chance I had, whether that was listening to my father talk about his work and his company or meeting business professionals to become more familiar with the environment.

The first way I tried engaging myself in the business world was learning how to stock trade. I was intrigued because I respect those willing to make risks, and I admire those who know so much about different companies and how businesses work. I'm glad I decided to do this because it is an activity that a lot of people my age are scared to engage in, despite how much you can learn through the stock market.

After a few months of trading and researching, I was convinced that this was what I wanted to do. While I've decided to study topics outside of stock trading, I still plan to be involved with companies' finances and learn how to create successful businesses. A specific desire that drove me to my decision to study finance is my interest in learning how people in other countries work and what the work environments are like. I seek to travel the world, learn the most optimal way of viewing business from experienced professionals, and find what is successful for different companies.

In the past, I've taken on many leadership positions—whether that was in extracurriculars or in projects. I always wondered how good leaders came to be, so I observed the traits in the leaders I aspired to be like. I knew I had succeeded when I was able to leave a legacy within my team even after I left.

Overall, my skills in communication and organization have been greatly improving ever since I've involved myself in extracurriculars. My goal is to continue to branch out and test my skills in different fields so I can advance throughout my career.

This screenshot shows the "About" section of Isabella Rom's LinkedIn profile. It includes a short introduction, her thoughts on finance and business, her interest in international business, her leadership experiences, and her goals for the future. The text is presented in a clean, white-on-black format.

Having an about section on your profile lets the viewer know about your past work experiences and your ambitions. This allows someone like an employer to quickly get an idea of the type of person you are and what motivates you in a job.

Skills

All Industry Knowledge Interpersonal Skills

Demonstrate skills ... +

Conflict Resolution

Organization Skills

Customer Service

Teamwork

Communication

This screenshot shows the "Skills" section of Isabella Rom's LinkedIn profile. It includes a list of skills: Conflict Resolution, Organization Skills, Customer Service, Teamwork, and Communication. Each skill has a small edit icon next to it. There are also tabs for "All", "Industry Knowledge", and "Interpersonal Skills", along with buttons for "Demonstrate skills", "...", and "+".

Adding skills on your profile allows people to see what you bring to the table as a team member. People have many skills and demonstrate them in different ways on a day-to-day basis. However, on these types of profiles, it is best to highlight your most notable skills.

Presentation

Inspiration

The biggest thing I noticed during the first presentation project in my Business Communications class was the skill disparity. Throughout high school, I was surrounded by outstanding speakers and had many chances to apply my public speaking skills.

Preparing

As I prepared for the presentation, I held myself to high standards because that is what I had been used to, and I can admit I also held high standards for my teammates. I don't hold anything against my teammates for how they performed, but I did humble myself a little bit when I realized the reality of the situation. As a group, we attempted to help each other prepare and offer advice; however, due to constraints and our unfamiliarity with each other, our desire for independence directly affected our group's results.

Goals for the Future

I had the impression I had the most public speaking experience out of the rest of my group members, so in the future, I want to prioritize the group's success over my own because it can help me improve myself by learning from other people.

Slides

These slides showcase two different presentations I have done this year. This first slide was part of a presentation completed within a 20-minute time frame, and at first glance, it looks

overloaded with words. Because we needed more time to prepare, more information had to be added to the slides to help us present without forgetting what we would discuss.

Summary

- Anu Solar is a solar company in San Antonio, run by David Rodriguez
- The employees have subjected themselves into two groups: the “**in group**” and the “**out group**”
- Disagreements between the “In group” and “out group” led to tensions in the company atmosphere and employee retention issues.
- David Rodriguez is now looking for solutions to fix relations between team members and to foster a healthy environment

On the other hand, this slide is an example of a presentation that my group prepared within a two-week window. Compared to the first one, sentences have been cut down and contain the keywords and phrases we want the reader to pay attention to. The addition of pictures, colored text, and a variety of text sizes makes it easy to recognize what the main topics are. This is the most effective version of what a presentation visual should look like. If the subject of a presentation revolves around data analysis, graphs and visual research are appropriate to add to convince and inform the audience and be a more credible speaker.

Convenience and Benefits

Data Collection and Analysis:



In the workplace:



- Surpasses humans in terms of speed and accuracy
- Immediate results
- Prevention



- Reduces stress for employees

Customer Service

Introduction

Getting my first job was what introduced me to the professional world. I hadn't had much experience talking to adults before, so this was a good way for me to learn quickly by being thrown into a customer service position. I looked forward to working at BMW because it aligned with my interest in cars, which kept me enthusiastic about going to work.

What I Gained

Working in the service industry was the next step in building my communication skills. Since it was my first time, I observed my coworkers and how they approached customers. I saw what worked and what didn't and slowly became more confident in my communication skills.

Unfortunately, the people on my team were not very cooperative, so I also got an insight into how problems were dealt with. After a few weeks of practice, my performance was much smoother, and I never doubted myself when faced with obstacles. Customers often felt satisfied when I helped them, and my coworkers also complimented me on my unique communication style.

Another skill I developed at my first job is organization. With the everyday fluctuation in demand and customer flow, learning to operate smoothly in overloaded situations carries over into many other areas. I've found myself better managing my time in school for studying and other activities.

Teaching Experience

Being in a leadership position was the foundation for building my communication skills. Since it came before my first job, leading a group in both high school and a martial arts school played a significant role in my public speaking experience. I had always sought a leadership position, which motivated me to work harder in that field. I spent more time and effort perfecting myself and learning every detail so I could one day train just as successful students.

Working with various ages required me to learn how to maintain patience with younger people and respect with adults. As a leader and teacher, my student's success directly linked my effort with their performance, and the last thing I wanted was to be called a bad example. When I wasn't seeing the desired results, I sought advice from more experienced leaders and worked with being transparent with students.

AI and Tech

Learning to Use AI

My first time using AI was actually at the start of this Business Communication class. In high school, there were a lot of restrictions and AI detection software, so I didn't have the opportunity to utilize it as much as I had wanted to. Since the beginning of my college experience, I noticed how much more accepting professors are towards AI and how much students use it, such as ChatGPT. If it hadn't been for my Business Communication professor encouraging the use of AI for particular assignments, I wouldn't have opened up to it.

I am an ethical person, and I don't feel satisfied copying AI sources for studies. However, I have used ChatGPT to brainstorm possible essay topics and solve math questions. ChatGPT does a better job, in my opinion, in expressing the step-by-step process of math problems compared to pre-existing apps like Mathway or Photomath. Some of these "specialized math apps and explanations" also require subscriptions.

Moving Forward

So far, I've found AI to be very convenient and mostly accurate for the purposes of my current work. In terms of the finance field, AI is frequently used to calculate business-related data, which allows professionals to apply that data to strategic planning.

Textbook Pilot Evaluation

This textbook has been a beneficial addition to this course as it has shown statistical improvements in students' grades and readiness for tests; however, I'd like to go in-depth about the content of the textbook. While the textbook is informative, I often found the chapters to be very long and wordy. I like how the keywords are bolded and explained throughout; however, I feel students would get a better grasp of the concepts if the central topic of each chapter were more easily identifiable.

Finally, I believe the students would learn better with shorter chapter quizzes. I feel 20-30 questions are appropriate, but some quizzes were over 50 concepts, which is a minimum of 100 questions. The abundance of the material makes studying the quizzes later more of a hassle than a review.

Future Growth & Development

My Goals

In general, during my time at The University of Texas at Dallas, I've been focusing on things that will prepare me for my career. I've put aside most things I want to do because they're not beneficial to my major, and I strive to be the best at my job when I'm older.

Organizations

Some organizations I've involved myself in are the Professional Program in Finance and the Financial Leadership Association, where I've been able to build my network and improve my technical skills. I've also attended a few information sessions by big-name companies to learn about their internship programs.

Conclusion

Transitioning to college has been the real test of my time-management skills because of how different it is from any previous chapters of my life. I've been experimenting with different ways to balance studying and things I want to do.

Feedback and Criticism

Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I organize well- I am able to initiate conversation- I know how to speak professionally- I am able to take the lead- I am detail-oriented	Weakness <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sometimes I lack confidence- I do not have experience in my field- I tend to take on most of the responsibility
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I can hold myself to higher standards- I can be more confident- I can trust others more- I can explore more activities in my field- I can learn from other people's mistakes from critiquing them	Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I believe there are always people who outshine me- I do not have the qualifications yet to participate in major-related activities

Lab Reflection

I found the certifications in Microsoft software to be the most beneficial asset this course offers. The LinkedIn courses offer detailed explanations and give students other optional training to complete. It also introduced the AI platform, Quinccia, which helped me find ways to improve my resume.

Another one of the most beneficial assignments is the program research. I didn't even know JSOM offered some of those programs, and some of the lingering questions I had were answered in that research, like the foreign exchange module. Finally, when it came time to register for classes, it did offer a tutorial that prevented students from bombarding advisors with emails.

I think this lab is overall beneficial for students as it allows students to learn more about UTD by getting involved and growing as professionals. I do wish the course was a little better organized in eLearning as it was hard to find the location of some assignments or the assignments with multiple parts were easily missed.

Indicator of Growth

Old Resume

This is the very first resume I made years ago for a school project that has been updated with some current details before I made a new one from scratch this semester. Some of its biggest flaws lie in the format— which is not up to standard for the new AI technology companies use to screen resumes. Additionally, it lacks detailed explanations of my roles in the organizations I was a part of. Currently, many of these organizations are not relevant because they were done in high school and are not associated with my major, which is something many students my age are self-conscious about.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

American Taekwondo Association

- 2nd Degree Black Belt
- Certified instructor
- 4 years of taekwondo experience
- Competes at local tournaments
- District and State champion
- Introduced 5 new students within a month

Band

- Participates in competitive marching band
- Chosen as soloist for multiple seasons
- Selected as a Section Leader
- Qualified for Region Band for 5 years
- Volunteering

National Honor Society

- 3 year member
- Volunteers throughout the year

Science National Honor Society

- 1 year member
- Participated in science fair
- Participated in monthly labs and research

Music Honor Society

- 1 year member
- Educated about music theory
- Community performances

WORK EXPERIENCE

BMW of West Houston, 20822 Katy Fwy

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX
August 2023 – present

Seven Lakes High School, Katy, TX
May 2019– May 2023

SKILLS

- 2 years of engineering courses
- 11 years musical experience
- Communication skills
- Quick learner
- First Aid CPR certified
- Adaptability

AWARDS

- 1st Division in music solo and ensemble
- 2019 Taekwondo District Champion
- 2020 Taekwondo District Champion
- 2020 Taekwondo State Champion

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, German

New Resume

This is the most recent version of my resume, which I am much more proud of. This resume is formatted for the AI screening tool, which would have my previous example instantly cut from the hiring pool. Each organization and job experience also has more detailed explanations about the roles I held and highlights my key skills.

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Dallas

December 2026

Bachelor of Science in Finance

GPA 3.81

Honors: Professional Program in Finance (PPF 9)

Relevant Class Work: Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Business Finance, Financial Modeling, Investment Management, Financial Management, Real Estate Principles, Professional Communication

Skills: Tableau, SQL, Microsoft Suites (Office, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), Google Suites

Certifications: Bloomberg [Finance Fundamentals, Market Concepts, Environmental, Social, and Governance], FactSet Core Certifications, Breaking Into Wall Street

ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE

Financial Leadership Association (FLA) - Dallas, TX

May 2025 - Present

Vice President

- Oversee internal operations and communication through weekly officer check-ins, task assignments, email updates, and progress tracking to ensure accountability, strong turnout, and timely preparation for events

Consulting Case Competition - Dallas, TX

February 2025 - May 2025

Finalist

- Competed in a team of three to develop a profitability plan for a manufacturing company, along with a detailed industry analysis and forecasted three-statement financial model
- Wrote a 25-page report detailing recommendations, implementation timeline, and a five-year forecast based on extensive research
- Achieved top 4 out of 200 competitors after pitching recommendations and analysis to industry professionals

Accounting Club - Dallas, TX

August 2023 - May 2024

Member

- Participated in case studies related to financial reporting, forecasting, budgeting and building three-statement financial models
- Evaluated effectiveness of large manufacturing firm's financial management strategies, including cost control and inventory management

WORK EXPERIENCE

Carbo Ceramics - Houston, TX

June 2025 - August 2025

FP&A Intern

- Analyzed and documented end-to-end supply chain workflows from planning through customer delivery
- Conducted interviews with senior leadership across four production plants and financial departments to identify differences, best practices, and improvement opportunities
- Developed visual process maps and inventory tracking documentation to highlight key operational steps
- Presented recommendations to C-suite to optimize inventory management and reduce inefficiencies

Abercrombie & Fitch. Co - Dallas, TX

February 2024 - March 2025

Brand Representative

- Surpassed sales targets by 15% on average through effective product knowledge and upselling techniques
- Implemented inventory control procedures to minimize stock shortages and optimize product availability
- Maintained a welcoming and organized store environment to enhance customer experience and drive repeat business

American Taekwondo Association - Houston, TX

June 2021 - May 2022

Instructor

- Created and implemented new instructional material for 100+ students, tailored to individuals to ensure 100% student growth and engagement
- Increased student engagement in class by 80% through weekly check-ins and exams and recruited on average 4 students per month

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Fluent English, Intermediate Spanish, Intermediate German

Interests: Music Performance, Taekwondo, Painting, Travelling, Sailing

Conclusion

Long-Term Goals

Looking to the future, I want to be more fluid in my business language and communicate in professional settings like interviews in general. Currently, I still have to stop and think about my words and make sure what I say makes sense. I look forward to my first internship because it'll be my first look into what I might be doing for the rest of my life. My dream is to reach some sort of management position in a big banking or consulting company. I would love a job that allows me to travel and learn how other people think to expand my knowledge. This dream is what motivates me to work to excel in my field. I am confident that when I get good at my job, I am more than capable of teaching and managing a team. Ultimately, I want to create an environment where people won't hate waking up for work in the morning but at least seem a little bit optimistic, like another day of seeing friends.

AI in Finance

I think the finance industry already has a lot of AI incorporated into it, so I don't think it'll make that big of a difference. The only thing worrying me is the fact that AI is capable of taking over human jobs, but I think there will always be some human need, even when AI is around.