



Kate Horan studied Mathematics and Economics at Penn State from 2018 to 2022. She joined LLC during her sophomore year, serving as an analyst in two sectors as well as Director of Education during her final semester.

In Summer 2021, she interned at Citi within the Financial Institutions Group and returned full time as an Investment Banking Analyst within the Financial Institutions Group covering insurance and asset management.

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Alumni Spotlight: Kate Horan '22

1. *When were you a member of Leveraged Lion Capital and what positions did you hold?*

I joined LLC in the Spring of 2020 as an Associate Analyst in the REGAL-FIG sector and later became a Lead Analyst in the Materials Sector. After two semesters, I became the Director of Education which was my favorite role. It was then I realized how important LLC is in providing a supplementary, real-world, financial education as well as transferrable skills that aren't emphasized as heavily in traditional coursework. My favorite educations were always the ones on credit drivers and macroeconomic indicators.

2. *What did Leveraged Lion Capital mean to you when you were on campus?*

I initially got involved in Leveraged Lion Capital as a way for me to try something new that may or may not interest me but would certainly challenge me. It shortly became much more than that. It was ultimately the catalyst for a career I continue to feel very passionate about. It taught me the importance of taking the initiative, surrounding myself with strong mentors, dedicating time to proper articulation of messaging, executing strong attention to detail, and countless other skills and lessons I've brought with me.

I may not remember all the late nights spent in the trading room, but I will always remember the people from LLC who took the time to provide career guidance, prep me for interviews, and support me as a friend as I worked to build my career from the ground up. I couldn't be more grateful.

3. *What advice do you have for members of Leveraged Lion Capital who are currently recruiting for internships?*

Due diligence is a two-way street. It is equally as important for you to diligence institutions and their respective groups / desks as it is for firms to diligence you during your recruiting process. This looks different for everyone, but taking ample time to reflect on your own priorities and what environments and teams are conducive to your success is a key step that is often overlooked. Once you locate your interests, the networking calls, coffee chats, sector research, and self-study will become more intentional, and your recruiting journey will have a much stronger foundation built on your authentic values. It's much easier to articulate your story with confidence when you have this known information in your back pocket. Build connections, find your fit, and best of luck.

