



MEET OUR ALUMNI!



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What are you up to now?

I'm currently working as an investment banking analyst at the leveraged finance department within the investment banking division of NH Investment & Securities, the second-largest investment bank in Korea. Simply speaking, as an investment banker in the aforementioned department, my job is to finance the mergers and acquisitions by global private equity fund clients. Therefore, in the workplace, I spend a lot of time running company valuation models in Excel and building information memorandums for the syndicate. Also periodically attending board of directors meetings, due diligence meetings, and conference calls with accountants, management consultants and investors is also part of my occupational routine.

Do you have any passion projects?

Currently, I'm researching different investment and hedging strategies adopted by famous investors as well as alternative investment funds with outstanding performance. At the same time, I'm also studying business administration in depth so as to start and manage my own hedge fund in the future.

What was the biggest challenge you faced in College?

Getting internships and a full-time job offer were definitely the toughest challenges I faced in college. The job market in the financial sector, especially the investment banking and asset management sector is always teeming with stellar candidates, and trying to compete for the same position with them was by no means easy. I had sent out approximately 150 resumes to different companies, and I had faced multiple rejections until I finally secured my current job.

What advice do you have for BFS students as they go off to university/college?

Time management is important, and you will realize the truth when you are expected to keep track of everything on your own once you're in college. Also, don't mess around with GPA in college. Bad grades in high school will make you distant from your dream universities, but bad grades in college will make you distant from your dream careers as well as your dreams in general. Unless you are going for graduate school later on the matter of securing a job is no joke. Hope you get this point before it's too late.

What memory of BFS comes to mind?

I really miss the library at BFS. It was by far the coziest place to meditate at BFS, to the best of my knowledge.