

MEET OUR ALUMNI!



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What are you up to now?

I currently work as a consultant at McKinsey & Company as a member of the Global Energy and Materials (GEM) practice in Tokyo. In my role, I help to advise energy clients on a range of topics including strategy development, contract renegotiations and sustainability. Prior to joining McKinsey, I spent 5 years in the energy industry in various commercial and analytical roles across offices in Singapore, Australia, US and Mozambique. Fun fact, the company I used to work for helped supply about 25% of all natural gas into Korea, which is used to heat your homes during winter and power your air conditioners in the summer.

Do you have any passion projects?

I really enjoy travelling and having the opportunity to see and explore different countries, cultures and foods. Prior to COVID-19, I boarded close to 100 flights in 2019, approximately half for work and half for leisure, and visited a range of cities around the world including Milan, London, Seattle and Bali. My favourite city that I have ever visited, and where I would like to eventually settle down in, is Melbourne, Australia. I am praying that COVID-19 goes away soon so that we can all travel freely once again.

What was the biggest challenge you faced in College?

For me, learning how to find the right balance in everyday life was definitely the biggest challenge. This included finding the balance in time spent with friends vs study, choosing to cook to save money vs eating out and choosing to undertake an internship with an established company vs starting a start-up with friends. The process of making decisions on my own, experiencing failures and learning from those mistakes was quite challenging, but in hindsight was very necessary.

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

Try to be adventurous, not be afraid to make mistakes and be more comfortable being in uncomfortable situations. I think people in Korea tend to be more risk averse as they are afraid of experiencing failures given the high expectations that are put on them by their social networks and society in general. But I truly believe that by trying new things and learning from each opportunity presented, whether that be good or bad, you will be able to look back and say that you really made the most out of your time at university.

What memory of BFS comes to mind?

When I was a senior, I was once hospitalised after an accident in AP Biology class. I still can't forget the face on Ms. Kim and Ms. Lee's faces as I was being rushed to the hospital. Ms. Kim and Ms. Lee, you were and still are awesome!