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Alumni Spotlight: Kevin Kalnas '20

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

I was the Chief Investment Officer of the organization for the 2020 calendar year, and before that, I was the Lead of the Consumer & Retail sector and an Associate in the Industrials sector.

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

LLC helped prepare me for my career in a number of ways. First and foremost, it gave me exposure to the world of fixed income and taught me how to thoroughly analyze a company's capital structure, which ultimately led me to pursue my current role in restructuring. Furthermore, the organization taught me how to use various third-party research tools, such as Bloomberg, FactSet and CapIQ, which I now use everyday. Other ways that LLC helped me include improving my attention to detail and learning how to communicate in a professional setting. Finally, the organization gave me access to a vast network of incredibly smart and motivated people who are always willing to help each other out.

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

I know it can feel a bit like drinking from a firehose your first semester in LLC, but my advice to new members is to work hard and be proactive in learning the material – don't just do the bare minimum. The world is full of people who merely meet expectations; you need to go above and beyond if you want to maximize your chances of success.

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

Ask good questions and be thoughtful. The most important things for an intern are to always have a positive attitude and show a willingness to learn. I think by far the best way to demonstrate your curiosity is by asking thoughtful questions and really trying to develop a deep understanding of whatever deal/pitch you are working on. Also, it is paramount to triple check your work before you send it to anyone. You want to be known as the intern who doesn't make mistakes, so set the tone early on. Finally, although you should always strive for perfection, it is important to realize that mistakes are inevitable as an intern and no one expects you to be perfect, but always welcome constructive criticism and never make the same mistake twice.