



Alumni Spotlight: Nick Vanden '22

1. When were you a member of LLC and what positions did you hold?

I was a member of LLC from the Spring of my freshman year in 2018 until my senior year of 2022. I have been involved in the Energy Sector as both an analyst and lead, as well as the Director of Equity Research and Quarterly reports.

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

LLC has given me a vast amount of hard and soft skills which have helped prepare me for my current job in Sales and Trading. Within the distressed trading desk, credit analysis is extremely important in making informed trading decisions. Being introduced to credit markets, analyzing specific capital structures, as well as pitching these ideas concisely and clearly are invaluable skills provided through my years in LLC. Further, being in front of your peers and having to think on your feet when presenting prepares you extremely well for the fast-paced environment that Wall Street can offer.

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

Stay curious. There is an exponential amount of information to learn within Finance and credit markets, so stay engaged and ask a ton of questions. Asking the older folks within LLC questions about the markets and certain credits gave me different avenues of thought that I had previously ignored. Make sure you are reaching out to people and having good conversations to improve your understanding of credit and future opportunities.

Nick is a Distressed Credit Trading Analyst at Bank of America. Nick graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. During his time at Penn State, Nick served as the Director of Equity Research, Director of Quarterly Reports, and the Lead of the Energy Sector. Nick interned at Bank of America in their Sales & Trading Division during the summer of 2021, where he returned full-time beginning in June 2022.

4. What advice would you give to current LLC members for their internships this summer?

Show up with enthusiasm and drive. They want to work with someone who is excited to be there and wants to improve and learn. Make sure you are reaching out and networking with your team constantly with any decision makers knowing your name and excitement to be at this firm. Asking a load of questions with shadowing opportunities is one of the best ways to show curiosity and improve your overall knowledge. No task is too small, and you should be approaching each task with energy and precision to add as much value as possible over the summer.