



Alumni Spotlight: Shreyas Radhakrishna '18

Shreyas is an analyst in the Healthcare Life Sciences Group at Wells Fargo Securities. Shreyas graduated from Penn State in 2018, where he served as the Vice President for LLC. Shreyas interned with Wells Fargo Securities during the summer of 2018 before returning to the group full-time as an analyst.

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

I was part of the initial class of analysts when LLC was first formed in Spring 2017 and started out as an associate analyst within the healthcare group. It's incredible to see how far the organization has grown in the past 3 years and how much more knowledge everyone has about the space. At the end of the fall of that year, I became the Vice President for the 2018 calendar year and graduated that December.

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

LLC was huge in helping me prepare for my career. Obviously there those PowerPoint and Excel skills and ATD that helped me start off in a good spot, but the extremely quick learning curve to understanding fixed income was very helpful. Learning the ability to digest new material on the fly and adapt has helped me get up to speed quickly within the industries I focus and the products we work with. It was also an opportunity in learning how to lead during a growth stage and how to solve issues that arise. Leading a small team on a project is vastly different from leading a larger organization and it taught us some of the nuances in working with different people and finding different ways to motivate people to help them get to where they wanted to be.

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

Soak up as much information as you can. You're not going to know everything or understand everything, so ask questions! Within the organization, there aren't stupid questions, every question you ask is just another step towards learning more. The other biggest piece of advice I have is have a desire to learn and improve. If you have that mindset in place, you'll pick up information so much faster than if you're just going through the motions. Being a part of this organization offers you so many opportunities to meet successful people, both within LLC as well as on Wall Street. Take advantage of it because there are tons of students who don't have the same opportunities, so you need to make the most of it.

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

Most of what I'd say is important when you're joining LLC is applicable to starting the internship. At the same time, this is a 10 week-long interview, not just for the company, but for you as well. You need to really figure out if the group you're in is right for you, if this is a place where you could be happy as well as continue to develop. Before you start, ask yourself what you want to get out of the experience at the end of the summer outside of a return offer. Knowing what you want will make it easier for you to be yourself and be someone that people want to work with.