



Alumni Spotlight: Aaron Sosnader '18

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

As Vice President for the founding Executive Board I, along with the other founding members, helped launch Leveraged Lion Capital as an organization at Penn State. We collaborated to establish the fund and create a platform for Penn Staters to get an insight into Fixed Income markets, a rare opportunity for college students.

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

LLC helped prepare me for my career in a variety of ways. First, it exposed me to leadership from an entrepreneurial standpoint. I had previously/concurrently held roles on a couple of different executive boards. However, these were established organizations. The other members of the executive board and I had to create a vision of what the organization would be and create a solid base that LLC could thrive on for years to come. We approached recruiting and creating a training regime thoughtfully to ensure the organization's success. Through the recruiting and training process, I got a perspective from the other side of the table. I kept those experiences in mind when networking and training for my current role. Another impactful part of my time with LLC was working alongside a group of brilliant individuals on the executive board. Collaborating with this talented and motivated team was a fantastic experience. I was able to learn more about leadership, the industry, markets, and entrepreneurialism from each of them. Finally, in this role I was able to establish an understanding of leveraged loans and the leveraged loan market. Interacting with market participants, trade groups, and Smeal leadership gave me a firsthand view into a market I had previously known little about. Creating a training program and educating new LLC members on the leveraged loan universe reinforced my learning and forced me to have an in depth understanding of

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the space. Aiding in the creation of LLC was one of the most impactful parts of my time at Penn State and I am still realizing the benefits to this day.

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

My advice to new members of LLC is to be thoughtful about your future and be honest with yourself about what you are passionate about. There are a seemingly endless array of products and roles within debt markets and this is exponentially compounded when you consider different markets or even different fields of work entirely. The most popular roles currently may not be the best fit for you. The people who I have seen become most successful and fulfilled in their careers are those who pursue something they find fascinating. Networking and putting aside dedicated time to research different roles is a great way to discover what the best fit for you is. LLC is a great organization so make sure to take advantage of the LLC program, alumni, and industry relationships.

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

My advice to LLC members ahead of internships and full-time placements is to constantly push to expand your knowledge base and relationships even if it feels like your incremental effort won't have much of an impact on your current opportunity set. Opportunities in the work environment, especially in this field, are often fleeting and come at unexpected times. You must already be prepared in order to capitalize on these chances and the only way to do so is by constantly learning and growing to put yourself in the best position possible.