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Study Tour
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Package

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IMMERSION PROGRAM 2018-19

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The International Business Immersion Program (IBIP) selects premier undergraduate students to work in high-performance, interdisciplinary teams to explore the structure and challenges of the global agriculture and food industry. The primary goal of the program is to prepare the next generation of globally literate entrepreneurial leaders to identify and respond to challenges associated with business operations in the global marketplace. While IBIP is housed in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, its students are selected from diverse backgrounds, majors, and interests.

The program combines an on-campus preparatory course each fall or spring, culminating in an international experiential study tour that allows students to interact with industry professionals and witness the scope of the agriculture and food industry first-hand. Since 2001, the International Business Immersion Program has been refining exceptional young leaders through research, networking, and experience to prepare them to hit the real world running.

COURSE FORMAT

The International Business Immersion Program to Brazil consists of three inseparable components:

1. A preparatory course held during the fall semester of 2018.
2. A 14-day immersion study tour (December 28, 2018-January 12, 2019) to Brazil where participants interact with company executives of national and multinational firms, farmers, regulators, expats, and consumers.
3. A follow-up session during the spring semester of 2019 when students will make public presentations on their observations during the trip.

COURSE MATERIALS

All readings, assignments, and information will be provided on the course's Compass website. Additional information can be found on the IBIP website: ace.illinois.edu/ibip

EVALUATION OF COURSE PERFORMANCE

Grade Component	Percentage of Final Grade
Group work: Discussions, Reports, and Presentations	35%
Reflection paper/report (post-trip)	35%
Participation	30%

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

Attendance policy:

You are entitled to one unexcused absence. Nevertheless, you are responsible for turning in your assignments on time. The unexcused absence cannot be used on the safety and health session, your presentation sessions, or any field visits in the U.S. or abroad. Absence from field visits abroad will only be justified in cases of serious illness or emergency. If you must miss more sessions, email ahead of time justifying your absence. For each unjustified absence, there will be a 5% reduction from your final grade.

Peer group evaluation:

One of the goals of this class is to replicate how work in the real world takes place. Therefore, working in a group is an important component of the IBIP experience. We do acknowledge that the level of effort across group members can vary and will adjust grades from group projects accordingly. We will distribute forms that allow you to submit grades for your peers in your group separately for each of the group projects during the course.

Participation:

The participation grade is based on behavior and performance inside of the classroom, during our field trips, and on the study tour. This includes—but is not limited to—being on time, being alert during presentations, and asking our guest speakers and hosts insightful questions.

The 3Ps of class conduct will be followed in IBIP: Preparation, Participation, and Promptness. These same factors will be important drivers of success throughout your career, beginning with your search for internships and jobs.

Preparation: Come to each class prepared to ask questions and discuss topics with the guest speakers.

Participation: Participation is crucial. A portion of your grade will be based on attendance, participation, and willingness to speak with and in front of your peers. Presence is not a sufficient condition for participation. You must be active (although not pushy) in asking questions and expressing views. The reason for this policy is that we want you to take full advantage of the opportunity to interact with professionals and develop communication skills. Practice makes perfect.

Promptness: One attribute of a successful professional is timeliness. Late arrival to class is disruptive and rude to guests and reflects poorly on the entire class and the university. If you have a difficult time getting to class, please make arrangements with the instructors in advance.

FLIGHT, LODGING, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ITINERARY

Friday, December 28, 2018

From Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Panama City, Panama (PTY)

Flight #: Copa Airlines 0229

Departure: 1:28 p.m. from ORD Terminal 5

Arrival: 8:02 p.m., December 28

Meals Included

From Panama City, Panama (PTY) to Sao Paulo, Brazil (GRU)

Flight #: Copa Airlines 0759

Departure: 9:04 p.m., December 28

Arrival: 7:10 a.m., December 29

Saturday, January 12, 2019

From Rio de Janeiro Brazil-Intl. Airport (GIG) to Panama City, Panama (PTY)

Flight #: Copa Airlines 0215

Departure: 12:30 p.m.

Arrival: 5:03 p.m., January 12

Meals Included

From Panama City, Panama (PTY) to Chicago O'Hare (ORD)

Flight #: Copa Airlines 0235

Departure: 6:30 p.m., January 12

Arrival: 11:09 p.m. to ORD Terminal 5

PRIMARY CONTACTS

Prof. Bob Hauser and Dana Wennerberg will be available via email during the trip. For emergencies only, contact us via cell phones. Office numbers are for contact prior to departure on December 28 or after return on January 12.

Dr. Bob Hauser

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If we make changes/additions to our itinerary after we have left, we will notify Jessa Barnard, Director of ACES Study Abroad, of the changes and the new contact information. Jessa can be reached at:

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OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- UIUC International Safety & Security 24/7 Emergency Contact: +1-217-333-1216
- You may also email our Associate Director of International Safety and Security, Andrew Collum at aacollum@illinois.edu, if you have a question or concern related to a health and safety emergency abroad.
- University of Illinois Emergency Dean, UIUC Office of the Dean of Students 217-333-0050

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Your family may need to reach you because of an emergency at home or because they are worried about your welfare. If they can not reach us at one of our hotels or cell phones, they should call the State Department's Overseas Citizens Services. The State Department will relay the message to the consular officers in the country in which you are traveling. Consular officers will attempt to locate you, pass on urgent messages, and, consistent with the Privacy Act, report back to your family.

Overseas Citizens Services

Department of State

Room 4811, Washington, D.C. 20520

From within the U.S.: 1-888-407-4747

From outside the U.S.: 1-202-501-4444

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ILLINOIS IBIP 2018-19 | BRAZIL

DECEMBER 28, 2018–JANUARY 12, 2019 | IMMERSION TRIP ITINERARY

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

Friday December 28

Attire: Casual

- 10:00 a.m.** Meet at Copa Airlines ticket counter in O'Hare Intl. Airport Terminal 5
Check-in /Go through security as a group/Lunch on your own
- 1:28 p.m.** Depart on Copa Airlines flight 0229 for Panama City, Panama
- 8:02 p.m.** Arrival at Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, Panama
- 9:04 p.m.** Depart on Copa Airlines flight 0759 for São Paulo, Brazil

Saturday December 29 | SÃO PAULO

Attire: Casual | Blog: Team 1

- 7:10 a.m.** Arrival at Guarulhos International Airport in São Paulo
- 8:00 a.m.** Meet Campus B guides, transport to hotel
- 9:30 a.m.** Safety and city orientations
- Noon** Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m.** Visit the Municipal Market and Farol Santander
- 7:00 p.m.** Welcome dinner at a traditional Brazilian Churrascaria Steakhouse

Accommodations

Hotel Matiz Manhattan
Rua Haddock Lobo, 867
Cerqueira César, São Paulo - SP, 01414-001
Phone: +55 (11) 3083-5511

Sunday December 30 | SÃO PAULO

Attire: Illini Orange T-Shirts & Jeans/Shorts | Blog: Team 2

- 10:00 a.m.** Tourism: Vila Madalena District—one of the most innovative districts of São Paulo—
full of street art, galleries, and cafés
- Noon** Lunch
- 2:00 p.m.** Tourism: Paulista Avenue—The main avenue of the city closes on Sunday, opening space for
a street fair, artists and musical presentations
- Evening** Dinner

Accommodations

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Monday December 31 | SÃO PAULO

Attire: Polo & Jeans | Blog: Team 3

- 9:00 a.m.** Cooperapas - Smallholder farmers involved in organic and sustainable production
- Noon** Lunch at Cooperapas
- 2:30 p.m.** Cooperapas (continued)
- Evening** New Year's Eve Celebration at Paulista Avenue

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Tuesday January 1 | SÃO PAULO TO SOROCABA

Attire: Casual | Blog: Team 4

- Morning** Free morning
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
- 2:30 p.m.** Ibirapuera Park - urban park of 158 hectares
- 4:00 p.m.** Transfer to Sorocaba
- Evening** Hotel check-in and dinner

Accommodations

Hotel IBIS Sorocaba
Rua Sra Maria Aparecida Pessoti, R. Maria Domingas Milego, 290 - Parque Campolim
+ 55 (15) 2101-6300

Wednesday January 2 | SOROCABA TO PIRACICABA

Attire: Business Casual | Blog: Team 5

- 9:00 a.m.** Visit to Case IH - Factory tour & institutional presentation
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
- 12:45 p.m.** Transfer to Piracicaba
- 3:30 p.m.** ESALQ Faculty Lectures:
- I. Professor Helaine Correr: International Relations Office (Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture)
 - II. Professor José Caixeta: Research and Extension Group on Agroindustrial Logistics
 - III. Professor Silvia Miranda: Center of Advanced Studies on Applied Economy
- 7:00 p.m.** Dinner with Flavio Castellari, Director of Asociacion Petroquimica y Quimica LatinoAmericana (APLA)

Accommodations

Antonio's Palace Hotel
 Av. Independência, 2805 - Cidade Alta,
 Piracicaba - SP, 13416-230
 Phone: +55 (19) 3417-6000

Thursday January 3 | PIRACICABA TO CAMPINAS

Attire: Polo & Khakis | Blog: Team 6

- 8:00 a.m.** Arrival at University of São Paulo Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture (USP-ESALQ)
- 8:30 a.m.** Lecture on digital agriculture at the Precision Agriculture Laboratory in the Biosystems Engineering Department + lab tour
- 10:00 a.m.** Aerão Farm: the university's experimental farm and an incubator for startup companies
 Smart Agri Solutions and Smart Sensing Tour
- Noon** Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.** Transfer to Campinas
- 3:00 p.m.** EMBRAPA Territorial Management
- Evening** Dinner

Accommodations

I Am Design
 R. Alecrins, 745 - Cambuí, Campinas - SP, 13024-411
 Phone: +55 (19) 3113-8600

Friday January 4 | CAMPINAS TO FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Attire: Neat Casual | Blog: Team 1

- 6:30 a.m.** Depart for airport
- 8:10 a.m.** Airlines flight AD 4406 to Foz do Iguaçu
- 9:50 a.m.** Arrival in Foz do Iguaçu / Transfer to the Hotel
- Noon** Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m.** Itaipu Dam: large hydroelectric dam of the Parana River located on the border of Brazil and Paraguay
- Evening** Dinner

Accommodations

Nadai Hotel
Av. República Argentina, 1332 - Centro
Foz do Iguaçu - PR, 85852-090
Phone: +55 (45) 3521-5050

Saturday January 5 | FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Attire: Neat Casual | Blog: Team 2

- 10:00 a.m.** Iguaçu River Port - where grain is imported (predominantly wheat from Argentina)
- 1:00 p.m.** Lunch
- 3:00 p.m.** Visit to Triple Frontier - the junction of Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil
- Evening** Dinner

Accommodations

Nadai Hotel
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Sunday January 6 | FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Attire: Casual (bring comfortable shoes for walking; be prepared to get wet) | Blog: Team 3

All Day	Tourism: Foz do Iguaçu National Park Optional: Macuco Safari boat tour under the falls (~\$55)
	Lunch on your own
Evening	Dinner on your own

Accommodations

Nadai Hotel
Av. República Argentina, 1332 - Centro
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Phone: +55 (45) 3521-5050

Monday January 7 | FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Attire: Polo & Jeans | Blog: Team 4

8:30 a.m.	LAR Cooperative Poultry Center
10:30 a.m.	Frimesa Producer - Dairy & Beef
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	LAR Administrative Center in Medianera
Evening	Dinner

Accommodations

Nadai Hotel
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Foz do Iguaçu - PR, 85852-090
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Tuesday January 8 | FOZ DO IGUAÇU - NAVIRAÍ

Attire: Business Casual | Blog: Team 5

10:00 a.m.	Company Visit - TBD
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m.	Transfer to Naviraí
Evening	Dinner

Accommodations

Hotel 2 Gaúchos
R. Belirio Pereira de Souza, 28 - Centro
+ 55 (67) 3461-1302

Wednesday January 9 | NAVIRAÍ - DOURADOS

Attire: Polo & Jeans | Blog: Team 6

9:00 a.m. Agropecuaria Jacintho Ranch - large livestock farm

12:45 p.m. Lunch at the farm

4:00 p.m. Transfer to Dourados

Accommodations

Gales Hotel
Rua Quintino Bocaiúva, 1760 - Jardim América
+ 55 (67) 3410-3900

Thursday January 10 | DOURADOS - RIO DE JANEIRO

Attire: Polo & Khakis | Blog: Team 1

11:30 a.m. Free morning

Noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Company Visit - TBD

4:00 p.m. Transfer to Dourados Airport

6:40 p.m. Depart DOU via Azul Airlines flight AD 4130/5137 to Rio de Janeiro
Connection in Campinas and dinner at airport

Accommodations

Hotel Merlin
Av. Princesa Isabel, 392 - Copacabana,
Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22011-010
Phone: + 55 (21) 2132-1000

Friday January 11 | RIO DE JANEIRO

Attire: Illini Orange T-Shirts & Jeans | Blog: Team 2

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| 12:35 a.m. | Arrival in Rio de Janeiro/Transfer to hotel |
| 10:00 a.m. | Interaction with COAGRO - Sugarcane Cooperative |
| Noon | Lunch on your own |
| 3:30 p.m. | Tourism: Christ the Redeemer |
| Evening | Farewell dinner |

Accommodations

Hotel Merlin
Av. Princesa Isabel, 392 - Copacabana,
Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22011-010
Phone: + 55 (21) 2132-1000

Saturday January 12 | RIO DE JANEIRO

Attire: Casual | Blog: Team 3

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| 7:30 a.m. | Check-out and depart for airport |
| 12:30 p.m. | Depart on Copa Airlines flight 0215 for Panama City, Panama |
| 5:03 p.m. | Arrival at Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, Panama |
| 6:30 p.m. | Depart on Copa Airlines flight 0235 for Chicago |
| 11:09 p.m. | Arrival at Chicago O'Hare Terminal 5 |

IBIP FACULTY AND STAFF

**ROBERT HAUSER***IBIP Instructor**Dean Emeritus & Professor Emeritus*

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Dr. Robert Hauser is the Instructor for the International Business Immersion Program in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Hauser received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Iowa State University in 1982. He was at the University of Illinois since then until he retired in 2017, where his research and teaching focused on grain transportation, the use and pricing of options and futures, and the effects of economic and policy changes on Illinois and U.S. agriculture. He was awarded The Clearing Corporation Foundation Professorship in June 2009. Bob served as Head of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics from January 1995 through August 2001, and then again from August 2004 to 2009. He also served as Interim Director of the college's Office of International Programs. Bob was the Dean of the College of ACES from 2009 through 2016 and in 2012 was appointed the Associate Provost for University of Illinois Extension.

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Dana Wennerberg currently serves as the Experiential Learning Coordinator for the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) at the University of Illinois College of ACES. In this position, she supports the departmental goal of providing hands-on learning opportunities to its students. Additionally, she is the academic advisor for approximately 215 students studying agribusiness markets & management; policy, international trade & development; and, environmental economics & policy in the ACE department. Prior to this role, she spent three years working in West Africa. She served in Peace Corps Senegal as an Urban Agriculture Extension Agent where she trained host country nationals in improved farming and gardening techniques. Upon completion of her service, she coordinated a U of I study abroad program in Sierra Leone.

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Agricultural
Communications
May 2019



Christy grew up in Arthur, a rural town in central Illinois, surrounded by agriculture. She was actively involved in FFA throughout high school, which led her to pursue a career in agriculture that ties together her passion for communications and the agriculture industry. She wants to serve as an advocate for agriculturalists to help bridge the gap between producers and consumers. Christy has an interest in agricultural policy and is excited to learn more about the political climate in Brazil, especially how it affects farmers.

JOSH BAGGER

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May 2019



Josh was born and raised in Champaign, Illinois. He left the area for two years while attending Butler University, but then returned when he transferred to the University of Illinois. He plans on completing the Master of Accounting Science program next year to prepare for the CPA exam. In the future, he hopes to work in the private sector, both domestically and internationally.

ALANA CHOSE

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Agribusiness Markets
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May 2019



Alana grew up in Chicago, Illinois, where she had the opportunity to attend the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. This is where she gained interest in the business side of agriculture. After interning at CNH Industrial Capital, Alana was offered a full-time position and will pursue her career with them in June of 2019.

GABRIELA CONTRERAS

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Financial Planning
May 2019



Gabriela was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She hopes to find a career as a financial planner where she can help people reach their financial goals while also being able to work with international clients. Additionally, she aspires to use her knowledge later in life to hold workshops to improve financial literacy among the Latinx community in Chicago.

TYLER CORAN

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 Agribusiness Markets
 & Management
 May 2019



Tyler grew up in Bloomington, Illinois. He is studying agribusiness markets and management, and finance in agribusiness. His interests include foreign trade policy, futures and options markets, and foreign currency exchange. Upon graduation he plans to pursue a career in international commodity trading.

TAYLOR EVONITZ

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 Agri-Accounting
 December 2020



Taylor was born and raised in Skokie, Illinois, a suburb right outside of Chicago. Her interests are centered around the food and agribusiness industries. Taylor hopes to pursue a career in corporate accounting.

KATELYN HALLIGAN

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 Crop Sciences
 May 2019



Katelyn was born and raised in Jacksonville, Illinois, on a small family farm producing corn and soy. Her interests are centered around agriculture, and the careful planning and production of new hybrid corn varieties, alongside positive agricultural communication to the general population. She plans to obtain her degree in crop sciences in May of 2019, and hopes to pursue her masters in plant pathology at the University of Illinois.

ELYSE HARRIS

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 Agribusiness Markets
 & Management
 May 2019



Elyse grew up in a small farming community in Illinois. Her family owns and operates Harris Companies, Inc., a business that specializes in electrical work and installing and manufacturing special purpose personnel elevators, working closely with large agriculture companies across the globe. She is working for ADM as a commodity merchandiser after graduation and hopes to obtain either a Master of Business Administration or a Master of Finance in the next five years.

LUKE HENEGBRY

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 Agribusiness Markets
 & Management
 May 2019



Luke grew up on a corn, soybean, and cattle farm. His interests include learning about market drivers for commodities and what the future of renewable fuels will look like. Luke is pursuing a career in commodity trading.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: PROFILES AND BIOGRAPHIES

DANIEL HOM

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2019



Daniel Hom grew up and currently lives in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. In 2015, he graduated from New Trier High School, where he developed an interest in studying commodity markets, economics, and international trade. He is especially passionate about conducting economic research on emerging markets in Africa and Latin America. In the future, he hopes to obtain either an MBA or Master’s Degree in Economics, to pursue a career in international business and finance.

YAHAN JIANG

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2019



Yahan Jiang was born and raised in Beijing, China, and lived there until the age of 20. She is a foodie who loves food, and is also the reason she chose an agriculture-related major at the University of Illinois. She wants to use the food industry to improve people’s standard of living. Yahan hopes to pursue a career in a food company in the future.

ANDREW JOHNSON

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Farm Management
May 2020



Andrew grew up in Mahomet, Illinois, and his interest in agriculture was piqued by FFA involvement and agriculture classes during high school. Following the completion of his bachelor’s degree, he is interested in working for an agribusiness firm or a company involved in agriculture. He is also considering obtaining a M.S. and Ph.D. in an agricultural field.

CODY LEWIS

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2019



Cody grew up in rural Illinois and has lived there all his life. His passion for agribusiness stems from his agriculture instructor and life mentor in high school. He is interested in commodities and futures trading. Upon graduation, Cody will start his career as a commodity merchandiser for Archer Daniels Midland.

STRATTON MORTENSEN

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2019



Stratton grew up in St. Charles, a western suburb of Chicago, Illinois. His interests are centered in the food and beverage industry and he plans to utilize his background in agricultural education to improve the products we consume every day. He hopes to obtain his Master’s in Business Administration and to create his own company in the future.

ALYSSA PEDERSEN

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 Agri-Accounting
 May 2019



Alyssa comes from a non-traditional farm background as she attended high school on the only working farm in the city of Chicago, Illinois. She is driven by the goal of making an impact on the agricultural industry. She plans to do this by pursuing an accounting career for a large agricultural company.

ETHAN PLOTE

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 Technical Systems
 Management;
 Farm Management
 May 2020



Ethan grew up on a production farm with grain and a cattle feedlot. He is interested in the supply and demand trends that affect the commodities he raises, specifically corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle. After college he plans to become involved in his family farm operation.

MADELINE POOLE

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 Crop Sciences
 May 2020



Madeline was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She has a passion for international relations and food security, working at places like the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Soybean Innovation lab. After graduation, she hopes to gain international field work experience then pursue a master's in international development.

RACHEL RECKER

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 Agricultural Leadership
 and Science Education
 May 2019



Rachel grew up on her family farm outside of a small town in southern Illinois. This, as well as organizations such as 4-H and FFA, fueled her passion for agriculture. Rachel's goal is to be an influential member of the agriculture industry to help educate about the importance of agriculture in everyday life.

ANDREW RICE

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 Agribusiness Markets
 & Management
 May 2019



Andrew grew up in Illinois and is attending the University of Illinois studying agricultural and consumer economics, with a minor in international development economics. Throughout his years at the University of Illinois he has found a passion for international trade within stocks and currencies. Upon receiving his diploma, he hopes to find a company that will allow him to follow his passion of trading overseas. He also enjoys traveling abroad in order to see the customs and branding that other countries promote in their lifestyle.

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Technical Systems
Management
May 2019



Stephen grew up on a family grain and livestock farm in northern Illinois. He has raised and marketed his own beef cattle since he was four years old. He is passionate about raising high-quality beef and making production agriculture more efficient. His goal is to pursue a career in the mechanization of precision agriculture.

STEVEN SABATINI

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Financial Planning
May 2019



Steven grew up in Schaumburg, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. His interests are centered around business, finance, and public policy/law. He hopes to obtain a law degree and an MBA in the future, and potentially work as a guest lecturer in addition to a career.

HAYDEN SCHAUMBURG

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Farm Management
December 2019



Hayden grew up on a grain and beef operation located in central Illinois. His interests in agriculture are directed at farm management, sustainability, conservation, and ag technology. He hopes to finish his degree and continue his studies in graduate school focusing on agriculture production.

MIKE TUREK

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Agri-Accounting
May 2019



Mike was born and raised in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. He is thrilled about the opportunity to gain an international perspective on sustainable farming and global trade. Mike plans on pursuing his CPA certification and hopes to secure a job in public accounting after graduating.

NATALIE VUJANOV

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Crop Sciences
May 2020



Natalie grew up in a rural community in northern Illinois. Her career interests are focused on assisting farmers in getting the highest yields possible while maintaining an environmentally responsible outlook. She would like to do this by working in an agronomy-based sales position. She looks forward to visiting Brazil to gain additional experiences in a different agronomic environment.

OAKLEY WHALEN

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Agricultural Leadership
and Science Education
May 2020



Oakley grew up in a small town called Sheridan, Illinois. She is passionate about helping people grow and develop, as well as the agricultural industry. She is hoping to pursue a career in human resources with an agricultural company.

SHUCHEN ZHANG

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Computer Engineering
May 2019



Shuchen grew up in Nanjing, China, and came to University of Illinois for college. Her interests are centered on the technology applications in the agriculture industry and how they improve the farming experience. She hopes to enter into the agriculture technology or food technology industry after finishing her degree in computer engineering.

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minor: Food and Agribusiness Management, Food and Environmental Systems
GPA: 3.82/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Agricultural Communications Program – University of Illinois** January 2016-Present
Student Worker
- Write alumni spotlights and articles for program newsletter
 - Advance recruitment efforts with prospective students
 - Refresh website content
- Pioneer – Johnston, Iowa** May 2018-Aug. 2018
Marketing Communications Intern
- Assist with the development of a new internal communications campaign
 - Create, strengthen and update communication materials for various channels
- Gustolab International – Rome, Italy** May 2017-July 2017
Study and Intern Abroad
- Intensive classes on Italian food, culture, agriculture and communications
 - Marketing, hospitality and communications internship at Merumalia Wine Resort
- WYXY Classic 99.1 – Champaign, Illinois** May 2016-Aug. 2016
Farm Broadcasting Intern
- Conducted interviews with agriculturalists at Illinois and Indiana county fairs
 - Provided on-air market reports and agricultural news updates
- Illinois Corn Marketing Board** Jan. 2016-Dec. 2016
Social Media Intern
- Developed original content to reach target audiences on Facebook and Instagram
- ACTIVITIES** College of ACES Student Advancement Committee, *V.P. Alumni Relations, V.P. Advancement*
Illini Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, *Vice President, Reporter, WCFA Chair*
Collegiate Farm Bureau, *Secretary, Vice President, Public Relations Chair*
4-H House Cooperative Sorority, *Professional Development Chair, Secretary, Scholarship Chair*
Explore ACES Steering Committee, *Internal Publicity*
ACES Council, *Reporter, Secretary, Undergraduate Policy Committee Chair*
- SKILLS** Extensive social media management, digital media creation, copy editing, writing and photography experience. Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Audition and Adobe Photoshop.
- HONORS** IAA Legacy of Leadership, NAFB Foundation Scholar, Dean's List, Illini ACT Activator Award

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 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
 Concentration: Agricultural Accounting
 GPA: 3.19/4.00
- Butler University** August 2015 – May 2017
 Accounting and Finance
 GPA: 3.25/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Caterpillar, Inc. – Peoria, Illinois** May 2018 – August 2018
Corporate Accounting Intern
- Assist in completing monthly journal entries and reconciliations for Caterpillar Reman
 - Complete several projects with the focus to give a better representation of business unit and facility level transactions and accounts
 - Expand skills within Excel, specifically with power query and power pivot (Intermediate skill)
 - Work closely with six other interns and a mentor to present the possible value of natural language processing and optical character recognition within Caterpillar
- UIUC Campus Recreation Ice Arena – Champaign, Illinois** August 2017 – Present
Event Manager and Zamboni Driver
- Focus on maintaining the ice, overseeing other facility assistants, and providing a positive experience for customers
 - Act as student lead and manager for public skates, private events, and hockey games
 - Focus on strong leadership skills in order to maintain a high standard of performance for Ice Arena Patrons
- Northwestern Mutual – Champaign, Illinois** August 2017 – December 2017
College Recruiter Intern
- Helped with on-campus recruitment including conducting first-round interviews
 - Created marketing pieces
- Northwestern Mutual – Champaign, Illinois** May 2017 – August 2017
College Financial Representative
- Developed a network of new clients then shadowed full-time representatives in developing plans to help these clients reach financial security
- ACTIVITIES** Ag Accounting Club, *President and Founder*
 Grace Lutheran Food Pantry, *Volunteer*
 Alex's Lemonade Stand, *Volunteer*
 Butler University Football, *Kicker and Punter*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (including power pivot and power query)

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Concentration: Agribusiness, Markets, and Management
GPA: 3.38/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Technology Services – Urbana, Illinois** April 2017 – Present
Consultant

- Provide technical support for customers over the phone, through email, or in person
- Create problem report tickets using databases and complete data entry as required
- Assist clients with email issues, password resets, computer virus infections, wireless or network problems, and audiovisual equipment issues

CNH Industrial – Racine, Wisconsin Summer 2018
Capital Marketing Intern

- Constructed eNewsletter distributed monthly to North America Case IH dealerships
- Interviewed ten executive managers to create engaging internal communication posts through social media platform, Yammer
- Worked with three outside vendors to find high-quality merchandise that fit into the marketing budget

United Rx – Hillside, Illinois December 2016 – January 2017, Summer 2017
Pharmacy Technician

- Pre-packaged prescriptions in an orderly and efficient manner, shipped to nursing homes in the Chicagoland area
- Properly disposed of prescriptions that were returned to the pharmacy
- Noted in the computer database exact amount of prescriptions that were disposed of daily

Allstate Insurance Company – Chicago, Illinois October 2014 – August 2015, Summer 2016
Customer Service Representative

- Communicated efficiently with customers and assisted in answering questions and concerns
- Organized and maintained individual employee files within the agency
- Processed payments from over ten customers per day and reported the remittance to the local bank around \$1,000 each day

Chicago Public Schools – Chicago, Illinois Summer 2014
Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneurship Student Worker

- Maintained sales at a farm stand for all the products grown at neighborhood local high school such as zucchini, squash, melons, and more
- Distributed cheesecake to customers at the *Taste of Chicago* for Eli's Cheesecake

ACTIVITIES

CU Succeed Champaign, *Student Mentor*
Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, *Active Member*
Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, *SAE Worker*

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Concentration: Financial Planning
Minor: Spanish and International Development Economics

EXPERIENCE **University of Illinois Catering Services** January 2016-Present
Student Supervisor

- Work with student employees to ensure customer satisfaction and quality service
- Train other student employees in food safety and work procedures
- Responsible for leading procedures without manager assistance for events with 75 or more guests

Advisor Development Summer Analyst Program Summer 2018
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Intern Track

- Conducted product, market, and client research
- Worked on individual/team projects that focus on applying financial acumen and analytical skills
- Supported my financial team weekly in portfolio review and preparation for clients

ACTIVITIES **Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Incorporated** May 2017-Present
Member

- Help organize philanthropic events that positively impact the community
- Promote cultural awareness of Latinx students by co-sponsoring educational workshops
- Report and organize monthly financial transactions within the chapter utilizing Microsoft programs

Agricultural and Consumer Economics Ambassador Program Dec. 2017-May 2018
Ambassador

- Interacted with prospective ACE students to aid in their transition into college
- Served as a host to visiting students and their families during college visits
- Worked with the other 21 ambassadors to plan a 2-day event on campus for faculty, students, and families to learn about the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and its opportunities

The Institute by LeaderShape January 2018
Participant

- Worked in a diverse team to help solve challenges that centered on how to lead with integrity
- Developed a vision that reflected my own values and learned how I could make it a reality

SKILLS Fluent in Spanish
Proficient in Microsoft Office Programs

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 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
 Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management & Finance in Agribusiness
 GPA: 3.88/4.00

EXPERIENCE **The Scoular Company – Greater Omaha Area** May 2018-August 2018
Grain Merchandising Intern

- Purchased grain from farmers and elevators, sold to processing plants, and set up transportation between facilities
- Enhanced communication, presentation, and professional skills through working with farmers, full-time merchandisers, and logistics managers

Agricultural Policy and Leadership Program – University of Illinois January 2018-May 2018
Student

- Studied how government policies are formed and how they influence U.S. agriculture and trade
- Met with government officials, lobbyists, and corporate employees in Washington D.C. who work closely and influence agricultural policies

Agriculture Independent Study – Mansfield, IL August 2017-December 2017
Apprentice

- Gained a hands-on understanding over farm planning and supply-chain operations through shadowing Illinois professor Jon Scholl and farmer Ken Dalenberg
- Created a farm budget for one year to strengthen my knowledge in how farmers efficiently allocate their resources throughout a typical crop cycle

Geneva National Resort – Lake Geneva, WI May 2017-August 2017
Server

- Built communication skills by speaking to customers to ensure their meal was satisfying
- Developed stronger marketing skills through upselling items to customers

T & G Tree Cutting – Bloomington, IL June 2015-August 2016
Founder/Laborer

- Created and ran a dead tree removal and landscaping business
- Strengthened advertising, business, and people skills through the sale of services

ACTIVITIES Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, *Sergeant-at-Arms*
 ACE Club, *Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Microsoft Excel

HONORS E.G. Mosbacher Scholarship, Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Scholarship, Dean's List

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 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
 Concentration: Agricultural Accounting
 GPA: 3.46/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Village of Skokie- Skokie, Illinois** May 2018-August 2018
Finance Intern

- Processed payment for different bills that residents owed to the Village of Skokie
- Recorded and analyzed data for multiple accounts
- Communicated with a team of 7 people and serviced thousands of residents

GameDay Spirit- Champaign, Illinois January 2018-Present
Cashier

- Greet all customers that enter the store and help them find anything they are looking for
- Manage the store's cleanliness by making sure everything is folded and hung properly
- Work together with 2 coworkers each shift to ensure a smooth time at the store

Skokie Park District- Skokie, Illinois May 2016-August 2017
Skokie Aquatic Facility Admissions

- Greet and manage customers entry to Park District's two aquatic facilities - Devonshire and Oakton Water Park
- Financially responsible for collecting admission fees from customers
- Responsible for reconciliation of cash drawer upon conclusion of each shift
- Addressed customer service issues with challenging and unhappy customers

ACTIVITIES Illini Pride Student Sport Sections, *Block I Blockhead*
 Accounting Club, *General Member*
 Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Fraternity, *5k Committee Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel

HONORS Dean's List Fall 2017

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 Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences
 Concentration: Crops
 Minor: Food and Agribusiness Management
 GPA: 3.20/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Sygenta** May 2018-Aug. 2018
Seed Corn Production Research Intern
- Collected and transcribed data on new variations of corn from field to database
 - Intern project collecting and analyzing data on fields of male sterility of F1 hybrids for future use in seed corn production
 - Development of plot layouts for research, packaging seed for said plots, and placement of order / calibration of planter in research nursery
- Dow AgroSciences** May 2017-Dec. 2017
Seed Corn Breeding/ Production Intern
- Intern and crew supervisor, leading a crew of 50+ in corn pollination, inoculation of corn material for research purposes, and banding/sampling research specimens
 - Managed own fields for intern projects of producing sample seed of new hybrids, along with fields working to prove the purity of lines of potential new F1 hybrid corn variations
- University of Illinois Crop Sciences Labs** Jan. 2016-May 2016
Laboratory Assistant
- Entrusted with greenhouse care and data collection of native Illinois grasses and their potential use as biofuels
 - Extracted data from plant tissue through various lab techniques to explore the individual genetic qualities of each grass variation
- Halligan Farms – Jacksonville, Illinois** Aug. 2011-Present
Assistant Manager
- Next generation of a family farming operation managing corn, soy, fertilizer and land use
 - Commodity analysis for sale of product and small business financial planning
- ACTIVITIES** Field and Furrow Agronomy Club, *Vice President, Previous Secretary, Social Coordinator*
 Department of Crop Sciences Student Ambassador, *Head Ambassador*
 Colligate Farm Bureau, *Member*
 University of Illinois Study Abroad, *Puerto Rico 2016*
- SKILLS** Proficient in corn and soy production and pollination, Vast knowledge of world commodity trade
- HONORS** National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Hoerner E. C. Award, Conrad Scholar, Kenneth and Vesta Stark Award

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management
Minor: Leadership
GPA: 3.86/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Archer Daniels Midland – Des Moines, IA** May 2018-August 2018
Commodity Merchandising Intern
- Originated and marketed 3,300,000 bushels of corn and 350,000 bushels of soybeans
 - Obtained and analyzed data that helped optimize costs of trucking and rail logistics into ADM corn processing plants
 - Contributed by handling a multitude of daily tasks assisting in making a merger between two processing plants run pristine
- Archer Daniel Midland – Havana, IL** May 2017-August 2017
Commodity Merchandising Intern
- Expanded my knowledge of the grain market by working at a facility with a capacity for 5.7 million bushels of grain
 - Advised customers on ways to market grain based on extensive knowledge acquired from creating daily marketing reports
 - Modified, digitized, and simplified maps of local commercial customers for easier use
- Vienna University of Business and Economics** January 2018-May 2018
Undergraduate International Student
- Studied at one of Europe's largest universities for economic sciences
 - Adapted to a new culture for four months while learning intercultural communication skills
- Experiential Learning in South Africa** January 2017
Undergraduate Student Volunteer
- Volunteered for two weeks at a community garden in a township outside of Cape Town
 - Immersed myself in a new culture for three weeks becoming more globally aware of the world around me
 - Gained knowledge of South Africa and the agricultural issues facing their communities
- ACTIVITIES** Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, *V.P. Finance, Environmental Chair*
ACE Club, *Explore ACES Chair*
Panhellenic Council, *Recruitment Counselor*
- SKILLS** Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, Interpersonal Skills
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, ACES James Scholar, Dean's List, Alpha Zeta Professional Agriculture Fraternity

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Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management
GPA: 3.86/4.00

EXPERIENCE **CHS Inc.** Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota
Fertilizer Merchandiser Intern May 2018 – August 2018

- Tracked the daily net position for terminals across the eastern corn belt
- Conducted market research for a variety of fertilizers in the global marketplace
- Generated daily reports for account managers
- Developed a weekly market to market adjustment report
- Forecasted prices of fertilizers based on supply and demand information
- Determined location of in-transit purchases

Crop Research and Development Advisors, LLC Dawson, Illinois
Corn Breeding Intern May 2016 – August 2017

- Performed stand counts and crop scouting for disease and weeds
- Set-up and dismantled irrigation systems
- Hand-pollinated test plots of seed corn consisting of non-GMO hybrids

Henebry Family Farms Buffalo, Illinois
Farm Laborer April 2007 – Present

- Assist with the maintenance of a 2,300-acre row crop operation, 150 head Commercial Cow/Calf Herd, and 150 head feedlot
- Efficiently operate hay, mowing, and harvesting machinery to maximize production
- Maintain feed rations and aide in veterinary care
- Effectively collaborate with a group of four to accomplish tasks

ACTIVITIES Nabor House Fraternity, *Executive Board Member*
Collegiate Farm Bureau, *Member*
Heartland Beef Alliance, *Member*

SKILLS Advanced at Microsoft Excel and proficient in SAP BusinessObjects

HONORS Grain and Feed Association of Illinois Scholarship, Willard Jefferson G. ACES Scholarship, Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

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Concentration: Agribusiness, Markets & Management
Minor: Policy, Trade & Development
GPA: 3.95/4.00

Expected Graduation: May 2019

EXPERIENCE**Research Projects**

September 2017 – Present

Research Papers

- A Comprehensive Overview of Economic Informality and Fertilizer Quality in the Tanzanian Fertilizer Market

Scholarly Journal Articles pending Publication

- The Impact of Ongoing NAFTA Renegotiations on Cargill's Business Operations
- The Impact of NAFTA on Corn Exports

ABBVIE Pharmacovigilance and Patient Safety Department

May 2018 – August 2018

Experiential Intern

- Provided research and extension of quantitative Benefit-Risk methodologies, including MCDA (Multi-Dimensional Criteria Analysis) and Risk Thresholds using Bayesian statistics
- Participated in the launching of a study on patient preference and weight loss
- Enhanced communication, presentation, and professional skills through working with a diverse team

Intersect

September 2017

Small Group Facilitator

- Was a leadership program instructor and facilitator in the Intersect leadership program under University of Illinois Leadership Institute

Chicago Botanical Gardens

May 2017 – August 2017

Plant Health Care

- General plant health care, weed removal, fertilizer distribution, and application of pesticides

LeaderShape

January 2016

Participant

- Was selected to participate in an intensive leadership training program under the University of Illinois Leadership Institute

ACTIVITIES

James Honor's Scholar, *Student Research*
ABBVIE Pharmacovigilance Department, *Part-Time Contractor*
FarmDoc Daily, *Guest Writer*

SKILLS

Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office 2016, R-Studio, Mac OS and Windows operating systems

HONORS

Eagle Scout, Ronald H. Filler Academic Scholarship, James Scholar, Dean's List

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 Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management
 GPA: 3.90/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Student Fee Advisory Committee - University of Illinois** September 2018-Present
Member

- Reviewing the components of the Student Initiated Fee
- Making recommendations to the Vice Chancellor relevant to increases, decreases or no change in the fee amounts

ACE Department - University of Illinois January 2018-Present
ACE Ambassador

- Mentoring an assigned cohort of incoming freshman and transfer students
- Traveling around campus and to local high schools to present on the Department of ACE and encourage students to apply
- Meeting with prospective students
- Attending Orange and Blue Day Cookie Receptions
- Working as a team to plan the Department of ACE's role in Explore ACES
- Maintaining the departmental social media platforms

RISQ Group Verification Officer May 2018-August 2018
Verification Officer Intern

- High level of accuracy and speed in processing requests
- Demonstrate a commitment to team work by assisting the Operations team with Employment Screening activities
- Perform employment screening tasks in accordance with RISQ Group processes, procedures and policies
- Maintain a high level of excellence service and spirit to serve when conducting verifications to ensure clients/candidates

SELECTED ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

Jiang, Y., Han, S., Li, Y., & Zhao, X. (n.d.). Exploring the Persuasion Effect of Restaurant Food Product Online Reviews on Consumers' Attitude and Behavior. ACM New York, NY, USA ©2018, 57-60. Retrieved from <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3230360>.

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems.
 Fluent in Mandarin and English

HONORS The Second Prize of School Scholarship
 I4I Scholarship

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 Concentration: Farm Management
 Minor: Spanish
 GPA: 3.76/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Centrec Consulting Group, LLC, Savoy IL** May 2018-August 2018
Staff Consultant Intern
- Responsibilities included research, data manipulation, and report creation and summarization
 - Assisted in conducting interviews with industry professionals in person and over the phone
 - Worked on team projects and provided input and potential solutions
- University of Illinois Crop Sciences Department, Champaign, IL** May 2017-August 2017
Research Assistant
- Responsibilities included harvesting crops, data input, and general facility maintenance
 - Treated and cleaned seed for use in future research plots
 - Collected data on diseases and other traits in small grains, assisted with upkeep of records
- College of ACES Library, Champaign, IL** January 2017-present
HelpDesk Attendant
- Responsibilities include assisting users with technical issues and overseeing the lab
 - Accept calls made to the HelpDesk, set up classrooms, maintain the computer lab
- State Farm Insurance Agency, Champaign, IL** May 2015-August 2016
Customer Service Associate
- Responsibilities included setting appointments for customers, verification of policyholder records, and general office work
 - Extensive experience in customer service was gained, also worked as a cold caller selling the State Farm brand
- ACTIVITIES** Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, *Chapter President, Class President, Past Scholarship Chair*
 College of ACES Student Advancement Committee, *Vice Chair of Advancement*
 Explore ACES Steering Committee, *Departmental Liaison*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office, Hold the Seal of Biteracy signifying bilingualism in English and Spanish
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, James Scholar, Chancellor's Scholar, Alpha Zeta, Dean's List

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 Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Managements
 GPA: 3.58/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Archer Daniels Midland, Decatur, IL** May 2018-August 2018
Commodity Merchandising Intern
- Assisted with the procurement for corn processing
 - Helped with coordination of truck and rail purchases
 - Responsible for trading a flat price position
 - Worked closely with team members to manage risk
- Archer Daniels Midland, Tuscola, IL** September 2017-January 2018
Commodity Merchandising Intern
- Communicated with producers about grain prices
 - Purchased grain from farmers
 - Assisted with state storage contracts
 - Helped with various needs throughout harvest
- Archer Daniels Midland, Evansville, IN** May 2017-August 2017
Commodity Merchandising Intern
- Spoke with farmers everyday about grain prices
 - Built good customer relationships
 - Gained a knowledgeable understanding of the grain market
 - Purchased grain from farmers
 - Assisted with trucking logistics
 - Helped acquire new business by negotiating rates
- ACTIVITIES** ACE Department Ambassador, National Agri-Marketing Association, Unify, Post-Secondary Agriculture Student, Parkland Agriculture Club, Math Department Tutor
- SKILLS** Commodity Markets, Skilled in FutureSource and Oak Hedging
- HONORS** Ronald Filler Scholar, Dean's List, State of Illinois PAS State President, Silver Rating National FFA Job Interview CDE

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Concentration: Markets and Management
GPA: 3.65/4.00
- Northern Illinois University** Transferred Spring 2016
Undeclared
GPA: 3.96/4.0
- EXPERIENCE** **Idealease, Inc** May 2018-August 2018
Business Operations Intern
- Responsible for the day-to-day communications with nationwide affiliates in regards to truck safety and maintenance
 - Enhanced communication, analytical, and professional skills through working with industry professionals
- NIU ACCESS Tutoring & Support Services** January 2016-May 2016
Content Tutor
- Consulted and mentored students to promote positive personal and career development
 - Assisted students in need of academic assistance in macroeconomics, business calculus, and finite mathematics
- Arvidson Pools and Spas – St. Charles, Illinois** May 2015-August 2015
Retail Associate
- Organized displays, handled cash and credit transactions, and interacted with customers on a daily basis
 - Strengthened retail sale techniques and strategies based on commission-based incentives
- ACTIVITIES** Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, *Philanthropy Chair*
Bridge USA-Illinois Chapter, *Social Media Manager*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems
Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Applications and Premiere Pro Editing Software
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Dean's List Award University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Concentration: Agri-Accounting
Minor: Business
GPA: 3.10/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **University of Illinois Student Affairs Advancement – Champaign, IL** August 2015-Present
Intern
- Lead and organize 2 annual large-scale events in order to express gratitude towards donors
 - Verify 5 to 30 donations given to Student Affairs on a weekly basis
 - Manage correspondence through thank you letters, postcards, and notecards contingent on monetary value of donations
- CoBank – Denver, CO** May 2018-August 2018
Internal Audit Intern
- Planned and performed integral fieldwork to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of both operational and financial controls
 - Reported on the importance of the Risk Assessment process and added value by directly contributing to a future collaborative assessment approach
 - Effectively communicated with management through the bank on planning, fieldwork, and reporting initiatives during walkthrough sessions
- Score Sports Center – Willow Springs, IL** January 2017-August 2017
Receptionist
- Communicated effectively with members and assisted with customer service needs
 - Managed juice bar, concession, and day care sales on a monthly basis
 - Assisted with sales of new membership contacts
- ACTIVITIES** College of ACES Advancement Committee, *General Member*
Agricultural Accounting Club, *General Member*
CU Succeed, *Mentor*
Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, *Social Media Director*
- TRAVEL** Paris, France
Lucerne, Switzerland
London, England
Munich, Germany
- HONORS** Aaron Easter Memorial Scholarship, Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, M. Scott Agribusiness Scholarship

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 Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management
 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
 Concentration: Farm Management
 GPA: 3.51/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Beef and Sheep Research Farm - University of Illinois** July 2017-Present
Undergraduate Worker
- Utilized digital record keeping system for daily feeding of 12+ rations
 - Cleaned pens and repaired rubber mats
 - Used a truck mounted feed wagon and loader with grapple to feed cattle
 - Controlled electrical switches to move and grind corn
 - Came to work on short notice when tasks needed to be done quickly
- Plote Farms - Leland, Illinois** January 2008-Present
Production Assistant
- Operated heavy machinery, some of which is valued over \$300,000
 - Worked with livestock, including pigs and chickens but with emphasis in cattle
 - Emptied grain storage facilities and monitored grain drying equipment that uses LP gas
 - Researched and recommended purchases of equipment
 - Performed routine maintenance on various pieces of machinery
 - Assisted in various aspects of record keeping, from recording grain moisture to cattle weights
- ACTIVITIES** ACE Ambassador
 Alpha Zeta Professional Fraternity, *Vice Chancellor, Scribe*
 Collegiate Farm Bureau, *Ag Education and Literacy Chair, ACES Council Representative*
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), *Men's Team Committee*
 Nabor House Fraternity, *Executive Board, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Community Service Chair*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite
 Ability to use Arduino microcontrollers and code them in C++
 Ability to use Eagle CAD
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar
 Dean's List
 American FFA Degree
 Outstanding New Member-Collegiate Farm Bureau
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 Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences
 Concentration: Plant Biotechnology and Microbiology
 Minor: International Development Economics
 GPA: 3.38/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Soybean Innovation Lab** September 2018-Present
Research Intern
- Work on analyzing soybean production guides from different countries
 - Collaborate with agronomists in order to produce an accurate master soybean production guide for farmers in Africa
- USDA Foreign Agricultural Service** May 2018-August 2018
Economic Analyst Assistant
- Strengthened methods in which crop analysts produced production numbers for domestic and international production reports
 - Created crop production reports and guides for USDA employees to distribute abroad
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs Food and Agriculture team** May 2017-August 2017
- Produced weekly news briefs to inform the public about current issues in international development and agriculture
 - Researched information to be analyzed for the annual report focusing on youth in African Agriculture
 - Assisted in organizing the International Food Security Symposium in Washington, D.C.
- ACTIVITIES** Delta Zeta Sorority, *Panhellenic Delegate, Sisterhood Chair*
 Student Alumni Ambassadors, *Leadership Luncheon Co-Director*
 Illinois Student Government, *Senator for the College of ACES*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Excel, Sufficient in C++
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, Elaine Syzmoniak Outstanding Research Award from the World Food Prize Organization, United States Presidential Scholar

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education
Minor: Crop and Soil Management
GPA: 3.74/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Monsanto** Summer 2018
US Row Crop Sales Intern
- Engaged, communicated, and performed tasks with district sales managers, agronomists, and customers
 - Analyzed the Roundup Ready 2 Xtend® System through documenting photos and retail/growers experiences
 - Presented findings on Roundup Ready 2 Xtend® System to mentor's team and retail kick-off meeting
- Monroe County University of Illinois Extension** Summer 2017
Intern
- Impacted 125 K-5th grade students with agriculture workshops while leading the four week Ag-Tastic program
 - Taught and created recipes for three weeks of cooking school with a total of 120 students
 - Assisted and kept records for 4-H programs throughout Monroe County and during the Monroe County Fair
- ACES Alumni Association** August 2016-Present
Intern
- Communicate with alumni via phone and campus events
 - Prepare for alumni occasions by organizing and decorating for the program
 - Develop creative ideas to promote alumni activities on social media
- Top-Ag Cooperative Elevator** Summer 2016
Administrative Intern
- Updated safety data sheet binders for all three major locations
 - Recorded chemical ticket purchases
- ACTIVITIES** 4-H House Cooperative Sorority, Vice-President, Served as Interviewing Chair, Scholarship Chair, Mom's Weekend Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Judicial Board Committee
ACES Student Advancement Committee, Chair, Served as VP of Alumni Relations and on ACES Alumni Board as Student Rep
Agriculture Education Club, VP of Recruitment, Served Reporter/ACES Council Member
Jonathan Baldwin Turner Team Leader
University of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau Member, Public Relations Chair
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, Dean's List, American FFA Degree, SAC Impact award

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Concentration: Markets & Management
Minor: International Trade & Development
GPA: 3.10/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Archer Daniels Midland-Lubbock, TX** May 2018-August 2018
Commodity Merchandiser Intern
- Worked with co-workers to plan, code and develop a unique database for logistics and arbitrage
 - Within a group of 6 colleagues around the nation and the VP of ADM Grain we studied market reports, futures and hedges
 - Examined the correlation between Agriculture, Energy, Metal and Soft Commodities with effects to world news
- University of Illinois Foundation** October 2018-Present
Student Development Representative
- Daily use of coding calls in a database upon calls to Alumni in order to build better feedback for future callers
 - Engage with Alumni of the University of Illinois to build rapport as well as relations
 - Understood how to excel in my communication skills, telephone etiquette, persuasion and the ability to work under pressure in adverse situations
- Seggebruch Insurance Agency-Cissna Park, IL** May 2017-August 2017
Insurance Sales Intern
- Attended classes within the insurance field getting a deeper education in the field of insurance
 - Spent free time networking with clients and being a noted attendee of civic events online
 - Assisted in completing client applications for new/ returning clients
- College of ACES Research Program-Cape Town, South Africa** Winter 2017
Student Ambassador
- Part of 30-student program studying and working in volunteer worksites for 3 weeks
 - Installed & repaired deep-well water pumps, organized Community Garden finance spreadsheet
 - Conducted field studies focusing on HIV/AIDS education, childcare, health care, and post-apartheid effects in Cape Town and surrounding townships
- ACTIVITIES** Unilever Case Study, *Group Manager*
Phi Sigma Theta, *Representative*
American Dairy Science Association Club
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Platforms//Beginner of Python
- HONORS** Archer Daniels Midland Outstanding Intern// University of Illinois I for I Award//ACES Study Abroad Student Ambassador// Kenneth R. and Ruth E. Imig Scholarship fund

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 Minor: Crop and Soil Management, Food and Agribusiness Management
 GPA: 3.21/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Riskedal Beef – Leland, Illinois** 2001-Present
Founder and Co-Owner
- Organize the purchase, feeding, and sales of over forty head of cattle annually
 - Oversee the inventory of 1500 pounds of beef and 20 head of cattle at any given time
 - Communicate and organize sales to more than 250 individuals and commercial accounts
 - Manage five-figure annual budget
- West Central FS – Galesburg, Illinois** Summer 2018
Precision Technology Intern
- Networked with growers and precision ag technology industry professionals
 - Processed grower operations data and uploaded it to various software platforms
 - Trained coworkers how to utilize and implement mobile crop scouting apps
- GrainCo FS – Morris, Illinois** Summer 2017
Operations Intern
- Operated state-of-the-art computer technology to calculate, measure, and mix chemicals for custom agriculture application
 - Utilized troubleshooting skills to identify and eliminate issues that would cause catastrophic crop damage and created standard operating procedures for operations
 - Managed chemical inventory using computer systems and digital sensors to plan purchases and transfers to satellite facilities
- Riskedal Family Farms and J&R Custom Harvesting – Leland, Illinois** 2000-Present
Farm Hand/Operator
- Coordinate and utilize new technology in equipment to maximize efficiency of the operation
 - Assist in all daily operations on the farm including maintenance and building improvements
 - Maintain and operate machinery including agricultural equipment, semis, and grain system
- ACTIVITIES** FarmHouse Fraternity, *VP of New Member Education*
 Collegiate Farm Bureau, *Vice President*
 Explore ACES Steering Committee, *Departmental Liaison*
 Lions International, *Leland, Illinois Club member*
 Boy Scouts of America, *Troop 1414 Assistant Scoutmaster*
- SKILLS** Problem solving, Project Management, Microsoft Office, Welding, Machinery Operation
- HONORS** Eagle Scout, American FFA Degree

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Concentration: Financial Planning
Minor: Environmental Sustainability, and Business
GPA: 3.66/4.00

EXPERIENCE **University of Illinois – Women’s Resource Center** May 2017-Present

First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education (FYCARE) Facilitator

- Conduct a specialized, semi-weekly, 2-hour seminar to 30+ students on rape advocacy and education
- Promote campus resources to students, encouraging healthy and safe activity while on campus

Teaching Assistant – Community Health 199

August 2018-Present

- Thoroughly educate students on class content and train future FYCARE facilitators on facilitation techniques
- Provide personalized academic commentary on student assignments and questions, promoting educational growth

PepsiCo, Inc - Chicago, Illinois

June 2018-August 2018

Quaker Supply Chain Finance Intern

- Improved efficiency of product costing workflow by identifying pain points and providing solutions
- Reduced product costing task time by ~84% by creating enhanced excel interface to semi-automate work process
- Recommended costing process improvements to reduce workflow errors and provide savings opportunities

University of Illinois Residential Life

January 2017-May 2018

Paraprofessional Resident Advisor (RA)

- Provided academic and interpersonal leadership for over 50 residents in residence hall
- Collaborated with professional staff and Resident Advisors to plan over 25 hall programs each semester
- Monitored building and enforced hall policy to secure safe living environment for 450+ residents

ACTIVITIES Illini 4000 – 501(c)(3), *President, Treasurer, Community Outreach, 2016 Trek Bike America Team Rider*

Global Leaders Orange & Blue Engagement, Group Leader/Mentor

Student Sustainability Committee, Education Working Group Representative

Illini Student Senate, Committee on Environmental Sustainability

SKILLS

Proficient in the use of Mac OS/Windows operating systems, advanced in Excel and PowerPoint

HONORS

Vern J. McGinnis Scholar, Edmund J. James Scholar, Dean’s List

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Concentration: Farm Management
Minor: Crop and Soil Management
GPA: 3.53/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Granular Business, Inc. – Champaign, IL** May 2018 – Present
Data Specialist

- Currently work as a Data Specialist on the Customer Success team for Granular Business Software
- Troubleshoot issues for clients with Machine Data, Land-Cost Benchmarking, and Demo Accounts
- Built Pro-service prospect tracking tools that secured close to 300K in Account Value

University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, IL October 2017 – May 2018
Crop Physiology Lab Assistant

- Performed tasks like taking samples, shelling corn, among many other things
- Further developed knowledge of corn and soybean production
- Position had a lot of freedom, therefore depended autonomy to be productive

Schaumburg Farms – Watseka, IL August 1998 – Present
Grain Enterprise

- Experienced with how to prepare, plant, and harvest corn, soybeans, alfalfa, rye, and various crops
- Acquired leadership and self-motivation skills while performing hard labor
- Exposed to grain marketing, farm management, and conservation techniques

Beef Livestock Enterprise

- Own and manage cow-calf operation comprised of fifteen head of beef cows
- Knowledgeable with how to feed, care, and market beef livestock
- Attained Managerial skills while designing feed regimens and breeding options

ACTIVITIES ACE Ambassadors, President of Watseka FFA Alumni Organization, Motivational Speaker

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Mac OS, Microsoft OS, Microsoft Office Applications, Google Drive, Granular Business Software, AcreValue

HONORS James Scholar, Dean's List, Illinois Farm Credit Scholarship, McCullough Implement Scholarship, Honorary Coach at Fighting Illini Blue & Orange Scrimmage, Watseka Times Republic "Citizen of the Year", Loyola 5th Annual Health, Hope, Heroes "Hero", Honorary Speaker at Medtronic Spinal Headquarters Memphis, TN

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 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
 Concentration: Agricultural Accounting
 Minor: Business
 GPA: 3.24/4.00

EXPERIENCE **GoHealth** May 2018-August 2018

Commissions Accounting Intern

- Assisted commissions accounting team in preparing and auditing commissions payments to insurance agents and agencies
- Worked on individual and collaborative projects analyzing data trends, revenues, and revenue share percentages
- Resolved discrepancies by communicating both with others within and outside of the company
- Analyzed and recorded invoices from, and sent approval for valid invoices to superiors

All Seasons Ice Rinks June 2015-August 2018

Youth Hockey Referee

- Responsible for maintaining a safe, fun and competitive environment for children aged 8 to 18
- Updated league and rink websites with schedules and scores

West Suburban Community Pantry

Volunteer

June 2014-Present

- Distributed food to underprivileged families and individuals from around DuPage County
- Picked up excess food from local grocery stores and unloaded it at the pantry

ACTIVITIES University of Illinois Men's Division 1 Club Hockey Team, *Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office products including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Outlook, Familiarity with Python and MATLAB

HONORS College of Engineering Dean's List

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Minor in Food and Agribusiness Management

GPA: 3.7/4.0

EXPERIENCE

U of I College of ACES Collaborative Learning Center August 2018-Present

Tutor

- Assist fellow students in coursework that I have taken for my degree
- Coordinate study sessions for common challenging courses

BASF - White Heath, IL

September 2017-Present

Soybean Breeding Intern

- Harvesting/planting, taking field notes, and sorting seed in order to create a high-quality commercialized product

Nutrien Ag Solutions - Manlius/Walnut, IL

May 2018-August 2018

Sales Intern

- Created seed treatment trials, collected data, and made advertisements for crop consultants to use when selling the product to growers
- Experienced the inner workings of a full-service input retail center (Precision Ag, Sales, Chemical Mixing/Application, Seed Treatments)
- Worked with current sales consultants to create the best farming operation plan for their customers

DuPont-Pioneer - Princeton/Utica, IL

May 2017-August 2017

Field Assistant

- Managed an area of 19 seed corn fields
- Created field treatment options to maximize yield and quality

ACTIVITIES

Field and Furrow Club, *Secretary*

Student Advancement Committee, *ACES Council Representative*

Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority, *Alumni Relations Co-Chair*

Provost's Student Advisory Board, *Member*

Illinois Student Government Campus Affairs Committee, *Vice-Chairperson*

SKILLS

Knowledge in Precision Ag Platforms, Microsoft Office, and customer service

HONORS

Dean's List, James Scholar

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Concentration: Agricultural Leadership Education
Minor: Psychology
GPA: 3.14/4.00

EXPERIENCE **University of Illinois Foundation- University of Illinois** March 2016-Present

Hiring and Recruitment Coordinator

- Promoted to schedule and conduct interviews, hire students, and oversee onboarding process
- Collaborate with a team of seven to oversee around 150 student workers and be a liaison between the professional staff as well as the student staff
- Solve problems in creative ways, and communicate to help in the success and growth of the Foundation

Campus Ink Screen Printing and Embroidery- Champaign, Illinois August 2017-Present

Design and Sales Campus Manager

- Worked with different people and businesses to create, collaborate, design, and sell apparel. Helped companies build their brand and better themselves. Sold a total of \$71,000 worth of apparel currently

Cargill- Westwego, Louisiana May 2018-August 2018

Production Supervisor Intern

- Built strong relationships with employees as well as learned how to work with people of all ages and backgrounds

Around Campus Group- Champaign, Illinois May 2017-August 2017

Sales Team Leader Internship

- Led my sales team in creatively connecting Champaign-Urbana areas businesses with the campus community and personally sold more than \$11,000 worth of paper advertising

Corn Crew- Sheridan, Illinois

Owner

- Created, designed, and sold original apparel; turned \$300 loan into \$2,000 profit

ACTIVITIES

4-H House Cooperative Sorority, *Risk Management, Social Chair*

ACES Student Council, *Treasurer, Secretary*

Agriculture Education Club, *Social Chair*

College of ACES, *Student Recruiter*

Explore ACES Steering Committee, *Curriculum Development coordinator*

SKILLS

Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems, Google Drive, as well as Microsoft Word. Creative problem solver who loves collaborating with others

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EXPERIENCE **AARP, Illinois** May 2018–Present
Software Engineer

- Integrate Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Voice Assistive Technology and Biometrics to connect users to telehealth medical professionals based on Microsoft HoloLens

Software Engineer

- Developed prototype to extract key information from receipt images to assist manager on the approval process of travel expense reports
- Optimized Optical Character Recognition performance by designing image processing algorithms and building deep neural network for text detections

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Illinois September 2018–Present
Undergraduate Researcher

- Construct multi-partite network to visualize the relationships among spices/herbs, their medicinal effects and usages in recipes, apply graph search algorithms to identify clusters and discover disease curing effects of regional cuisines

Micro+Nanotechnology Lab, Illinois January 2018–May 2018
Undergraduate Researcher

- Worked on "Pathtracker" project - Smartphone Biosensor for infectious disease detection
- Developed software based image processing algorithms for quantification of pathogens in micro-fluidic chips

Illini 4000, Illinois May 2017–August 2017
Rider

- Cycled across America from New York to San Francisco, crossing 14 states in 76 days with a team of 27 students to raise money for cancer research and patient support services
- Raised \$3374.84 fund for various cancer research foundations like American Cancer Society
- Interviewed and collected portraits of cancer survivors and caretakers along the route, aiming to document American cancer experience

Beckman Institute, Illinois September 2016–May 2017
Undergraduate Researcher

- Collaborated with my research mentor Manoj Kumar in the study of "Similarities Between Deep Neural Networks and Brain Regions In Processing Good and Bad Exemplars of Natural Scenes" and the research findings were presented in Vision Sciences Society Conference, St. Petersburg, FL

ACTIVITIES Illini 4000, *Information Officer*

SKILLS Python, C++, Java, Matlab, R, MacOS, Windows, Linux

HONORS James Scholar, Dean's List





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