



Alumni Spotlight: Taylor Campbell '20

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

LLC Positions (Spring 2017-Fall 2019) - President, Lead Analyst of the Natural Resources Sector, Associate Analyst of the Natural Resources Sector

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

The organization was my first experience in leveraged finance. As an Associate Analyst in the Natural Resources sector, my primary responsibilities were to complete assigned pitch slides and to update periodicals. That chapter was a steep learning curve, familiarizing myself with different types of analysis as well as the importance of Excel and PowerPoint. As a Lead Analyst in the Natural Resources sector, my primary responsibilities shifted toward developing theses on asset allocation and idiosyncratic viewpoints on my sector's holdings. Additionally, I focused on relative value analysis as well as credit and covenant analysis to weigh an investment's upside against areas of potential value leakage. Finally, as President, my primary responsibilities shifted toward an administrative and outreach type role, working with the school and alumni to increase exposure and placement. The lessons that I learned in each position were quintessential toward my professional growth and are directly

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Taylor interned with Morgan Stanley during the summer of 2019 in Fixed Income Sales and Trading before going to Barclays full time.

applicable to my job at Barclays. Working full-time in credit research is effectively getting paid to do what we all loved doing in LLC.

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

For the new members of LLC, commit to the process of learning the new material. Understanding accounting and financial statement analysis can be daunting at first. Allocate time to properly go through the guides as this will serve as your foundation for investment analysis. Additionally, be attentive at weekly meetings, take notes on the pertinent material, and don't be afraid to ask questions. If you're struggling to understand a topic, chances are a handful of other new members are in your boat. Finally, exhaust all of the resources that Penn State has to offer. Familiarize yourself with Bloomberg and FactSet, and consult with Robin Stevens to reach out to alumni.

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

For the LLC members with upcoming summer internships, use this time to prepare and make connections. Focus on developing your understanding of the credit markets (and/or your respective field), enhancing your public speaking skills, and growing your professional network. Speaking toward my summer internship in Sales & Trading, it's hard to add value as an intern. The best way to differentiate yourself is to have a fundamental understanding of the products, an effective way of communicating that understanding, and an audience that is already familiar with you both personally and professionally. Treat every day on the job as an interview, but don't forget to show your personality.