



Viviana Rodriguez studied Finance and Economics at Penn State from 2019 to 2023. She served as the Chief Investment Officer for LLC during the 2022 calendar year. For the summer of 2021, she interned at Morgan Stanley in the Sales & Trading division. For the summer of 2022, she interned at Evercore in the Restructuring division, where she returned full-time.

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Alumni Spotlight: Viviana Rodriguez '23

1. When were you in LLC, and what positions did you hold?

I joined LLC in the Spring of 2019 as an Associate Analyst in the REGAL-FIG Sector. I spent two semesters as the Director of Distressed Credit Research and was the Chief Investment Officer for the 2022 calendar year.

2. How did LLC help prepare you for your future career?

Through my time in LLC, I learned about the value of accepting criticism with grace and appreciation. Criticism can be constructive at times and is an unavoidable part of your career. Feeling as though you're being watched and judged is inherently uncomfortable, but it's the only way for people to monitor your performance to ensure you're on track for success. LLC taught me how to take it on the chin. Being able to absorb the criticism of people you work with and use it as motivation to be better is a skill that will follow me through the rest of my career.

3. What advice would you give to new members of LLC?

Don't be afraid of the more senior people in LLC. The person they are inside of class is likely very different from their real personality. The same goes for when you intern and eventually start full-time. Senior people at work can seem intimidating when on the job but are usually extremely pleasant and kind when you interact with them on a personal level. Don't demonize people older than you for how they behave in serious and professional settings. Otherwise, you could miss out on the opportunity to connect with some amazing people who could be both a mentor and a friend to you.

4. What advice do you have for members of LLC who are currently recruiting for internships?

Confidence is so important, but it's something you earn. If you want something badly enough, you have to take action and work hard to make sure you deserve it. Worry about yourself. Other people aren't you, and they have different personalities, strengths, and weaknesses. What works for someone else isn't necessarily going to work for you. While advice from others can be helpful, you should ultimately trust that you know what's best for your unique situation. In all honesty, anyone can pick up a book and learn these concepts, and although difficult at times, it isn't rocket science. It's up to you to find ways to differentiate yourself through playing to your strengths and finding a strategy that works for you.