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EDUCATION

Columbia University

Bachelor of Arts in Financial Economics & Mathematics (Minor)

GPA: 4.0/4.0 (In Progress)

Awards & Honors: Bergen County C.C. Scholarship (Merit Scholarship)

Relevant Coursework: Calculus I–III, Macroeconomics, Financial Accounting

Bergen CC

Associate of Sciences in Accounting & Management

GPA: 3.95/4.00

Honors & Awards: Phi Theta Kappa| Dean's List(3x)

Relevant Coursework: Intermediate Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Business Law

New York, NY

Expected May 2028

Paramus, New Jersey

May 2023 - May 2025

FINANCE PROJECTS

Equity Research & Stock Pitch — First Solar (NASDAQ: FSLR)

New York, November 2025

- Built an integrated 3-statement DCF model projecting revenue, margins, and free cash flow across bear/base/bull scenarios
- Calculated 10.9% WACC using CAPM; derived terminal value via Gordon Growth and performed sensitivity analysis on key valuation drivers
- Developed investment thesis on AI-driven electricity demand, CdTe cost advantages, and U.S. capacity expansion
- Presented stock pitch to a panel; received feedback from industry professionals.

SELECTED PROGRAMS & INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

The D. E. Shaw Group - Selected Participant

New York, September 2025

- Engaged with investment professionals across fundamental research and risk management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder-Led Retail Store Chain (Iconic Fashion Inc.; Cosmos Trading Inc., LA7 NY LLC)

TX, NY, NJ

General Manager / Expansion & Operations Lead

January 2023 – August 2025

- Underwrote and executed 45+ location-level investments/exits across multi-state portfolio; evaluated unit economics, lease terms, and capital payback to optimize cash yield.
- Negotiated commercial leases, renewals, and amendments (including JLL-managed properties), securing 2–3 months free rent and rent reductions; exited 14–15 underperforming leases to preserve cash flow
- Coordinated permitting, inspections, and regulatory approvals across multi-state portfolios with institutional landlords (Brookfield, Simon, Westfield)

Bilkent Consulting Group

North Arlington, NJ

Accounting Analyst (part time)

March 2024 – June 2025

- Prepared and reviewed individual and small-business tax filings (W-2s, 1099s, Schedule C) under senior accountant supervision
- Analyzed balance sheets and cash flow statements; built Excel-based reconciliation schedules and variance checks, and managed 20+ concurrent client files to surface reporting inconsistencies and support internal review and submission readiness
- Supported audit-style procedures including account tie-outs, documentation review, and transaction testing to validate financial statement accuracy

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & EXTRACURRICULARS

Student-Led Finance & Business Initiative Columbia University (Co-Founder)

Planned Spring 2026 Launch

- Co-founding student finance initiative to connect veterans, international, and transfer students via professional networking

Accounting Club – Bergen CC (Secretary of Finance & Board Member)

New Jersey, October 2024 – August 2025

- Provided one-on-one tutoring in accounting fundamentals and financial statement analysis

Golden Queen – Chess Club (Co-Founder, Team Captain & Assistant Coach)

Turkey, July 2014 August 2019

- Co-founded chess club, led recruitment efforts, and directed competitive strategy training sessions as Team Captain & Assistant Coach; scaled to 15 members, taught advanced concepts, and secured multiple national and regional institutional recognitions

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Languages: English | Turkish

Technical Skills: Financial Modeling (DCF, WACC, 3-Statement Models)| Accounting: Financial Statements Analysis

Clubs: Future Business Leaders of America | Small Business Advocate (State)| Finance Club (Bergen)

Interests: Chess | Krav Maga | Football | Behavioral Economics