

May 2018

Scrapbook

Congratulations Graduates

Division of Business Services
Graduating Student Employees



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Risharda Bond

Major: Accounting

Worked in: Accounts Payable, September 2016 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: I learned that interpersonal skills are just as important as technical skills in whatever field you are in.

Short-Term Plans: I will study for and take the exam to get my Certified Public Accounting license. I will also be taking a graduation trip to Thailand during the summer and hope to travel and enjoy the summer before I start work.

Longer-Term Plans: I will begin my full-time position as an Audit Associate at KPMG Chicago in September.

Best UW-Madison Memory: I will remember bonding with the People of Color community despite adversity; through Ebony Ball, the Zeta Yard Show, events such as Ubuntu, case competitions through the National Association of Black Accountants, protesting for Black Lives Matter, NPHC probates, the opening of the Black Cultural Center, University Gospel Choir recitals, and every other thing that gave us joy during hard times.

Advice to Students: Do prioritize your mental health on this campus if you find yourself feeling excluded from the traditional Badger experience.



Kami Brey

Major: Biochemistry

Worked in: Bursar's Office, August 2014 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: Time management, growth not only as a student, but as a member of the community, strengthened my interpersonal and communication skills drastically.

Short-Term Plans: I plan to take a year off of school to work full-time in the Sun Prairie area, while I apply to medical schools.

Longer-Term Plans: Attend medical school.

Best UW-Madison Memory: Meeting my soon-to-be husband!

Advice to Students: Do what you want and make as many connections as you can!



Marilyn Feldner

Major: Statistics with a Certificate in Business
Worked in: Bursar's Office, August 2015 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: In the Bursar's Office, I learned a number of skills, both technical and professional. One of the most valuable skills I have learned is how to explain difficult situations, procedures, and policies to students & parents in a way that helps them understand their tuition better, understanding that financing higher education can often be a confusing and difficult situation for families to enter into. The people in the Bursar's Office have great customer service skills and they certainly work hard to instill those in the student employees.

Short-Term Plans: In the 6 weeks following graduation, I will be enjoying the last of my time living in Madison and beginning preparations to move to Milwaukee. I also hope to be able to go to Disney World with some of my close friends

Longer-Term Plans: I have accepted an offer as a Merchandise Analyst at Kohl's Department Stores and will be starting there in July.

Best UW-Madison Memory: When looking back on my experiences at UW-Madison, I value the leadership experiences and opportunities I had on campus. My role as a leader in student orgs and in the Union gave me a voice on campus and allowed me to make an impact, all while further exploring things I am passionate about and making some of my best friends in college!

Advice to Students: Do join as many student orgs as you can! You'll find tons of people that share your interests and passions! Do explore all the cool things Madison has to offer, both on- and off-campus: concerts at the Terrace, the Farmer's Market, Willy Street Fair, Henry Vilas Zoo, the free museums around the Capital, the food carts, and so much more! Don't forget to take care of yourself. Your health (mental, emotional, and physical) is more important than anything else, and there are so many resources on campus to help you manage your stress and well-being. There is no shame in taking care of yourself!



Briana Glaser

Majors: Political Science, Legal Studies, Criminal Justice
Worked in: Risk Management, January 2016 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: Risk Management has given me extensive real-life experience within the field of insurance that cannot be taught in a classroom setting. Working in a small department that has such an immense impact on the university as a whole has proven just how important risk management and insurance are to every institution.

Short-Term Plans: I will be working at Acuity Insurance in Sheboygan, Wisconsin as a Business Systems Analyst beginning in early June.

Longer-Term Plans: I will hopefully still be working at Acuity and plan to pursue a graduate degree in either Business Administration or other designations, such as AINS (Associate in General Insurance).

Best UW-Madison Memory: What I will remember most fondly are the countless relationships that I have built while at the university, both with friends and professionals that work for UW-Madison.

Advice to Students: DO focus on what you enjoy, even if that changes your long-term plans. Coming from someone who changed their major plenty of times, this is the most important part of enjoying your experience here at UW-Madison--plus studying what you find interesting makes getting those good grades that much easier!

DON'T be afraid to take risks, whether it be taking a class that sparks your interest that might not be in your major, talking to strangers in your classes, or stopping by that food cart that you pass every day (shout out to the spring rolls in Library Mall, am I right?)



Marcus Hess

Major: Environmental Sciences

Worked in: Bursar's Office, October 2016 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: Working in the Bursar's office has made me more patient and understanding through helping so many people through so many different issues and questions.

Short-Term Plans: Haven't quite decided yet!

Longer-Term Plans: After taking a gap year I plan on going to graduate school for either natural resource management or science communications.

Best UW-Madison Memory: I will remember all of the great connections that I've made, from friends to coworkers to professors, that I've made while being a student here.

Advice to Students: I would say one thing to do for sure is to try to get involved in as many different groups and opportunities as you can, even if some of them don't work out you never know who you might meet and what connections you could make!

I would say one thing not to do would be to not feel like you are locked into whatever major or plan you have when you first start, it's okay to be unsure of what you wanna do and do some exploring until you find what you want!



Matthew Krogen

Major: Mathematics

Worked in: FRAS, Accounting Services, February 2017 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: I have learned a great amount of responsibility and how to work independently and collectively with a team. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the interviewing and training process over the last couple of months which has helped me prepare for my own interviews and career.

Short-Term Plans: As of now, my plan is to head back to Minneapolis where I am from and seek employment there. If the opportunity arises, I am also considering staying in Madison for short-term employment. Furthermore, I am considering taking some time to travel before I begin a full-time job. I really want to go to Europe.

Longer-Term Plans: If everything works out in the long run, I am hoping to be employed somewhere in the upper Midwest, whether that is in Minnesota or Wisconsin. I want to stay close to home and to Madison, as I plan to visit as much as I can since many of my friends are not yet graduating this year.

Best UW-Madison Memory: I will remember all of the great relationships that I have built, both with friends that I have made over the years and with my classmates, professors, and supervisors. They have really made Madison my home away from home.

Advice to Students: The biggest "Do" that I would suggest is to make sure you make time for yourself and do what you want to do. Your time at this university is limited, so there is no sense in doing things you are not comfortable with or do not enjoy. The biggest "Don't" I would suggest goes off of the "Do", and that is don't be afraid to try new things or meet new people. The world is all about connections and relationships.



Sara Murphy

Major: Accounting (Integrated Master of Accountancy)

Worked in: Property Control, Accounting Services, May 2017 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: Working in Property Control taught me valuable time management, organizational, and professional skills that I can apply to the classroom and workplace. Overall, it was a great experience.

Short-Term Plans: In the months following graduation, I plan on finishing my CPA exams and moving to Chicago.

Longer-Term Plans: I start working as an auditor at Deloitte Chicago in September. In the years following, I hope to move into the consulting practice.

Best UW-Madison Memory: I will definitely remember all of the great people I met during my time at UW - Madison. My experience would not have been the same without all of them.

Advice to Students: My advice to students is to definitely take advantage of your time here while you can - join clubs, sports teams, or anything else that interests you to expand your network. And do your best to keep in touch with them after graduation!



Claire Toraason

Major: Accounting, Risk Management and Insurance
Worked in: Accounts Payable, December 2014 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: I had no idea that I'd learn so much during my 3 years here or have so much fun doing it! I've been able to work on a lot of different projects during my time in Accounts Payable, and I don't really know if I can pinpoint a specific experience or lesson to talk about....I guess just the ability to work in an office throughout college and work on those sets of skills has really been beneficial and rewarding. This office is really it's own little community, and I've loved being a part of it for the past few years!

Short-Term Plans: I'm moving to Milwaukee right after graduation, where I am working for a public accounting firm called Cohen & Company in their Investment Industry tax department.

Longer-Term Plans: Hopefully, I'll be done with the CPA in six months to a year after graduating. Since I'm going to be in the investment industry, I've been told that I'm most likely going to relocate to New York City in the next two years! (Also, try to get in a situation where I can have a dog).

Best UW-Madison Memory: This may be a cliché, but I think the people. It's such a wonderful and unique opportunity to meet so many different, amazing people throughout these four years. My college career has not been an easy one, and it's through the support of everyone on campus (including here!) that I've been able to succeed. It's very bittersweet watching everyone get ready to move to different spots and start their next adventure.

Advice to Students: I think just having a attitude of "doing". You never know what opportunities and experiences are available and unique to your time in college. Attending events or going to listening to people you never would have thought to do is a great way to maximize your short time on campus. Also, it's hard with an Accounting major, but trying to take classes that are interesting to you (and not just "easy"!) outside of the major is really rewarding.

As far as a "don't", I think it's important to try and avoid comparing yourself to where other students are at. Everyone has a different college experience, and is at a different place in their studies, careers/job hunt, or just life in general. It's easy to maybe panic because you're not where someone else is, but that doesn't mean you're not on the right track!



Grace Venturini

Major: Accounting

Worked in: Accounts Payable, November 2015 - May 2018

Most Valuable Experience Or Lesson Learned: Working in the Accounting department gave me exposure to working in an office setting for the first time and introduced me to formally building professional relationships. The hands-off management approach helped me realize the type of management under which I strive and the type of work environment I hope to have for my career in the future. I learned a lot about professional communication that will help me a lot going forward

Short-Term Plans: I will be staying in Madison after graduation, hopefully with a full-time job. I am still in the process of applying.

Longer-Term Plans: I'm planning on starting my career with a company in Madison for the first two or three years post-graduation. Then, I hope to move somewhere else for a while - I'm thinking somewhere on the east coast, but I'm open to going pretty much anywhere that I find a job I want.

Best UW-Madison Memory: I will remember most the friends I made and the relationships I built. College is a blast in and of itself, but having a great group of friends to surround yourself with makes it that much better. There's nothing quite like tailgating before a football game or hanging out at the terrace in the summer with some of your best friends.

Advice to Students: Branch out of your comfort zone. College goes by so quickly, and you don't want to graduate realizing that the only friends you ever made were your roommate and floormates from your freshman year. Talk to kinds of people you've never talked to before. Try things you've never tried before. Study hard, but also don't pass up fun, spontaneous opportunities - you may be tired the next day, but the memories you made will last a lifetime. Lastly, don't take a minute of it for granted because before you know it, you'll be graduating, with part of you wishing you could go back to freshman year and do it all over again.

Thank you.



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