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Christian Baena

Degree: BS in Finance and Multinational Business Operations
Employer: Franklin Templeton Investments
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: Boca Raton, FL
Board Position: Member/Regional Coordinator

Christian Baena is currently employed as a Relationship Associate with Polen Capital based out of Boca Raton, Florida. As a bilingual member of the sales team, he plays an integral role in helping lead the firm’s international marketing campaign with specific regards to Central & South America. He is also responsible for managing the firm’s retail and institutional client relationships while offering support to Senior Relationship Managers on the road. Prior to his current role, he spent four years with Franklin Templeton Investments as a Client Service Business Analyst where he supported several teams on the institutional distribution platform as well as their respective client relationships. He originally joined the firm through its Leadership Development Program and worked out of the firm’s offices in Fort Lauderdale and New York City. Christian graduated from the FSU College of Business in the spring of 2009 with bachelor degrees in Finance and Multinational Business Operations. When not working, he manages a nonprofit that provides sustainable water solutions and access to basic needs for those in developing countries.

Katie Blackledge

Degree: MBA; BS in Multinational Business; BA in Spanish
Employer: Russell Reynolds Associates
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: Dallas, TX
Board Position: Secretary

Based in Dallas, Katie Blackledge is currently employed by Russell Reynolds Associates, a global, top-tier executive retained search firm. In her role, Katie is responsible for executing high level search and assessment strategies within various functions across the firm’s Industrial sector. The client base she supports ranges from Fortune 500 to private-equity backed companies and the candidate base is focused on C-suite level executives and senior leadership talent. Prior to joining Russell Reynolds, Katie was a member of the Talent Acquisition group at Eaton Corporation based in Cleveland, Ohio, where she supported Eaton’s hiring needs of senior level talent in the Supply Chain, HR, Operations, and Manufacturing functions. Katie also has experience in a functional supply chain role with Harris Corporation. Prior to Harris, Katie worked for Florida State University International Programs where she coordinated international internship placements for students. Katie is from Atlanta, Georgia, and currently resides in Dallas, Texas. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, and yoga. While at FSU, Katie was highly involved in International Programs (FYA in Panama, Internship in Valencia, & Student Assistant) and the Department of Modern Languages (Spanish language elementary school co-op instructor & ELL volunteer). She was also a member of International Business Association (IBA), and a community service organization (Alpha Phi Omega). In 2009, Katie received her BS in Multinational Business Operations and BA in Spanish, and in 2012, received her MBA from Florida State University.
Sam Boukerrou
Degree: BS in Finance and Economics
Employer: EverBank
Grad Year: 2008
Current City: Jacksonville, FL
Board Position: Immediate Past Chair

Sam Boukerrou is currently employed as an Assistant Vice President for J.P. Morgan Chase in Jacksonville, FL. He joined the firm as a Management Associate in the Leadership Development Program concentrated on the Mortgage Banking division. Sam has worked within various departments including: Finance Analytics & Pricing, Real Estate Owned Properties, Marketing & Communications, and Retail Mortgage Fraud. While at FSU, Sam was an active member of both Alpha Kappa Psi and the International Business Association, holding leadership positions in both organizations. Prior to joining J.P. Morgan Chase, Sam’s prior internships included NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Citibank. Sam also spent two years as an Investment Intern with the Florida State University Foundation during his undergraduate studies. When not working, Sam volunteers his time a local Chamber of Commerce group called ImpactJAX, various community service projects, and also serving as a Fraternity Chapter Advisor for Alpha Kappa Psi. He enjoys traveling, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends.

Sam graduated from FSU’s College of Business in the Summer of 2008 with a dual degree in Finance and Economics.

Jake Braunsdorf
Degree: BS in Finance
Employer: Deloitte
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: Washington DC
Board Position: Vice Chair

Jake Braunsdorf is a Senior Consultant at Deloitte in Washington DC. In his current role, he is a member of the Financial Advisory Services practice within the Corporate Restructuring Group where he supports various government clients. Prior to Deloitte, Jake worked as a Financial Analyst at Lockheed Martin Corporation in Washington DC. He held roles in Financial Planning & Analysis, Internal Audit and Program Management. Jake has a Master’s in Business Administration from George Washington University and Bachelor of Science in Finance from Florida State University’s College of Business. While at FSU, Jake was an active member in Alpha Kappa Psi, The Professional Business Fraternity. In the summer of 2007, he studied abroad in Valencia, Spain through FSU’s International Programs. He interned as a Financial Representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and worked as an Investment Intern at the FSU Foundation, working closely with the Investment Committee on the school’s endowment. Jake is from Cheshire, Connecticut, and enjoys sports, traveling and is an avid Red Sox fan.
Colin Hickey

Degree: BS in Finance, MS in Finance  
Employer: AM Global Family Investment Office, LLC  
Grad Year: 2011  
Current City: Palm Beach, FL  
Board Position: Member

Colin Hickey works as an Investment Analyst for AM Global Family Investment Office, LLC, an independent, employee-owned wealth management firm that works with ultra high net worth families. Colin joined AM Global at the firm’s inception in 2012. Colin is responsible for investment research, idea generation, quantitative risk management, and fund manager due diligence and reports directly to the CIO.

Colin graduated from Florida State University with a Master of Science in Finance and in 2010 he completed the structured internship program at UBS Financial services in New York, NY. While at Florida State, Colin was an active member and on the Executive Committee of the Student Leadership Council. A key initiative for him was to help launch or maintain helpful networking programs and learning opportunities for peers. In his final year as a graduate student, he helped manage the Student Investment Fund with his Master of Science in Finance classmates. Colin enjoyed hosting COB visitors and alumni as well as working with Board of Governors that served as mentors to students in the COB.

Born in Long Island, NY and growing up in Jupiter, FL, Colin is very glad to move back to his hometown in South Florida and the area he loves. Colin enjoys outdoor activities including offshore fishing, navigation of oceans and international waters primarily in the Bahamas, scuba diving, golf and hunting. Colin is a member and contributor to various fisheries and oceanic research nonprofit organizations. Colin is also a continuous Seminole Booster and is working on his Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designation (CAIA).

William (Billy) Hobson

Degree: BS in Finance and Risk Management & Insurance  
Employer: Brown & Brown Insurance  
Grad Year: 2009  
Current City: Tacoma, WA  
Board Position: Vice Chair

Billy is currently working as the Branch President / EVP of Brown & Brown Insurance in Tacoma, WA., an independent insurance intermediary that provides insurance and reinsurance products and services to corporate, public entity, institutional, trade, professional, association and individual clients. As Branch President, Billy is responsible for overseeing all aspects of Brown and Brown Tacoma’s business operations.

He began his career in June of 2009 at the Corporate Headquarters of Brown & Brown in Daytona Beach, FL and has completed the extensive training program offered by Brown & Brown, including graduation from Brown & Brown University. Billy graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Risk Management & Insurance and Finance with a minor in Psychology. While attending FSU, he was an active member of the Insurance Society and worked at Auto-Owners Insurance Company. In the summer of 2011, Billy completed a four month “Leadership – Daytona Beach” course which is organized by the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. He sits on numerous boards, and is an active member of the community. His favorite project was the restoration of a local walking/biking trail that was over one hundred years old.
Cody Lewis

Degree: BS in Real Estate and Management, MBA  
Employer: Artia Solutions/Lewis Oil Company/Seven Seas Development Corp.  
Grad Year: 2008 and 2011  
Current City: Tallahassee, FL  
Board Position: Member

Cody Lewis currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Artia Solutions, a pharmaceutical consulting company in Tallahassee. He is also the Chief Financial Officer of Lewis Oil Company and a principal of Seven Seas Development Corp. Most recently Cody was Vice President and Commercial Lender at a community bank in Tallahassee. Prior to moving back to Tallahassee he spent two years in North Carolina as the CEO and Executive Vice President of a community bank. Cody graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS degree in Real Estate Finance and Management in 2008 and earned his MBA in Finance in 2011 from Florida State University. In 2014 he graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking held at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Cody lives in Tallahassee with his wife and son.

Dustin W. McQuillan

Degree: BS in Accounting and Management Information Systems  
Employer: McQuillan and Company, P.A.  
Grad Year: 2007  
Current City: Tampa, FL  
Board Position: Member

Dustin W. McQuillan, CPA, founded McQuillan and Company, P.A. in 2009, a boutique style management consulting firm located in Tampa, Florida. The firm quickly developed a niche to provide outsourced accounting and tax services to high-net worth individuals and entrepreneurs operating multi-faceted business enterprises.

With over ten years of experience in public and private accounting, he assists key stakeholders in aligning their goals and works to achieve targeted results that lead to break-out success. By organizing ideas, connecting resources and growing companies, Dustin's chief aim as an entrepreneur is to progress the development of human potential and organize new ways of thinking, living and working. During his tenure at FSU, obtained two Bachelor of Science Degrees in Accounting and Management Information Systems. He also was an active student serving as the Chairman of the Business School Allocation Committee, President of Beta Alpha Psi and Founder of the Student Leadership Council. Dustin is an active member of the AICPA, FICPA and Tampa Bay Emerge, a sub-committee of the Tampa Bay Chambers of Commerce.
Paul Rankin

Degree: BS in Finance and Real Estate  
Employer: Barrington Park of Tallahassee, LLC  
Grad Year: 2008  
Current City: Tallahassee, FL  
Board Position: Member

Paul Rankin is a Property Manager for Barrington Park of Tallahassee, LLC which is a subsidiary of real estate development and management company Rudnick Development. He helps oversee all onsite operations of a 300 unit, Class A condominium development in Northeast Tallahassee. While at FSU, Paul valued leadership opportunities; serving as the President of the Real Estate Society and as Real Estate Chairman for the College of Business’s Student Leadership Council. In addition to on campus activities, Paul served as a real estate intern for a highly successful real estate development executive. The position included the privilege of assisting in the acquisition and/or disposition of real estate assets valued in excess of $190 Million. At the same time, while pursuing entrepreneurial goals, he formed Kramerica, LLC and ProEquity Holdings, LLC to capitalize on market opportunities where he presently serves as a Managing Member of both companies. Paul graduated from The Florida State University in the spring of 2008 with a Bachelors degree in both finance and real estate.

Jeremy Reams

Degree: BS in Finance  
Employer: International Business Machines (IBM)  
Grad Year: 2010  
Current City: Rochester, NY  
Board Position: Member

As a financial analyst in development expense, I am responsible for tracking, analyzing, and forecasting, $60M in expenses year over year. I specialize in the financial analysis of IBM’s Systems and Technology Group (Hardware) and track the expense of the creation of new product lines. Day to day, I could be working on international transactions, variance analysis, and risk management.

During my time as an undergraduate at Florida State University I was the Chairman of the Student Leadership Council, the president of Future Investors of America, the Chairman of the Lunch with a Rotarian program, and I was involved in Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. My past residence was Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, but now I live in Rochester, MN. Outside of work, I enjoy working out, mountain biking, and tennis. At the moment I am interested in obtaining my Certified Management Accountant designation.
Ed Shahnasarian

Degree: BS in Finance and Accounting; MS in Accounting and Finance
Employer: Thomas H. Lee Partners
Grad Year: 2010
Current City: New York, NY
Board Position: Member

I recently started working as an analyst in the Financial Sponsors Group within JPMorgan's Investment Bank. In this role, I assist in advising private equity firms in leveraged buyouts, dividend recapitalizations, and private investments in public entities. Within the College of Business, I was a member of the Student Leadership Council and the Business Student Advisory Committee. I was also a member of Seminole Student Boosters Executive Board and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. I enjoyed participating in intramural tennis, ping pong, and softball. I grew up in Tampa, and went to Jesuit High School. I recently finished a master's degree at the London School of Economics.

Holly Simmons

Degree: BS in Hospitality Administration, MBA
Employer: Revenue Management Solutions
Grad Year: 2010, 2011
Current City: Tampa, FL
Board Position: Member

Holly Simmons is a consultant for Revenue Management Solutions in their McDonald's North America division. In her role, Holly manages a team of 5-6 analysts, provides strategic pricing guidance to McDonald's Owner/Operators and CoOp and Regional leadership, improves processes and ensures quality assurance of current processes, travels throughout continental US to deliver presentations to Regional and CoOp level leadership, performs ad hoc analyses, develops new and promotional price points at store, market, and regional level, and is responsible for maintaining current business and achieving a 15% revenue growth rate. Holly graduated from Florida State's College of Business with a BS in Hospitality Administration in May 2010 and later with an MBA in May 2011. While an undergraduate student at FSU, Holly served as President of the FSU Chapter of the Florida Restaurant Association, Vice President of Eta Sigma Delta, and as Chair of the Professional Mentorship Program in the Student Leadership Council. Holly was also involved with the FSU Chapter of the Florida Lodging Association, Women in Business, Marching Chiefs, and the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association during her tenure as an undergraduate student. During her studies in the MBA Program, Holly served as President of the FSU MBA Association and as MBA student representative on the College of Business Ethics Roundtable, a joint initiative of faculty and student leaders in the College of Business. Holly interned with many hospitality companies prior to graduation including Aramark's catering division on campus, ClubCorp's University Center Club, Hyatt Hotels, the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, and Darden Restaurants (Red Lobster). In her spare time, Holly plays tennis and enjoys boating with her family on the weekends.
Kristen Weeks
Degree: BS in Marketing
Employer: Medtronic
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: Washington, DC
Board Position: Chairwoman

Kristen Weeks is pursuing her career in sales with Johnson and Johnson. She is currently the Territory Business Manager for North Washington, D.C. with LifeScan, Inc., part of the Johnson and Johnson Diabetes Care Franchise. Prior to her role in DC, Kristen was the LifeScan Territory Business Manager in Savannah, GA where she was named the 2010 'Rookie of the Year'. Kristen was and is an active member of the LifeScan Sales Leadership Development Program (SLDP) where she completed a rigorous and competitive 10 month training course in Milpitas, CA. She joined the Johnson and Johnson family in June of 2009 after graduating from the College of Business with a degree in Marketing and a concentration in Sales. While at Florida State Kristen founded and presided over “Women in Business”, the first registered student organization within the College of Business that aims to enrich the professional and personal lives of ambitious female students by providing an outlet to develop and network. Kristen was also an active member of: College of Business Student Leadership Council (SLC), 2009 National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC), FSU Sales Program Top 10, Alternative Break Corps, and Kappa Delta Sorority. Kristen currently lives in Bethesda, MD and is an active member of Johnson and Johnson's Women's Leadership Initiative, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), and is the Vice Chair of the College of Business Recent Alumni Board. She enjoys volunteering, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.
Regional Representatives
AngeloAntolino

Degree: BS in Finance; BS in Economics
Employer: Columbia Law School
Grad Year: 2008
Current City: New York, NY

Angelo Antolino is currently serving as Research Consultant for the Vale Center on Sustainable Investment, a joint venture with Columbia Law School. In this capacity, Angelo is conducting research on African mining and power sectors, forecasting mining and power consumption, and analyzing potential public and private partnerships that will aid the World Bank’s African infrastructure investment projects.

Prior to his current role, Angelo worked as Market Risk Associate for Morgan Stanley in New York where he developed solutions to mitigate market risk, prevent trading losses and save the firm in risk-capital charges with a focus on debt and derivative product risk. More recently, he worked for Deutsche Bank in London as Global Markets Associate where he advised on principal investments in Western European power assets and provided renewable electricity solutions to institutional clients.

While at FSU, Angelo was heavily involved with the College of Business. He was an original member of the Dean’s Student Leadership Council. In this role, he focused on initiatives that would better prepare College of Business students seeking careers in finance. Specifically, he helped lead the development of FSU’s first Student Investment Fund.

Angelo graduated from FSU’s College of Business in 2008 with a Finance degree in addition to a degree in Economics. He received an MBA from Columbia Business School in 2013 with a focus on entrepreneurship and energy market finance.

Donald Bishop

Degree: BS in Management Information Systems
Employer: Cvent, Inc.
Grad Year: 2011
Current City: Arlington, VA

Donald Bishop is currently serving as Product Consultant for Cvent, Inc.’s Event Management Tool. In this role, he assists clients, gives personalized web-based training to corporations and associations and offers best practice tips in an effort to help them use Cvent’s products to effectively meet their business goals.

Donald graduated from Florida State with a BS in Management Information Systems in 2011. While here, he was a member of the College of Business’ Student Leadership Council, served as chairman of the Professional Mentorship Program (Previously the Golden Opportunities Mentorship Program), and was a member of both the Seminole Scuba Club and the AIS Association.

Having grown up in South Florida, he enjoys fishing, diving, and hunting, is a football, basketball, and hockey fan and plays all three recreationally when possible. He also enjoys spending time at the local Harley Davidson dealership or working on his motorcycle or car.
Jennifer Brown

Degree: BS in Marketing and Management, Minor in Psychology
Employer: Lionbridge Technologies, Inc.
Grad Year: 2007
Current City: Santa Monica, CA

Jennifer is currently Business Development Director for Lionbridge Life Sciences, a strategic business unit within Lionbridge Technologies. Lionbridge Life Sciences is the leading provider of language services to medical device developers, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, healthcare companies, and CROs. Jennifer graduated Cum Laude from Florida State University with a BS in Marketing and Management and a minor in Psychology. During her time at Florida State, she was an active member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Once elected to the Secretary’s Committee, she worked closely with the Executive Board, planning several events including a membership drive, induction ceremony, and community service activities. Jennifer was also a member of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority and enjoyed participating in Line Dance and other charitable events. She participated in the College of Business’s Golden Opportunities Mentorship program in 2007 and also had internships at both KSL Media and VCT Corporation during her years at Florida State. She was involved with Student Campus Entertainment, as a member of the concert committee, and helped to plan and run concerts for students. Jennifer participated in the Summer for Undergraduates Law program in 2005. Along with her full-time position at Lionbridge Technologies, Jennifer also works at gyms and yoga studios teaching Barre classes. She teaches community classes as well and finds it rewarding helping others in her community. She volunteers for the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association as the Membership Chair for the Los Angeles Region. She is also a trained volunteer for an animal rescue organization. Jennifer grew up in Boca Raton, FL and enjoys exercising, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Victoria Cuesta

Degree: BS in Multinational Business Operations and Hospitality Administration
Employer: Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants
Grad Year: 2006
Current City: Alexandria, VA

Prior to going back for her MBA, Victoria was a Catering Sales and Services Manager at Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants. There she assisted her clients in creating flawless, memorable and unique events from board meetings to weddings and was continually challenged to be creative and discover fresh opportunities to take the events to the next level. During her time at FSU, she was an active member of Lady Spirit Hunters, Student Alumni Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Catholic Student Union, Vice President of Eta Sigma Delta International Hospitality Honor Society, and Treasurer of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality. In her spare time, she is still very active in the community as a member of various hospitality and sales organizations as well as volunteering with the Campagna Center. She considers herself lucky to be able to travel regularly and can often be found on a plane or train to visit somewhere new.
Ashley Ditmarsen

Degree: BS in Finance; Minor in Economics
Employer: Full-time MBA student at University of Wisconsin
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: Madison, WI

Ashley returned to her hometown of Madison, Wisconsin, to join the MBA Class of 2014 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is specializing in Applied Security Analysis, a two year program that combines financial theory with hands-on training in security analysis, financial modeling, and portfolio management. Ashley and her peers manage a combined $50 million in assets during the second year of the program. Prior to graduate school, Ashley spent three years working at Morgan Stanley in New York City.

As an undergraduate student, Ashley developed a passion for the investment industry as a member of the College of Business Student Investment Fund. Ashley served on the executive board of her sorority, Phi Mu, where she developed and managed a $530,000 annual budget as treasurer and participated in a number of philanthropic events.

Ashley is a CFA Level I candidate and represented the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the 2013 CFA Research Challenge. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and focusing on volunteer efforts related to financial literacy and education.

Meghan Griffith

Degree: BS in Business Management and Retail Merchandising
Employer: Brand Training Associate, Brooks Brothers
Grad Year: 2013
Current City: New York, NY

Meghan currently works as a Brand Training Associate for Brooks Brothers in New York City. She started with Brooks as an intern in 2013 and was hired to a full time position within that year. As a Brand Training Associate, she works on the creation of sales training materials for all North American sales associates and assists with the maintenance and operations of the company’s physical and digital archives.

Meghan graduated in 2013 with a B.S. in Business Management and Retail Merchandising and Product Development. While at Florida State, she was an active member of Alpha Kappa Psi and held a leadership position on the executive board. She was also a member of the Lady Spiritrunners, an organization that strives to spread school spirit throughout FSU and the city of Tallahassee. Meghan, who grew up in Charlotte, N.C., and currently lives in Manhattan, is a big fan of all sports, especially college and professional football and is a member of the New York City Seminole Club. In her free time she enjoys traveling, being with friends, attending the occasional Broadway show and doing things around the city.
Sarat Kosuri

Degree: Finance and Multicultural Business Operations
Employer: Raymond James Financial
Grad Year: 2007
Current City: Tampa, FL

Sarat Kosuri is currently employed by Raymond James Financial in Tampa, FL, where he is tasked with analyzing both private and public corporate borrowers for potential participation in syndicated senior secured loans, and analysis of historical and projected financials, competition, industry, structure terms. While at Florida State, he served as President of NABE, in AKPsi – the Business Fraternity.

Sarat was born in Philadelphia, PA., raised in New Jersey, and has lived in Tallahassee, Tampa, Washington DC, Miami and has been back in Tampa for the last 2.5 years. In his spare time, he enjoys travel, snowboarding, paintball, basketball and is a huge fan of FSU football.

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Chris Montag, CPA

Degree: BS in Accounting and Masters of Accountancy / Assurance
Employer: Midtown Consulting Group
Grad Year: 2010
Current City: Atlanta, GA

Chris Montag currently works as a Controller at Midtown Consulting Group in Atlanta, GA. His primary responsibilities include ensuring GAAP compliance of the financial statements, verifying the integrity of the routine accounting processes, performing cost/benefit analysis on proposed business transactions, revenue/cost projections, and providing any requested accounting information needed to make business decisions. He previously worked at Ernst & Young for two years as an external auditor.

While at Florida State, Chris was a member of Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Leadership Council. During graduate school, he was a teaching assistant and participated in various intramural sports. In his spare time, he enjoys outdoor activities like fishing, golf, swimming, and riding motorcycles, and has a dog who he takes on various adventures. He also enjoys dining at new restaurants and working out.
Krishan Nigam

Degree: BS in Finance and Entrepreneurship
Employer: Emerging Global Advisors | EGShares ETFs
Grad Year: 2007
Current City: New York, NY

Krishan is an Associate Director at Emerging Global Advisors, a New York based research and Exchange-Trade Fund (ETF) provider focusing solely in emerging markets. He currently oversees all institutional and advisory relationships in the southeast US. In addition, Krishan conducts analysis on various investment funds, the capital markets, and research within emerging countries such as, India, China, Brazil, and Russia. While at Florida State, Krishnan worked with a Merrill Lynch advisory team running wealth forecasting models for retirement plans and played intramural sports including football, racquet ball and soccer. He moved to New York after graduating in 2007 where he worked on the sales desk of AllianceBernstein, a retail mutual fund provider. In early 2011, Krishan joined Emerging Global Advisors, to help start and grow the first US based asset manager focused exclusively on emerging markets. Currently, Krishan is a level III CFA candidate. Krishan was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He attended Saint Thomas Aquinas High School where he played football.

Ryan O’Hara

Degree: BS in Accounting and Finance
Employer: The Blackstone Group
Grad Year: 2009
Current City: New York, NY

Ryan O’Hara is an analyst for The Blackstone Group in their Alternative Assets Management division. His current role is focused on providing pricing and valuations for Blackstone’s hedge fund of funds business. In June 2009, Ryan graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Florida State University’s College of Business with degrees in Finance and Accounting. While at FSU, Ryan was an active member in Alpha Kappa Psi: Professional Business Fraternity and served as the chairman for both the Accounting Department and Professional Mentorship Program in the Student Leadership Council. He went on to Morgan Stanley in New York working as Real Estate Investment Fund Controller as a part of the FSU College of Business trip to Omaha, Nebraska. He moved to New York City in the summer of 2009 and worked in Morgan Stanley’s Financial Control Group for two years before starting with Blackstone. Ryan grew up in Panama City, Florida and currently resides in Manhattan. In his spare time, he enjoys FSU football, working out, going to concerts, and traveling as often as possible.
Chris Reber

**Degree:** BS in Finance; MS in Finance  
**Employer:** AEW Capital Management  
**Grad Year:** 2010; 2011  
**Current City:** Boston, MA

Chris Reber is currently employed as an analyst by AEW Capital Management in Boston, MA. He works directly with senior research staff in support of the firm’s investment origination, asset management, and portfolio management activities. He is also responsible for market analysis and forecasting.

While at Florida State, he served on the MSF Executive Board of Directors, where he was the Director of Financial and New Member Operations. He also participated in the FSU Student Investment Fund, with a net worth exceeding $1 million. He helped manage the fund and collaborated with other analysts to create stock pitches to be presented at club shareholder meetings, which included an investment thesis, risk assessment, and comparables evaluation.

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Orlando Remak

**Degree:** BS in Economics (Hons) and Finance  
**Employer:** GoldPoint Partners  
**Grad Year:** 2012  
**Current City:** New York, NY

Orlando Remak is an Associate at GoldPoint Partners, a Mezzanine Debt and Private Equity fund based in New York. Prior to joining the firm in 2014, Orlando was an Analyst in Credit Suisse’s Investment Banking Division within the Financial Sponsors Group. While at FSU, Orlando was active in student leadership; Orlando served as Chairman for the College of Business’s Student Leadership Council in 2011-2012, where he founded the first national Florida State Business Case Competition team and the COB President’s Council, and helped implement the campus-wide College Leadership Council program across FSU’s other colleges. Orlando graduated in 2012 with his Bachelor’s in Economics (Hons) and Finance.

Katie Ruby

Degree: BS in Real Estate  
Employer: T. Rowe Price  
Grad Year: 2010  
Current location: Maryland

After graduating from Florida State University in May 2010 with a Bachelor’s in Real Estate, Katie moved to Maryland. She began working for T. Rowe Price in the Retirement Services department where she stayed for a year before transferring to Human Resources. While at T. Rowe Price she was heavily involved with their community service, training programs, Blood Drive, and company events. After spending two years with T. Rowe Price, Katie was offered a position with UTZ Real Estate as the Director of Real Estate. She has now been with the company for one year and has been able to help the company grow by adding a Volunteer Day Program, a new employee training program, an agent recruitment program, and a staging division. Katie plans to continue and grow with UTZ Real Estate.

Zachary Smith

Degree: BS in Accounting  
Employer: Ernst & Young  
Grad Year: 2008  
Current City: Washington, DC

Zachary Smith is a Senior Consultant at Ernst & Young, LLP (EY) in Washington, DC. In his current assignment, he supports the Government & Public Sector (GPS) with federal clients including the Department of Commerce, NASA, and NOAA. Prior to joining EY, Zachary joined Lockheed Martin (LM) in June 2008. He was accepted into LM’s Finance Leadership Development Program, and graduated from the program in October 2011.

While at Florida State, Zachary was an active member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Campus Crusade, and the Club Triathlon Team. He held various leadership positions within each organization/fraternity and spent ~9 months overseas with Campus Crusade in Barbados, West Indies, following his freshman year. Zachary graduated Florida State’s College of Business in 2008 with a Bachelor’s in Accounting, and recently graduated George Washington University’s Duques Business School in 2011 with a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA). In his spare time, Zachary sits on the American Heart Association PULSE Committee and is a personal trainer at a local gym in Washington, DC.
Shannon St. Val

Degree: BS in Finance and Real Estate
Employer: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
Grad Year: 2008
Current City: New York, NY

Shannon is a diligent individual, driven on implementing her wealth of understanding in all business and personal endeavors. Shannon is currently a Senior Examiner at Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) in New York City where she examines and analyzes financial and operational compliance of member firms of the NYSE and NASD across the country. Prior to FINRA, Shannon was at GE Capital within their intensive global Financial Management Rotational Program, where her assignments focused on financial planning, accounting, operations analysis, auditing, forecasting, and cash management.

Shannon graduated from Florida State University in spring 2008, majoring in Finance and Real Estate. While at Florida State University, Shannon served as President of Minority Business Society, Treasurer of the FSU McKaig Scholarship House, Fundraising Chair for the Caribbean Student Association, Peer Leader for FSU’s First Year Experience Class, and Mentor for the Student Support Services Program.

Never shying away from public service, Shannon is devoted to financial education. She served as “Investing in Your Future” Instructor (class developed to teach financial literacy), DREAM Mentor (a program that develops high school students’ knowledge of personal finance and investing), and has served over 500 hours with the Salvation Army.

Shannon is also a proud member of the Black MBA Association and Management Leadership for Tomorrow.

Shannon is currently fulfilling her interest in financial education by launching a personal finance consulting firm, geared towards making the personal finance management more efficient and easy to understand.

Lauren Turner

Degree: BS in Finance and Multinational Business Operations; MBA
Employer: McKesson
Grad Year: 2006; 2009
Current City: Sandy Springs (Atlanta), GA

Lauren works as a Business Financial Analyst, Client Engagement Operations at McKesson Health Solutions, where her responsibilities include keeping account managers abreast of all revenue and expense data, along with information on revenue impacting components such as issued credits, terminated accounts, accounts deemed at risk, and accounts with outstanding AR. She also reports at an executive level and maintains scorecards that track business unit progress to annual goals.

At Florida State, she served as treasurer of HELP (Helping Every Little Person), was a member of the International Business Association and served as philanthropy chair for the MBA Association.

I currently live in Sandy Springs, in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area, and am enjoying my new house. I’m actively involved in the Junior League of Atlanta, specifically my placement with Young Audiences. It’s a great way to meet other professional women in the area and still stay involved in the community. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time at Lake Lanier in the summer or going to a play at the Fox Theater. Atlanta has great parks that play “movies in the park” during the summer which is always fun and definitely there are great places in Midtown to have an after work Happy Hour!
Melissa Valido

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During Melissa’s final semester at Florida State, she interned with eLayaway, Inc., a local layaway payment processor in Tallahassee. Upon graduation she was offered a full time position within the Company. During her time with eLayaway she has served in many capacities of the business, including customer and merchant relations, press and copy writing, social media relations, SEO and SMO, as well as compliance, legal and marketing research. Through her passion and dedication to the Company, she is continually expanding on her role and knowledge.

While at FSU, Melissa participated in SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise), AMA (American Marketing Association) and the HLSU (Hispanic Latino Student Union). Originally from Davie, Florida, Melissa has been living in Tallahassee since 2008. In Melissa’s spare time she likes to shop, cook and spend time with friends. She enjoys watching movies and staying up-to-date with the latest payment technology innovations. She is also a die-hard Apple fan and loves her Florida State Seminoles.

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