

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES – FORMER STUDENT EMPLOYEES

-SUMMER 2018-



KATELYN BACKHAUS

MAJOR: BIOLOGY AND HISTORY

WORKED IN: BURSAR'S OFFICE, JANUARY 2014 TO DECEMBER 2016

Student status: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Doctor of Medicine program(MD) will graduate May 2021 pursuing a career in trauma surgery.

Personal news: After completing my first year of medical school, I travelled abroad to Thailand to work in their clinics, as they currently are facing a rabies epidemic.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: The entire staff that I worked with was extremely supportive. Special thanks to my supervisor Regina, she was an awesome mentor.



JORGE ANDRE CANIDO

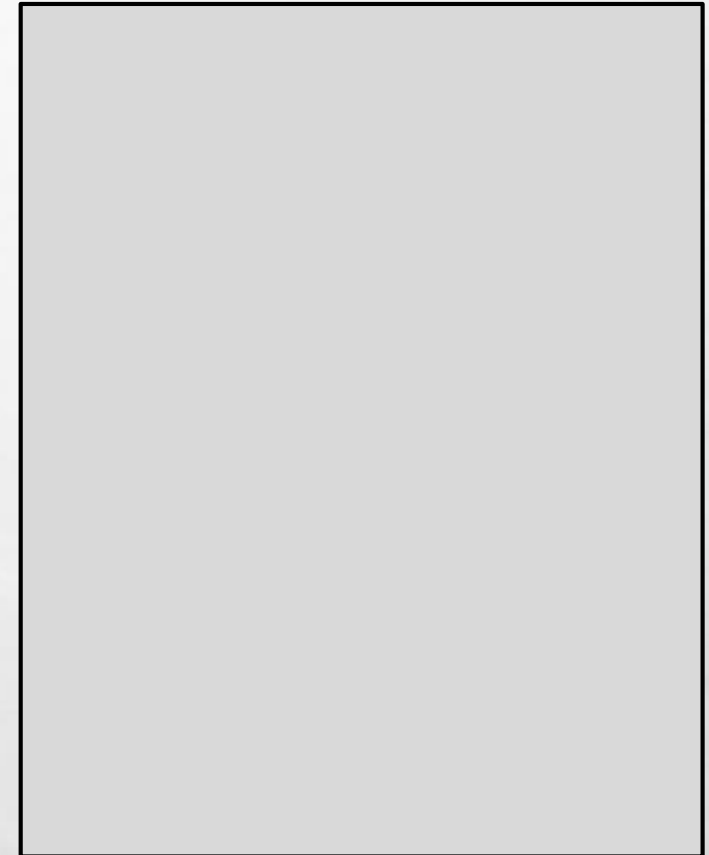
MAJOR: ECONOMICS

WORKED IN: PURCHASING SERVICES, JANUARY 2016 TO DECEMBER 2017

Employment status: Sales Analyst at Avianca Airlines in Miami, FL. I provide analytic support to US and Asia salesforce based on reports, forecasts and passenger demand. Create UF Commission agreements for top selling travel agencies in US and Canada. I coordinate administrative tasks in corporate office to assist marketing, finance and operations department. I am appointed as main point of contact for sales executives in US & Canada.

Personal news: Travelled for two months around Eastern Europe and Asia after graduation.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: While employed at Business Services, I further developed my time management and problem-solving skills. Working there I also realized the importance of knowing how to use different software and platforms needed in today's competitive work environment.



JOSEPH DEQUIRE

MAJOR: MATHEMATICS, ECONOMICS, RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, JUNE 2015 TO MAY 2016

Employment status: I am a friar, or Catholic religious brother, of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). After graduating in May 2016, I moved to Denver for a one-year training period called the novitiate. I professed my first vows there in August 2017, officially committing myself to the Order, and I now reside in St. Louis, MO, where I am taking graduate philosophy and theology courses in preparation for ordination as a Catholic priest.

Personal news: On August 12, 2017, I professed my first vows as a Catholic religious brother (kind of like my engagement). As part of my formation, I travelled to Vietnam for two months in summer 2018 to teach English to members of my order there.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: I worked in Business Services for only one summer, but my time there taught me about working with all kinds of different people.



ASHLEY DUNDON

MAJOR: ACCOUNTING

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2016 TO FEBRUARY 2018

Employment status: I work at Spectrum Brands as an Internal Audit Intern. I perform SOX testing and help manage risk within our company. I also have an internship in the Spring of 2019 at PwC in Chicago in the Assurance practice.

Student status: I am still going to school at UW-Madison and will be entering my Senior year. I am continuing to take Accounting and other required business courses. I will be graduating May 2019 with my undergraduate degree, and will be coming back to receive my Masters of Accountancy the year following.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Employment in Business Services prepared me well for a future career in accounting by teaching me professionalism and responsibility. I also made friendships with my coworkers who are pursuing the same path as me and they will be life long friends.



VICKY FIORENZA

MAJOR: ACCOUNTING

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2015 TO DECEMBER 2016

Employment status: Interning at Cohen & Company in Milwaukee as an Investment Industry Services Tax Intern. I help with provisions and preparing 1120-RIC returns and 8613 Excise Tax Returns for regulated investment companies. This January I will be a tax intern at Deloitte in Milwaukee.

Student status: I will be a Senior at UW-Madison, majoring in accounting. I will complete my degree by May 2019.

Personal News: I will be traveling to Perth, Australia this August to meet my boyfriend's extended family.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Business Services gave me a strong foundation of professional and interpersonal skills that helped me obtain great summer internships. It was great that I was able to have such relevant work experience on my resume at such a young age in my college career.



TOM GIEROK

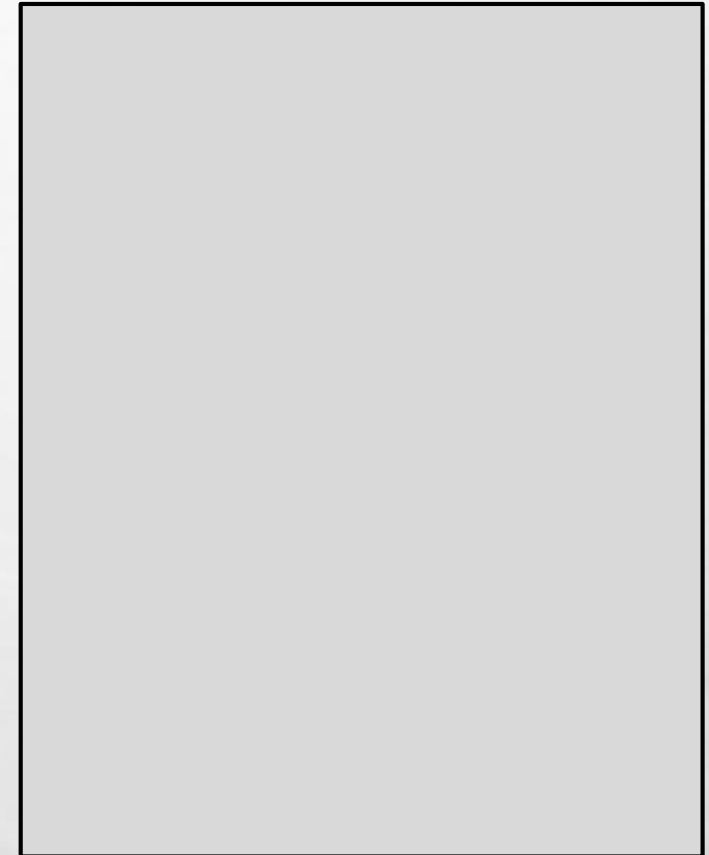
MAJOR: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – ACCOUNTING SERVICES, JANUARY 2014 TO MAY 2017

Personal news: Less than two weeks ago I finished a year of service as an AmeriCorps member with City Year, which is a nonprofit that focuses on closing the gap between the resources schools have and the support students need. I supported a high school math classroom in Charlestown, Massachusetts. I am currently job hunting in Boston and will be applying to law schools in the fall to study international human rights.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Working in Accounts Payable taught me a lot about persevering through the long days to support your team. Also, just the other day I spoke in an interview about when my coworker, Kira, and I created a visual training manual to help streamline the training process.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: I wish I would have taken the time to get to know more of the staff. Unfortunately, I was working at Business Services during a really busy time in my undergraduate career and didn't have a lot of time. Over the last year I've realized all we have to learn from one another, and I wish I would have spent more time learning from others.



JADE HALL

MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE

WORKED IN: MARKETING, COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING, FEBRUARY 2013 TO DECEMBER 2015

Employment status: Intern at the Milwaukee, County Public Defenders Office. I help with court appearances and trials, write motions and requests, speak with clients, and provide opinion or advice when asked.

Student status: Marquette Law School Milwaukee, WI. I am studying criminal law for JD Graduating May 2019.

Personal news: Spent a semester abroad in Spain; I have become addicted to pilates and espresso; going to Thailand for a week in November.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: I'm not sure that I would change anything. Maybe tell past me to not be so hard on myself because it would become a hard habit to kick in the future. It's something I still do and now I'm in a field where mistakes or "failures" are not always your fault but a part of the circumstances you're in.



FORREST KOSLOWSKI

MAJOR: MARKETING AND HUMAN RESOURCES

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2015 TO MAY 2018

Employment status: Oscar Mayer Hotdogger, I drive the Wienermobile across the country doing festivals, parades, retail events.

Personal news: I'm having a blast on the Wienermobile. Come check me out on the east coast.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: I definitely learned a lot about professionalism there and office etiquette. I wouldn't say it directly applies to my job now, but there are elements.



COLE KUBISIAK

MAJOR: MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING AND CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL STUDIES

WORKED IN: PURCHASING SERVICES, JANUARY 2016 TO APRIL 2017

Employment status: Expedia Group Chicago, IL, Market Associate Intern. Work with hotel partners to get the best rates on our sites. Problem solve the issues that cause Expedia sites to be uncompetitive. Pitch relevant promotions and monitor them to track success for the partners.

Student status: UW-Madison Marketing, Certificate in Digital Studies, May 2019 Graduation Date.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Business Services helped me initially build my problem-solving skills that I now use everyday at Expedia. Additionally, Business Services taught me early that it is ok to ask for help even though it may be uncomfortable. Finally, Business Services gave me the opportunity to run with my own project which has been really good to have experience with as we have a huge intern project we have to complete.



SARAH LESAR

MAJOR: OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, APRIL 2015 TO MAY 2017

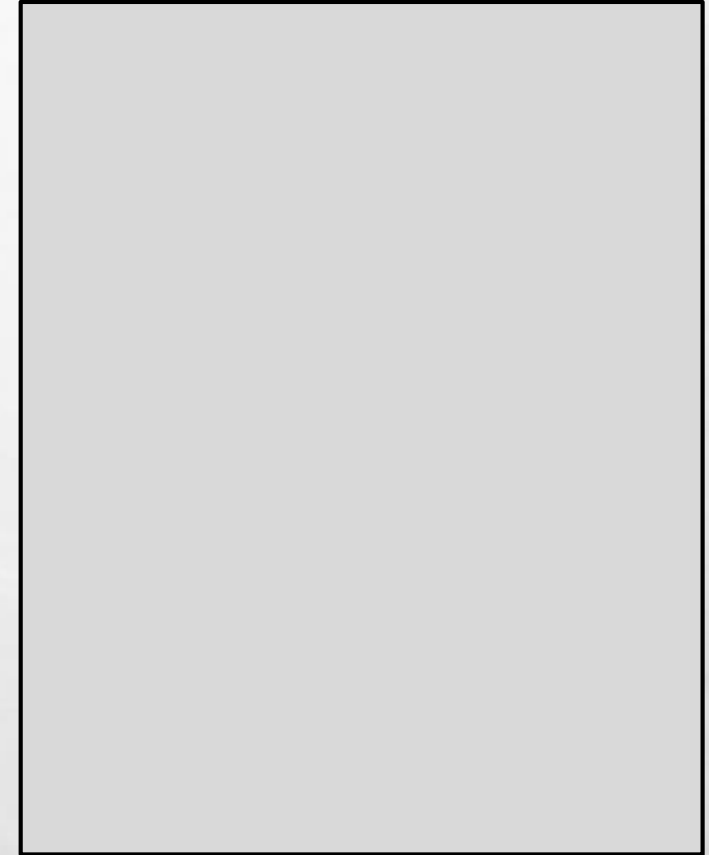
Employment status: Health eFilings Madison, WI, Implementation Specialist. As part of a small company, I get to work in data extraction, account management, client education, social media marketing, and other projects in a burgeoning health tech company.

Student status: I plan to do a public health certificate through University of Missouri online.

Personal news: I just took a great trip with two cousins to meet our extended family in Slovenia. We also went to London, northern Italy, and western Iceland.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Employment in Business Services gave me incredible skills that I still use, including time management, interpersonal communication, and problem-solving. I loved my time there and feel it really prepared me for a role in any company.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: Get to know more people - even if you only work 10-15 hours per week, you can still meet a lot of people and learn from them.



EMMETT LOTZ

MAJOR: MASTERS OF ACCOUNTANCY

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2013 TO MAY 2016

Employment status: Deloitte & touché LLP, Audit Senior. I help to manage audit engagement including dealing with the staff below me and the managers above me.

Personal news: I have been engaged since October 2017 and am going to get married in May 2019. I received my CPA license in December 2017 and have had all the exams completed since August 2016. Since graduation, I have traveled to Europe three times, once for a month to primarily Germany, then two weeks in Italy, and lastly, a week in London and Brussels.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: It definitely got me better acquainted with Microsoft Excel, which is what I do pretty much every day, all day. It also got me accustomed to working in a business environment which I had previously not done before.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: I would do it exactly the same. I wish I could go back right now...those were the days.



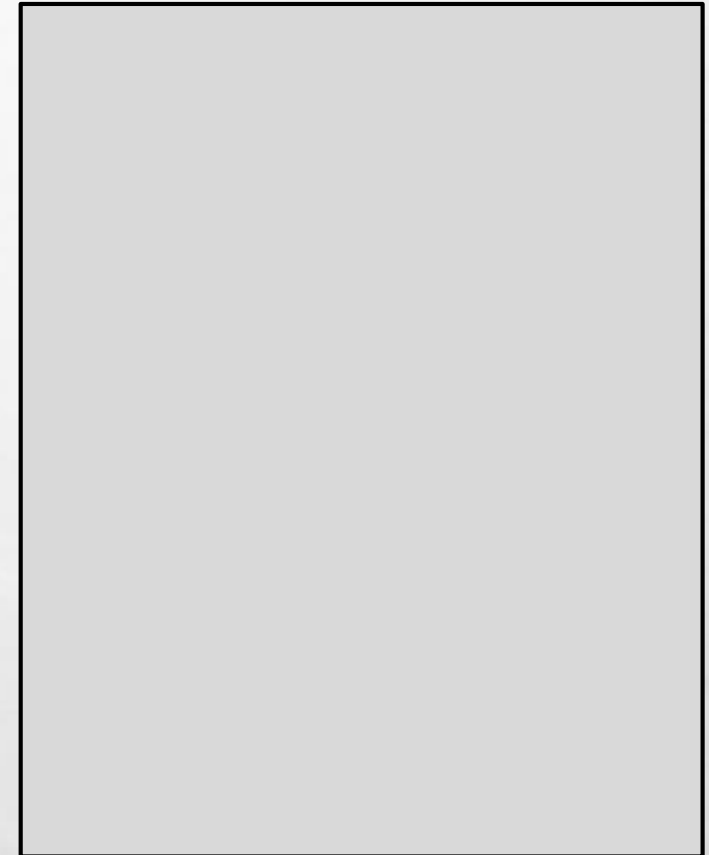
TYLER PARKER

MAJOR: MASTERS OF ACCOUNTANCY

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – ACCOUNTING SERVICES,
MARCH 2013 TO MAY 2017

Employment status: First Business Capital Corporation Madison, WI, Financial Auditor, I audit companies who have asset-based loans with First Business.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Experience in Accounts Payable gave my resume a huge boost. It is usually one of the first things recruiters and interviewers bring up and has led to many great connections.



JACK PEIRSON

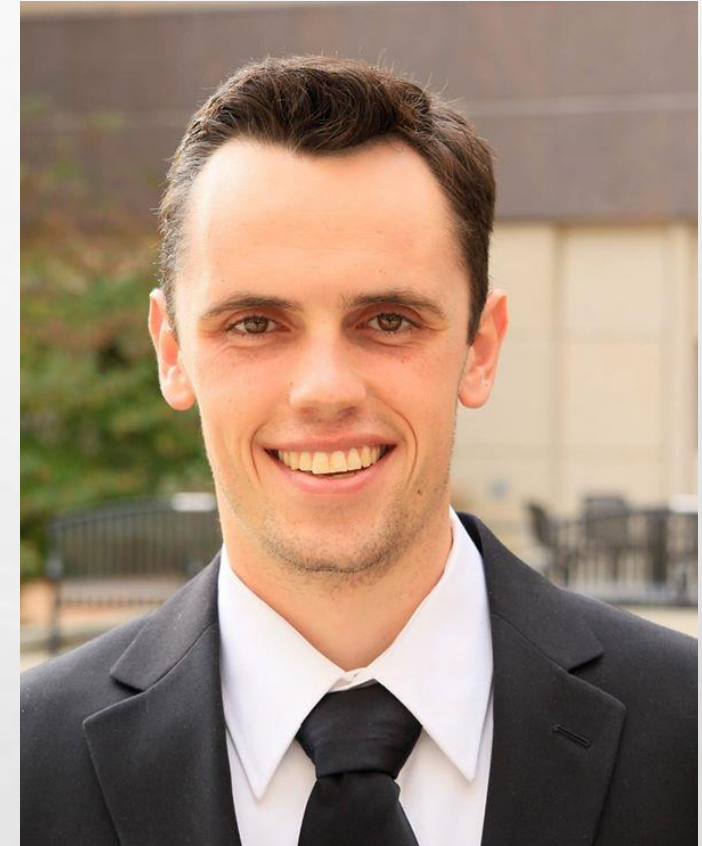
MAJOR: MASTERS OF ACCOUNTANCY

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, MAY 2015 TO MAY 2017

Employment status: Deloitte, Minneapolis, Audit Staff. I perform various tasks within the audit process (planning to reporting).

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: It was sometimes difficult to understand exactly what I was doing at the time, but having been in public accounting for almost a year now, I understand why the job (3-way match) is so important. We have numerous controls at every client around this. I have a much larger appreciation for what I was doing.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: My advice builds off my last response - do your best to see the big picture and how your role fits into the larger business/operations of your department, and even the university as a whole.



SCOTT SCHROEDER

MAJOR: MASTERS OF ACCOUNTANCY

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, MAY 2015 TO MAY 2016

Employment status: Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Madison Office, Staff Accountant. I work in the Manufacturing and Distribution industry group focusing on tax. I prepare business and individual tax returns as well as do tax planning/consulting work.

Personal news: This past year I flew on an airplane for the first time. My work travels have taken me to Arkansas, North Carolina, and South Carolina. I am also excited to announce that I will be getting married on September 1st of this year to my fiancée Lauren!

Lasting impact of working at Business Services: Although I now work on tax preparation, my time working with tax compliance rounded out my tax knowledge and familiarized me with some of the terms and forms that are used. It also gave me valuable experience with learning how to navigate and use an ERP system. Tax compliance helped me appreciate how the information that is needed for tax preparation is gathered and reported.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: One thing I wish I would have done with my time in Business Services is that I would have gotten to know my coworkers better, both the student and full-time employees. Relationship building and team comraderie is just as important in the workplace as having the technical skills for your job, not to mention that it helps work be a more enjoyable place to be!



TODD SHERMAN

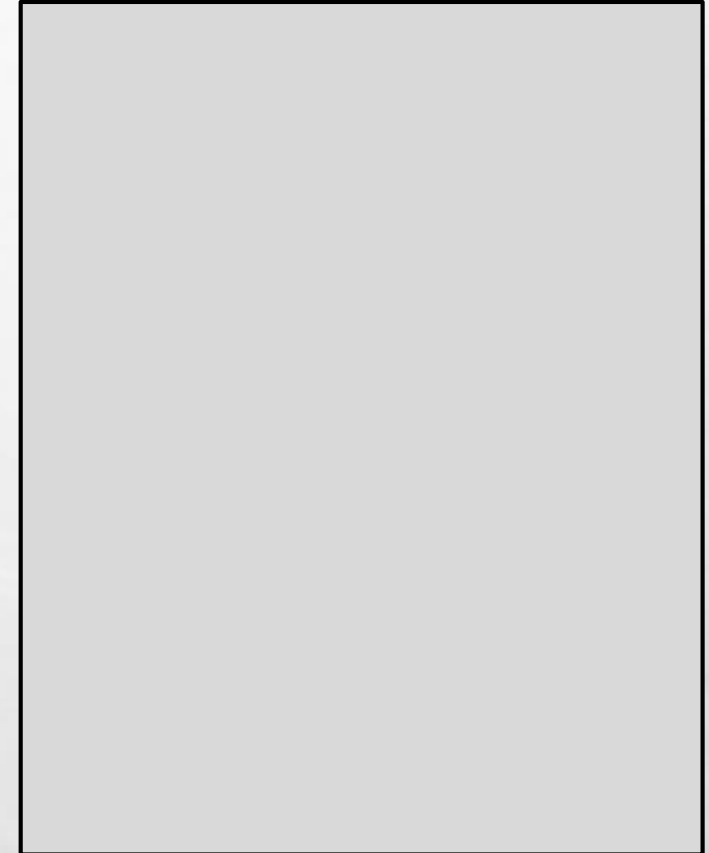
MAJOR: MASTERS IN ACCOUNTANCY
WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES,

Employment status: KPMG, Chicago, Audit Associate. I audit financial statements of companies.

Personal news: I passed all sections of the CPA exams.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: My Business Services employment gave me the opportunity to receive job experience in the accounting field. I had many opportunities to obtain real world experiences in the field that I am looking to enter. I also had the opportunity to work with successful individuals in my field.

Something I would have done differently at Business Services: Talk with full-time employees about career opportunities in my field and get an understanding of the day-to-day life of my future job from individuals that have had a similar job in the past. In addition, seek out advice as much as possible.



JAMIE TRUITT

MAJOR: FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT & INSURANCE

WORKED IN: CASH MANAGEMENT – ACCOUNTING SERVICES,
DECEMBER 2014 TO MAY 2017

Employment status: Ardent Mills LLC - Denver, CO. Associate Financial Analyst - Operations Finance. Plant finance tag for 7 plants, co-own plant P&Ls . I Train inventory coordinators and plant admins on inventory processes. I am responsible for pack, ingredient, and spare parts inventory and corresponding journal entries. I reconcile book to physical wheat inventory on a daily and monthly basis. I am a Power BI subject matter expert, training users and developing dashboards, I model data in Power BI using DAX and SQL coding.

Lasting impact of working in Business Services: Although I am in a finance role, month-end accounting is part of the job description. I was part of the Cash Management Team at Accounting Services and pieces of my job did prepare me for my current role. I now prepare journal entries and do a lot of the same processes I did in Accounting Services - verify the amounts, use the proper coding, go back to departments to verify aspects of the entry, etc. I was also part of a team in my company working on bringing a check scanner into our office to deposit checks ourselves. I was very familiar with the process as I deposited all the checks in Cash Management and was able to train users on the machines. My job in Cash Management also increased soft skills needed in every job - communication, email etiquette, time management, organization, making process improvements, etc.



JENNA WASIELESKI

MAJOR: ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

WORKED IN: ACCOUNTING SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2014 TO MAY 2017

Employment status: Deloitte Consulting Chicago, IL, Human Capital Business Analyst. I do actuarial consulting for various clients. My work so far has included actuarial support implementing insurance portals with the client's tech department, inception work on an innovative value-based contracting model, and review of health insurance plans.

Student status: I'm currently self-studying to become an Associate of the Society of Actuaries (ASA). I have three more exams to go, which I hope to pass by 2020.

Personal news: I recently traveled to Peru, where I completed a 5-day hike on the Salkantay Trail to Machu Picchu and visited the Amazon.

