

# Masters in Finance Student Bios: Cohort



**Robinson Akporobaro:** Robinson holds a bachelor's degree in finance from University of Lagos Nigeria, with a minor in economics. Prior to the master program, he worked as a financial analyst for Federal Bank of Agriculture Nigeria, where he performed internal credit review, cash-flow analysis and trend analysis. This experience in the banking sector made him realize how much the quantitative part of financial management needs solid programming skills. Robinson is actively seeking to acquiring programming skills such as R, MySQL and Python. His immediate goal is to work as a financial risk manager and adopts advanced techniques to mitigate corporate risk.



**Taylor Bee:** Taylor is from Fort Collins, CO. She recently completed her degree in Finance at Iowa State University where she played division I soccer. Taking advantage of the Covid extension, Taylor came home to Fort Collins and Colorado State University, as part of the Girl's Soccer Team. She is hoping this exciting and challenging adventure into earning her Masters degree in Finance will help her narrow down her career choices.

**Namratha Bhimavarapu:** No information provided



**Tabitha Cavazos:** Tabitha graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in Finance. She has formerly worked as an undergraduate tour guide and in the computer lab. This year she will be working as a Graduate Assistant and continuing in the computer lab. After graduation, she hopes to work in the investment banking field.



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**Ky Ecton:** Ky graduated in May from CU Boulder with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Minor in Biomedical Engineering. At CU she was a part of the Society for Women Engineers, Biomedical Engineering Society, and the financial manager for her senior design project that was sponsored by Children's Hospital. This led to her interest in Finance. She played tennis at CU for four years and got an extra year of eligibility due to COVID but decided to transfer. She is from Fort Collins and loves hiking 14ers and fishing, so decided to come home for her final year of playing tennis and school! Ky is looking forward to learning a lot about finance and getting challenged.



**Alec Gonzalez:** Alec earned his Bachelor's in Finance from Colorado State University, with a minor in Economics. During his time at CSU he was able to be part of the first generation organization and other opportunities such as the Summit Fund Investment Program. He also recently had an internship as a financial data analyst over the summer which helped expand his overall skills in this field. After the program he hopes to start the path toward the CFA exam. In his free time you can catch Alec living life with his golden retriever.

**Tyler Jergensen:** No information given



**David Johnson:** DJ graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor's in Economics, with a minors in Business Administration and Philosophy. A growing interest in personal investing throughout his college education inspired him to apply to the MFIN program in order to develop the skills for a career in finance. Born and raised in Fort Collins, he is 3rd generation CSU alumni, one might say he has been a fan of the Rams since birth. He likes visiting Old Town for the restaurants and bars and Horsetooth for water-sports, camping, and hiking. He also enjoys long boarding, video games, and hockey. He has four years of personal investing experience and a small amount of professional accounting experience. DJ is looking forward to developing these skills to prepare him for a future career.



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**Connor Lowe:** No Information Given

**Jake Milliken:** No Information Given



**Christopher Munson:** Chris Munson is from the small town of Sheridan located in Wyoming. He moved to Fort Collins at the age of 22, with his wife to attend CSU. He graduated with a degree in Finance in the summer of 2022. He hopes to pursue his interests in valuation, FP & A, or M&A after completing his Master's degree. He has played percussion for the last 13 years and music continues to be one of his main passions.

**Raisa Nawar:** No Information Given



**Madeleine Ogden:** Maddie graduated from Monmouth University in May 2022 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. She chose CSU for both the Master's in Finance program as well as the soccer team. She was a 3 year member of the soccer team at Monmouth. Maddie has interned at Ocean Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in their finance department. She has a career interest in banking and hopes to learn more about investments and real estate in her time at CSU.



**Yash Salvi:** Yash graduated from the University of Mumbai with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Commerce in Accounting & Finance. Over the past 4 years, he has worked with Banks, Financial Consultancy Firms & Start-ups. Yash feels it is very crucial to have a holistic and international viewpoint. He thinks that exposure to diverse influences; international experience, and meeting and working with people from diverse backgrounds at the CSU will help him expand his vision and deepen his learning experience. Yash would like to combine his current skill set and experience and pursue his further studies at the CSU which will benefit him by helping him gain the skills and knowledge necessary for taking his career to the next level and contributing to the industry.



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**Spencer Smithbaker:** Spencer is originally from Fort Collins and graduated from CSU in May of 2022 with a Bachelor's in Management with a concentration in Organization and Innovation Management. He enjoys traveling to the mountains to hike and fly fish, as well as going to the gym. He is very excited to be a part of the MFIN program and has career interests in wealth management and financial advising. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone in his cohort and making a difference in the finance industry.



**Shawn David Sy:** David was born in the Philippines and grew up in China. David earned his Bachelor's in Actuarial Science from Asbury University. After graduation, he worked in an insurance firm as an actuarial assistant and developed the skills and passion for quantifying risk. Some of his hobbies are playing guitar, table tennis, League of Legends, watching movies or TV shows, bouldering, etc. David is looking forward to getting to know his professors and peers at the College of Business.



**Willson Venrick:** Willson earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance at Colorado State University in 2022. Following his passion for hockey, he recently held a position with the Colorado Eagles professional ice hockey team as a Game Operations Intern. By continuing his education at Colorado State, Willson aims to gain unique perspectives on the financial problems of our world and use them to educate and improve his community.

