Nicholas J. Pittman

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EDUCATION

The University of Iowa   Iowa City, IA
Master of Science, Business Analytics & Master of Finance   05/2025

Drake University   Des Moines, IA
B.S.B.A. Data Analytics & B.S.B.A. Finance   05/2023
   Summa Cum Laude; Departmental Honors; 2023 Outstanding Finance Student of the Year

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R	Python	SQL	SAS	Bloomberg	Excel VBA
Excel	PowerPoint	Word	Tableau	Power BI	ChatGPT
AWS	Azure	Data cleaning	Data visualization	Machine learning	Regression

WORK EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA   Iowa City, IA
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Business Analytics   08/2023 – Present
- Assisted 90+ undergraduate students with the completion of projects and assignments, led small group discussions to review material and enhance test prep
- Held weekly office hours to support homework and answer questions related to class lectures
- Collaborated with other TAs to complete weekly tasks and materials in preparation for class/lecture and support grading of assignments, projects, and exams

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP   Des Moines, IA
Financial Analyst Intern – Retirement & Income Solutions (RIS)   05/2023 – 08/2023
- Engineered a sensitivity/scenario calculator in Excel to assess downstream impacts for the primary business units within RIS by adjusting sales forecasts. Consolidated data across 7 different files and programmed 31 macros using Excel VBA code to support 5 unique processes
- Developed an Excel model to seamlessly present ROE and AOCI values across each business unit within RIS for 5 years of historical and forecasted data
- Collaborated with a team of financial analyst interns to streamline the underwriting process and launch an analytics tool for Principal's Transition Assistance Program. Enhanced the user experience by reporting 14 key metrics with slicing capabilities through PowerBI

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES   Ankeny, IA
Data Engineering Intern   05/2022 – 01/2023
- Designed an SQL algorithm to connect non-loyalty transactions to loyalty members using their credit card tokens. Increased Casey's ability to map these transactions by 19%
- Built and deployed an ETL process to document the weekly production planner on Azure and APS, backfilled to January 2022. Optimized runtime by 50% and lowered quarterly stale percentage from 32% to 26%
- Collaborated with a cross-functional team of interns in a 2-month project to propose the implementation of a new product or service

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE   Des Moines, IA
Drake University Men's Golf Team   08/2019 – 05/2023
- 2022 GCAA All-America Scholar Recipient; 2022 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Selection
- Strengthened my time management and communication skills to balance my coursework with athletics

DRAKE INVESTMENT CLUB   Des Moines, IA
Vice-President   05/2022 – 05/2023
- Managed a student-run portfolio with roughly $10,000 in assets
- Helped lead club discussions on current events, industry news, and investing strategies