

Professional Statement

I chose to study Finance at Santa Clara University because I believe that having a Finance degree will be a useful degree to have, especially studying in a business hub such as Silicon Valley and San Francisco. However, studying business at Santa Clara is useful because of all the core classes that you have to take as well. These classes allow me to expand my knowledge in classes that I may not have done otherwise. The combination of my finance, economics, O.M.I.S, management and accounting classes have allowed me to develop some of the skills and knowledge that will be useful for me. A long-term career in the Business world requires certain qualities such as decision making skills, mathematical skills, critical thinking skills, and people skills, which I believe I have developed through my college education, work experiences, and hobbies. Ever since I played my first stock simulation game in Economics during high school, I have been persistent in pursuing a career in business.

Also, throughout my time at Santa Clara, I decided to pursue a minor in Political Science. I took a couple classes and like the global aspect that Political Science looks at. Looking at a Global Point of view is crucial because the way business works today is on a global scale. Another reason why I like a global view is the fact that I love traveling and experience what the world has to offer. I have been to 16 different countries spanning over 5 different continents. Throughout my travels around the world, I have learned to respect other people and cultures because they are unique in their own ways. The world is getting smaller and nearly all jobs require you to work with people from different cultures. Living amongst these people as you travel abroad, talking with them and learning their stories and ways of life gives you a huge advantage at being able to deal with them successfully from a work point of view.

Outside of school, I try to get involved in Santa Clara University's community. It is very important to me because Santa Clara provides everything that it can for its students to succeed. This motivated me to get a job here on campus that helps the Santa Clara community! I work as a student caller in the development office. Here, we call alumni, families, and friends of the university to tell them about the new and exciting things happening on campus. It is a great job because you get to hear about their Santa Clara experience as well as receive advice from them. Finally, we try to secure gifts to help the university continue to provide the best education it can offer. Throughout my year and a half working, I have secured \$29,010 for the university. Not only is this a gratifying job, but it also strengthens and teaches me strong communication skills and how to interact with other people because that is constantly something I am doing on the job.

Another way I get involved with the community is when I joined a Fraternity. I decided to join new fraternity that was at the beginning stages because it was just formed 2 years before I joined. Because I wanted to have a positive impact on the community and help shape the Fraternity in a positive way, I served as the Social Chair on the Executive Council. Taking on this role as Social Chair taught me what it takes to be a good leader and helped me polish my public speaking and delegation skills. Just this year, our Tau Kappa Epsilon colony finally met the requirements to become a nationally recognized chapter and chartered on November 1st, 2014. All the hard work we put in over the years was well worth this accomplishment and will be something that I hold close to my heart for the rest of my life as well as the friendships and connections made along the way!

With all of these various experiences in life, I believe that my passion and preparation will allow me to succeed.