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Alumni Spotlight: Noelle Ferrara '18

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

I was a member of LLC from 2017 – 2018 when it was first organized. My junior year I was lead analyst of the healthcare sector, and my senior year I advised as a mentor.

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

LLC prepares you to be fully engaged in the work you present. Putting together pitch materials is an important exercise because it mimics the real world. The real world consists of having a very real proposal to solve a very real problem for a client, so you can be certain that they will ask questions and need you to think on your feet when pitching your ideas. Doing this in LLC makes you understand the importance of being articulate in your pitches and prepares you to think about possible questions that are beyond the obvious in your proposals.

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

To any new member of LLC, one piece of advice is to make sure you are exhaustive in your research and are articulate in your work. It is hard work, there is no part of it that will come

easy. You will find that when you push yourself to make sure you do all of the necessary research and articulate your ideas fully and succinctly, anything new you'd like to learn will come faster because deep-diving will become more of a subconscious habit. This is a skill that will follow you throughout your career, and will surely be one that will differentiate you from the rest.

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

Given the current state of the economy, and the world for that matter, I would advise that any student with a summer internship have one thing – gratitude. Be grateful if your company is guaranteeing full time offers, be grateful if they're not but you still get to intern. Be grateful if they are still paying you. Be grateful that you have a chance to learn something, even if it's not in the same capacity as a normal internship would be. Life is a bit of a labyrinth and sometimes you're not sure why you're not always moving in a straight line (my short 24 years on earth certainly has not been a straight line to where I am). The best thing you could do is be grateful for where you are and what you have, and let life happen a little bit. It keeps things interesting, what a boring world it would be if we always knew where we're going! Take the opportunity you have and make the best of it, be engaged, be enthusiastic, and work hard.