

Finance was one of my favorite classes at Westminster. It was very informative about the core mechanics of money and worth within a company. The major assignment we were given was a paired effort to shed light on two similarly structured companies side by side. Both Corey and I appreciate Costco and Target and we wanted to look at financials over five years of the two. It is extremely revealing to be able to drill down into publicly available information about a company and look at it from a truly educated standpoint. One can become submerged in marketing campaigns put forth from within a firm and not necessarily have knowledge of hiccups that exist inherently over time.

With the knowledge taken from my finance class, I am now able to see in detail with a little bit of digging, exactly how a company is behaving and why they might be making the decisions about downsizing, upscaling and other moves within the marketplace. I am able to determine if a stock price is priced correctly and, subsequently, if that company's stock might be a good investment. I can see the infrastructure of a company and look at its assets, revenue and debts that exist in businesses.

The tools given to me by Lauren Lo Re will be very useful as I pursue my next career. I feel that I will have a good amount of inertia rolling into the workforce with and education in technology coupled with the teachings of the world of business. I am able to now see the big picture of not only deploying the technological skills I have gained during my tenure at Westminster College but how to use them to decode data that can be used to make and share what may be proper financial decisions within.