Alumni Spotlight



Billy joined the FICC E-Trading & Market Structure team at Bank of America in January 2021.

Previously, he was a Summer Analyst in the firm's Equities Electronic Trading business. Billy graduated from the Smeal College of Business and Schreyer Honors College in Spring 2020.

Alumni Spotlight: Billy Young '20

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

I joined LLC in Spring 2019. I served as Director of Portfolio Analytics and Director of Monthly Reports in Fall 2019.

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

LLC introduced me to Credit markets and their unique characteristics. I learned to summarize clear takeaways - whether on a PowerPoint slide, during a phone call, or while reading a publication - and communicate these points to an audience. I found that developing expertise as you prepare a presentation helps you to speak confidently and respond to difficult questions. View presentations as opportunities to teach your audience as a presenter or ask engaging questions as a listener - both with the goal to see the organization and your classmates succeed.

3. What advice would you give to the new members of LLC? Soon, you will be mentoring new students yourselves. Be humble and thankful. Inspire others. Respond to emails promptly. Explore Bloomberg's markets and fixed income functions. Follow up with alumni who you have networked with to set up second phone calls. Most importantly: enjoy your time at Penn State.

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

The internship is an investment in your career. Make sure key decision makers in your group know your name, your school, and your energy and enthusiasm. Reach out to these individuals early to get time on their calendars - don't be afraid to ask. Follow up with individuals that you have spoken to already. Be kind and positive. Listen attentively. Ask thoughtful questions. Demonstrate your progress to your intern managers. If your employer has Penn State alumni, keep this important network in the loop throughout the internship.