



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CATCHING UP WITH FORMER
BUSINESS SERVICES
STUDENT EMPLOYEES

2021



News and Updates

Post vaccine life has been really fun. I'm working for KPMG as an audit associate right now, and enjoying my first summer in Chicago. I've done lots of traveling recently including trips to Washington D.C, San Diego, and Hawaii. And I'm looking forward to traveling to Costa Rica in July!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I learned to love board/card games during the pandemic! I'm eagerly waiting to see live music again!



Worked in Cash Management
2017-2018

Graduated in May 2020
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Chicago, IL



Katelyn Backhaus

News and Updates

I recently graduated medical school in May of 2021. I am currently a resident physician at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. I look forward to training in gastroenterology over the next few years!

Recently married!



Worked in Bursar's Office
2014-2016

Graduated in May 2021
M.D.

Currently lives in
Nashville, TN



Nicole Beyler

News and Updates

Since graduating this spring I have been working as much as possible serving at Graze on the capital square and as a wine steward at a local hometown winery. When I'm not working, I've been camping and exploring as much of Wisconsin as possible before I move in the fall. I am heading to Seattle, WA where I eventually plan to get my Master's in Public Affairs. I am officially a mother to a beautiful ball python named Gaia and lots of new plants (a couple of which have already croaked). I've gone on two vacations this year, both to visit my brother's new house! First, we went to Hawaii, and now to Alaska for a few weeks to do some backpacking with him. I'm very excited, though I hear the bears are pretty bad right now so... wish me luck!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've learned that even the small and mundane human interactions can be very insightful and engaging if I allow them. I try to take every opportunity to make those everyday conversations more intentional instead of just "going through the motions". Total strangers often have the coolest stories and wisest words of wisdom.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2018-2019

Graduated in May 2021
BS, Philosophy and
Environmental Studies

Currently lives in
Madison, WI

News and Updates

Since graduating with my Masters of Accountancy in May, I've been using my last summer of freedom to travel and spend time with friends and family before starting work full-time in the fall. I went to Denver in June to watch the Brewers play the Rockies and recently returned from a trip to Scottsdale with college roommates. In early June, I finished my last of four CPA exams. I will be starting work full-time in October at PricewaterhouseCoopers's Milwaukee office as an assurance associate.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've learned to appreciate time with loved ones!

I've been hanging out with friends and family outdoors where we could remain socially distanced from one another.



Worked in Property Control
2017-2020

Graduated in May 2021
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Madison, WI



Brooklyn Boebel (Ewing)

News and Updates

I currently love being a stay-at-home mom. I have two boys - a 22 month old and a 7 month old. We love spending our days outdoors to enjoy this beautiful summer weather we have had! It's fun to teach them and watch them grow and learn! I thought life went fast when I was in school, but it seems to go even faster when you have kids!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've developed a greater appreciation for time with loved ones! We love being outdoors! We did a lot of hikes and exploring outdoors with our children.



Worked in Marketing,
Communication and Training
2015-2016

Graduated in May 2017
BBA, Human
Resources and Management

Currently lives in
Reedsburg, WI

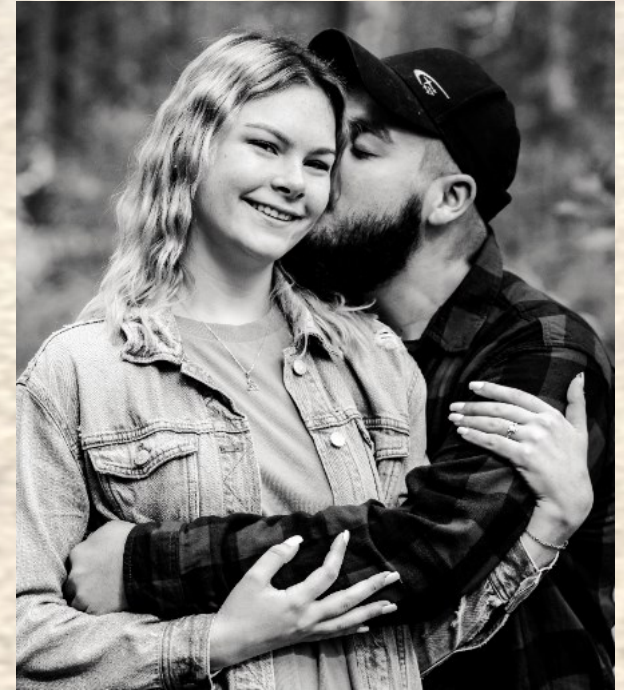


News and Updates

I'm currently an accounting intern at Brakebush Brothers, Inc., in Westfield, WI. Spring semester 2021, I completed an audit internship with RSM US LLP, and I accepted an offer to join their Madison team full-time in January 2022. When UW shut down last year, I was studying abroad in Dublin. My boyfriend had come to visit me, and I left Dublin with a fiancé. We are getting married in August and are closing on our first house shortly before our wedding.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've learned to appreciate every day of life. This pandemic and other recent events in my life have shown me how quickly a life can be taken. Hug your loved ones a little longer and never forget to tell them you love them because you never know when they may be gone. I found joy through learning more about my fiancé's hobbies. We spent many late nights in the machine shop rebuilding a 1974 Volkswagen Beetle, and we also bought a 1959 Ford Galaxie that we've been working on.



Worked in Disbursements
2019-2020

Anticipated Graduation Dec 2021
BBA, Accounting and
International Business

Currently lives in
Neshkoro, WI



Roman (Thomas) Gierok

News and Updates

Having transferred from the University of Wisconsin Law School to Harvard Law School (HLS) last fall, I am about to start my third and final year of law school. I am currently working as a summer associate at an international law firm in New York, focusing on international commercial litigation. I hope to obtain a permanent offer there after this summer and move to New York after graduating from HLS and completing the bar next summer.

Life Lesson from the Pandemic

Time with family is the best! When we went online during spring of my first year at law school, I was able to move home and be with my family for the first time since moving to college. For all its devastation, the pandemic gave many students the opportunity to return home. Being with my mom, my dogs, and reminding myself why I've sought to do all that I have was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2014-2015

Graduated in May 2017
BS, Political Science and
International Relations

Currently lives in
Cambridge, MA



News and Updates

I am currently in graduate school at the University of Illinois Chicago, studying occupational therapy. I am a board member of our Illinois Student Occupational Therapy Association and have been volunteering through Chicago Street Medicine - an organization that provides medicine to people experiencing homelessness in Chicago. I recently received the Lillian B. Torrance Scholarship from the Department of Occupational Therapy for Spring 2021. This award recognized my academic achievements and commitment to service.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I appreciate the ability to meet someone and experience their physical presence. I previously took for granted being able to learn in a classroom or work in a coffee shop. I love the energy you can get from being surrounded by others and look forward to once again being able to experience these things. I've enjoyed A LOT of virtual happy hours, game nights, and FaceTimes with family and friends. I also got to spend more time with myself, discovering new hobbies and reintegrating old interests of mine.



Worked in Purchasing
2016-2020

Graduated in May 2020
BS, Rehabilitation Psychology

Currently lives in
Chicago, IL



Briana Glaser

News and Updates

I've been working as a Business Systems Analyst at Acuity Insurance since graduating in Spring of 2018. My role revolves around creating new functionality and enhancements to our Claims systems, but I am also a member of our company's Disaster Recovery Team (hello, business continuity amidst Covid) and recently took on a leadership role within our Infrastructure Team. Last October I got engaged to my wonderful fiancé! We have set our date for this coming November and can't wait to celebrate with our closest friends and family. We also recently purchased our first house, and I just started a Master's program through Northwestern University in Information Design and Strategy.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

Covid helped me appreciate any time that I get to spend with my family so much more. My mom is a respiratory therapist, so the pandemic was incredibly scary in its onset when we did not know much about the virus. Now, any time I am able to spend with my family is more special to me than ever.



Worked in Risk Management
2016-2018

Graduated in May 2018
BS, Political Science and
Legal Studies

Currently lives in
Waldo, WI



Jenna Goldstein (Wasieleski)

News and Updates

I'm about to start my 4th year at Deloitte Consulting in Chicago as an actuarial senior consultant. My time is mostly spent preparing my client for a new accounting standard affecting insurers (Long Duration Targeted Improvements) and assisting in the audit of various insurance companies. 2021 has been a very busy year so far! I bought a house in the Noble Square neighborhood in Chicago in April with my then fiancé, I got married on May 1st and honeymooned in Jamaica, I was promoted in June, and we got a mini bernedoodle puppy on July 11th!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I learned to really appreciate family time. We cancelled all of our 2020 large family get togethers due to the risk of the pandemic, and as a result, the holidays just weren't the same.

We spent a lot of time on Zoom! We chatted with family, moved our board game nights virtual, and had more time to catch up with long distance friends! I also completed plenty of puzzles, paint by numbers, and Netflix series.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2014-2017

Graduated in May 2017
BBA, Actuarial Science

Currently lives in
Chicago, IL



Erin Hamilton

News and Updates

I will be moving to Milwaukee, WI this fall and starting work at PwC in their Private Company Tax Services group. Until then I am enjoying my final few weeks in Madison and will then be visiting my parents for a few months in Florida!

This past year I was able to complete my Masters degree and pass all four sections of the CPA exam prior to working full time!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I have learned to appreciate time with my friends and family, being able to spend time with my loved ones is something that is very important to me. My friends and I were able to create our own fun by having virtual game nights and video calling with each other often. When the weather was nice enough outside, we also enjoyed sitting out and catching up in person at a safe distance away.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2018-2019

Graduated in May 2021
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Milwaukee, WI



Dana Hatfield

News and Updates

I currently work at Life Time Corporate as a Business Services Specialist.

I recently bought my first town house and am in the middle of renovating it. I traveled for 2.5 months after graduation in December 2019. I saw seven countries and 15+ cities. I bought my own townhouse and am renovating it by myself.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I have learned to appreciate alone time and being bored.

During the pandemic, I spent time enjoying the company of my family that I lived with. I spent time near lakes and water, did a whole lot of walking, a whole lot of reading, and tried to teach myself new things.



Worked in Bursar's Office
2018-2019

Graduated in December 2019
BBA, Operations and Technology
Management and Marketing

Currently lives in
Minneapolis, MN



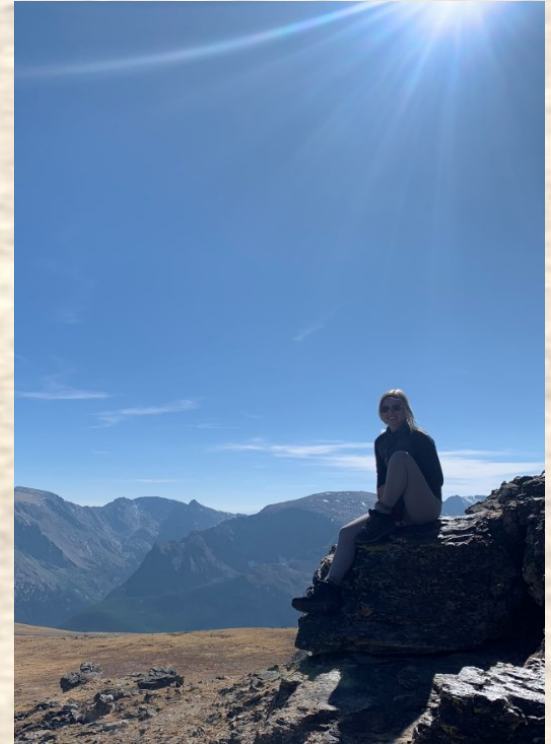
News and Updates

I'm currently working as a fashion merchandiser at Shopbop!

I've taken six trips to Colorado in the past year since graduating!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've learned to appreciate the importance of spending quality time with your family. I created my own fun and happiness by trying new things!



Worked in Bursar's Office
2017-2020

Graduated in May 2020
BS, Retailing and Consumer
Behavior

Currently lives in
Madison, WI



News and Updates

I am currently working at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota in Eagan, MN as an Actuarial Analyst. Like most companies, we have been working remotely since last March. I have grown accustomed to working from home and plan on continuing to do so in some capacity as our office opens up again later this year. I am still studying for my actuarial exams; only a couple more to go until I am a certified actuary. Like everyone, most of the past year was spent cooped up in our apartment. However, I was able to find some time to take a couple trips to Chicago and Miami over the winter to visit some friends. I attempted Top Golf in Chicago for the first time; that was sure a sight to see. A friend and I went to Miami in February to for my birthday. It was nice to get out of the subzero temperatures for a little bit.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I have learned to appreciate the time we have to spend with family and friends. It is something we can never get back, so try to create as many memories as you can and find those little 'moments of happiness'.



Worked in Financial Reporting,
Analysis & Systems (FRAS)
2017-2018

Graduated in May 2018
BS, Mathematics

Currently lives in
Eagan, MN



News and Updates

I've been working at Abercrombie & Fitch doing merchandise planning for a little over two years now and loving it! A couple months ago I was promoted into a new role that is much more preseason planning focused and have gotten to be a mentor for two new hires to the company. Outside of work I am in multiple sand volleyball leagues and a kickball league. I'm enjoying getting back to traveling and just got back from a surf camp in North Carolina for a week. Additionally, I recently launched my own business - it's a gender-neutral nail polish line called NE1. This was a COVID project that has come alive. Feel free to check it out at www.forne1.co.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I have learned to appreciate the convenience that our lives had pre-pandemic whether that was extended store hours, plenty of seating at bars and restaurants, or even the speed of deliveries. I started doing things that sparked my interests and passions and it all started with a GQ article saying nail art was the next big men's grooming trend for me to try it out and then decide to launch my own line to create a more inclusive space in that industry. Outside of the business, I was finally able to catch up on all the Netflix shows on my watch list.



Worked in Purchasing
2016-2017

Graduated in May 2019
BBA, Management; Marketing;
Digital Studies

Currently lives in
Columbus, OH



News and Updates

Hi all! I am still in Madison - this wonderful city can't seem to get rid of me. I have been working for Envest Microfinance for two years, most of that in a remote capacity from my living room. I am the Director of Operations which includes some accounting, some IT help, investor relations, project management, and some work with our microfinance partners. I am also the Chair of B Local Wisconsin, a coalition of certified B Corps in Wisconsin. Both roles have a huge learning curve and I am excited to continue improving in my role and building out these organizations.

I tried skiing for the first time with my boyfriend's family in Utah, and next week I am braving the heat to go to Disney World for the first time since I was seven!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

Hugs, crowded concerts, restaurants, busy farmers' markets, and talking to people outside of Zoom. I also have a huge appreciation for the front-line workers that are getting us through!

I played (and still occasionally play) weekly online trivia with a group of friends. I also did outdoor and virtual workout classes through The Barre Code Madison. I missed having scheduled activities, so those things really helped add some structure to my weeks.



Worked in Travel and Cards
2015-2017

Graduated in May 2017
BBA, Operations and Technology
Management/Supply Chain
Management

Currently lives in
Madison, WI



News and Updates

I am going on almost a year of working at PwC Chicago. I work on the International Tax Services team with a focus on Financial Services companies. I moved down to Chicago with a few other UW-Madison graduates in August of 2020 and we have been having a blast! We have all been working completely remote since starting full time in 2020, but it has been nice to be able to get laundry done and work at the same time.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've learned to appreciate the outdoors more. You don't realize how much you miss it until you can't leave your house for several months. My roommates were a huge part of creating a fun environment at home. We played lots of Uno, made several puzzles, and even did some virtual workouts together. I also started cooking more and trying lots of new recipes.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2015-2018

Graduated in May 2020
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Chicago, IL



News and Updates

This summer I completed my CPA exams, and in September I will be moving up to Minneapolis to start as an auditor for PwC.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

Spending time with my family and friends has become more important to me than ever.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2017-2019

Graduated in May 2021
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Minneapolis, MN



News and Updates

I currently work as a Compensation Analyst Intern for a health insurance company in Madison. I am actively pursuing degrees in Information Systems and Data Science.

For family news, my sister just got engaged—the first of us siblings.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've developed a greater appreciation for time spent with family and the value of working from home. The pandemic created an opportunity to get creative with video calls / video games with family and friends!



Worked in CMCT
2019-2020

Anticipated Graduation: May 2022
BBA Information Systems
BA. Data Science

Currently lives in
Hartland, WI



News and Updates

Post graduation I have been enjoying my free time and doing some traveling with family and friends. I've been spending a lot of time on the golf course and at the cabin enjoying the outdoors.

I am now actively applying to financial roles in the Twin Cities and hoping to move to Minneapolis later this year!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I missed human interaction, whether it be at a restaurant, work, or the gym. I now totally appreciate social interactions without a face mask on.

Much of my fun during the pandemic was online—playing video games with my friends and watching some of my favorite shows.



Worked in CMCT, FRAS,
Cash Management
2018-2020

Graduated in May 2021
BBA, Finance and
Business Management

Currently lives in
Hudson, WI

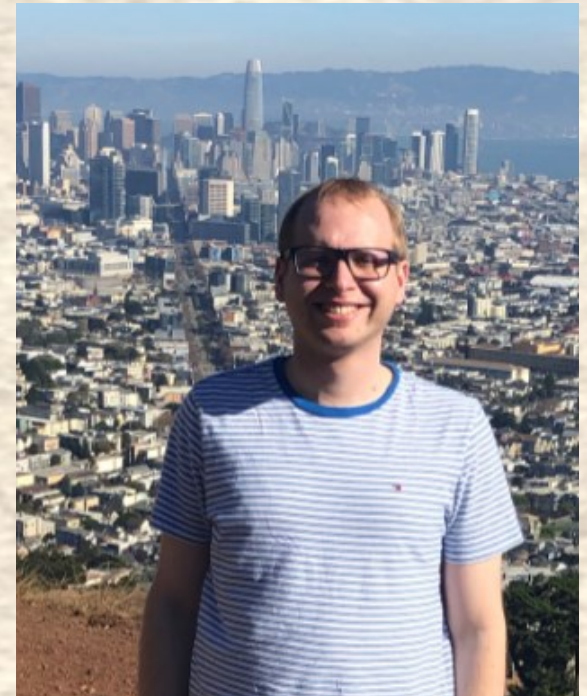
News and Updates

I took a new job in late 2019 at Google as an Accountant doing lease accounting for their technical infrastructure-the assets that provide the bandwidth/digital storage for Google's products and services. This role has kept me on my toes in a growing and evolving industry at a company that is always striving for the next big thing. I temporarily relocated to Madison, WI during the pandemic to take advantage of the work-from-home period and will be returning to Chicago, IL in September. I have enjoyed being back in Madison doing some camping and hiking around the state of Wisconsin and reconnecting with old friends as the impact of the pandemic in the US has eased up.

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I have learned to appreciate my health and well being more now than pre-pandemic. Don't be afraid to take some time to reflect about yourself and be thankful for what you have and try to help out those that are less fortunate whenever possible.

I took on a new hobby - puzzle making. I found it was a great way to disconnect from technology, entertaining and engaging when social options were limited. Also, spending more time outdoors in nature has been rewarding when working from home.



Worked in Asset Management
2014-2017

Graduated in May 2017
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Madison, WI



News and Updates

I'm currently living in Chicago where I've lived since graduating from Madison. I recently started a new job with a private equity firm in Chicago, Valor Equity Partners. I left PwC after four years and I'm enjoying the change of pace!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I found that during the pandemic I saw some of my family that lives far away more frequently than pre-pandemic, as we would all make a point of setting up Zooms more regularly than we would travel to see each other in the past. Hopefully this is something that we will continue to do!

In the past year I started getting into podcasts—my current favorite is Crime Junkie!



Worked in Accounts Payable
2013-2016

Graduated in May 2017
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Chicago, IL



News and Updates

I am a CPA beginning my third-year working for Deloitte in the Twin Cities. I have recently been promoted to Senior at Deloitte and look forward to the adventure that lies ahead for me in the new role! In my free time I love to be outdoors biking, golfing, or boating - or you'll find me watching whatever sporting event is on TV that day. It's brought me great satisfaction being able to rep the Badgers/Packers/Brewers/Bucks in enemy territory here in Minnesota!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

Although the virtual working environment came with unique challenges, it allowed me to spend so much more time with loved ones and for that I am very grateful. I've found joy in little things, especially the outdoors, such as going for a walk or bike ride, hiking, playing golf, and more. I gained such an additional appreciation and perspective on these simple things that I previously took for granted, especially in the fast-paced environment of life that many of us had become accustomed to.



Worked in Cash Management
2016-2018

Graduated in May 2019
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Minneapolis, MN

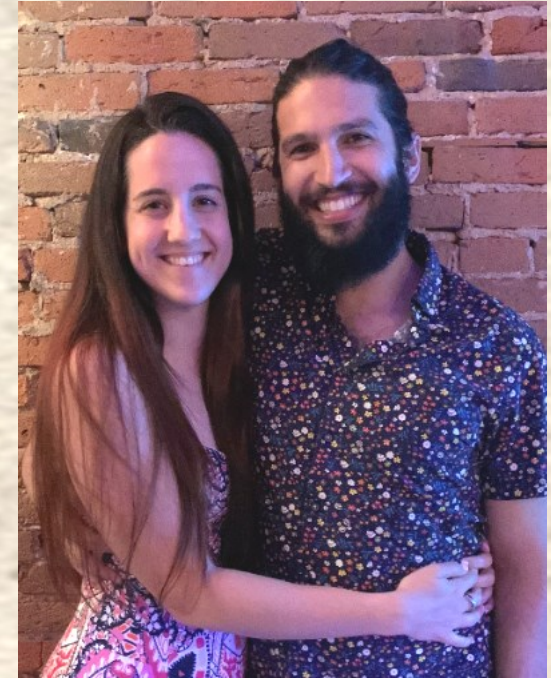


News and Updates

During the pandemic, I took the opportunity to relocate to Raleigh, NC to live/start my life with my partner, Travis. I'm still working in HR and loving it. I am reveling in the joy of having just closed on a house. We started looking a couple of months ago, and we somehow managed to get an offer accepted (the market is just as crazy down here as it is in Madison). We're very excited to move in over the next month and start making it our own. I am also in the process of getting a new job with a company that brokers the relationship between social/environmental causes that need funding and venture funds that have the money and want to help. I'm excited to work for a company that is making an honest difference in communities across the nation.

Life Lesson from the Pandemic

I didn't realize how much I appreciate seeing and giving smiles! We've been really enjoying outdoor activities and going back to the basics of entertainment.



Worked in Accounts Payable
2015-2018

Graduated in May 2018
BBA, Accounting

Currently lives in
Raleigh, NC

News and Updates

I'm working in Risk & Financial Advisory Services at Deloitte.

Hooray for the Milwaukee Bucks winning the NBA Championship!

Life Lessons from the Pandemic

I've come to appreciate people understanding science and being respectful to others.

It's been great enjoying outside activities all the time!



Worked in Marketing,
Communication and Training and
Accounts Payable
2016-2019

Graduated in May 2021
Master of Accountancy

Currently lives in
Denver, CO



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WORK HARD
TRAVEL SAFELY
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