A Message from the Finance Program

Thank you to so many of you for your support of the finance program at BYU. From hosting, mentoring, and hiring students, to donating money, there are so many things BYU alumni do to make the program great. Without you, the program would be a shadow of what it is.

We hope you enjoy this update about what's happening in the program. We welcome your involvement, so please let us know if you have ways you would like to give back. And we hope to see many of you at our alumni BBQ in late September!

What's Happening

The Numbers Behind the Students

Congrats to our Class of 2023! Finance graduates had a 97% placement rate this year across 24 states.

Twenty-four of the graduates continued with higher education, eight are starting businesses, and one was drafted by the Kansas City Royals. Go Cougs!


2023 Finance Graduate Statistics

$106,330.47*

Average total compensation for a BYU Finance graduate during their first year of work

*Includes bonuses and non-guaranteed compensation

The placement percentage for BYU Finance 2023 graduates: 97%

24 The number of states where graduates started jobs
Career Paths in Corporate Finance Summit

On March 24, 2023, the finance department hosted a Career Paths in Corporate Finance Summit. More than 30 professionals helped plan and host the event for students interested in learning about careers in corporate finance. Held in the Hinckley Center, the summit drew more than 114 students. Three breakout sessions highlighted career possibilities in various aspects of the industry, including FP&A (financial planning and analysis), treasury, and investor relations.

All participants gathered to hear from the summit’s keynote address presented by Monica Stallings, a professor at NYU Stern. Professor Stallings reflected on her personal experiences and shared 10 incredible nuggets of wisdom that are applicable at all stages of one’s career. Students and professionals were inspired by her address.

The Summit concluded with a networking lunch where the students could visit and network with the event organizers who represented companies from all around the country including 1-800 Contacts, Adobe, AwardCo, Boeing, Davita, Degreed, Dell, Disney, LVT, Microsoft, PNC, Stryker, Sunrun, Thread Wallets, and Walmart.

We are sincerely grateful for all the professionals that participated in what we hope to establish as an annual event. The students came away with a clearer vision of the many incredible opportunities in the corporate finance world.

Upcoming Finance Conferences:
- Fifth Annual BYU Real Estate Conference – November 10, 2023
- Financial Services Conference – January 2024
- Career Paths in Corporate Finance Summit – March 2024

If you would like to be involved with future conferences, please complete the Alumni Engagement Form.

Europe Study Abroad

During spring term, Troy Carpenter directed a real estate study abroad program to western Europe with 10 students. Students learned from a variety of real estate professionals in France, UK, Netherlands, and Germany. They met with firms in their offices to discuss several real estate issues in many of the European markets. In each city, the students also participated in several property tours including multi-family communities, offices, and retail and industrial sectors.
Our finance department would once again like to thank the gracious hosts who met our students and gave them such a valuable experience: Matteo Capello of Invesco in Paris; Rob Trevor at CBRE Investment Management in London; Justin Hildebrandt, Timber van Tilburg, and Sabine Bentvelzen of Affinius Capital in Amsterdam; and Henrik Hauszler of Invesco in Munich. The Europe real estate study abroad program is a valued part of the many international programs sent out each year from BYU Marriott.

NetTrek Information

Networking trips (or NetTreks) continue to be a key component of the finance program and enable students to visit firm offices and interact with professionals in their environment. The largest of these trips happened in May when we took roughly 100 students to New York to meet with about 50 employers from finance fields including investment banking, private equity, asset management, private wealth management, and real estate.

The vast majority of firms were gracious enough to host us in their offices, and many alumni attended a networking dinner one evening, allowing students to make valuable connections. The amazing alumni and friends of the university made this trip possible, and we express our sincere gratitude to them for their continued support.

Real estate, private equity, and corporate finance students also recently participated in NetTreks in Dallas, Northern California, and along the Wasatch Front. This fall, NetTrek trips will be offered in Phoenix, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and along the Wasatch Front.

If you are interested in hosting a NetTrek group at your company in any of the above locations, please fill out the Alumni Engagement Form or email Tanya Harmon (tHarmon@byu.edu) or Troy Carpenter (troy_carpenter@byu.edu).

Finance Alumni 10-Year Celebration BBQ

Join us for our alumni BBQ at Lion's Park in Provo on Friday, September 29, at 5 p.m. prior to the BYU vs. Cincinnati football game (which begins at 8:15 p.m.). Help us celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the bachelor's degree in finance at BYU Marriott! All alumni are welcome, including alumni who graduated with a management degree with a finance emphasis prior to 2013.

Bring your families to enjoy a Hungry Hawaiian dinner, bounce houses, cornhole, a variety of games, BYU mint brownies, and baby cougar tails! We will also have a variety of BYU finance branded swag to choose from for alumni who attend.

Come reconnect with classmates both professionally and personally while enjoying a fun evening together. Please register by clicking the button below!
Football Tickets

Special tickets can be purchased for the BYU vs. Cincinnati football game on September 29. The game starts at 8:15 p.m., right after the alumni BBQ.

Click here to get your ticket promo code and to see details.

Unfortunately, group reservations are no longer allowed unless tickets are all purchased at the same time. If you would like to sit with other finance alumni during the game, please coordinate your ticket purchase with them so you can arrange to sit together.

How to Get Involved

We are grateful for everything that so many of you already do. Thank you!

We welcome your help. We need your help. Most importantly, students need your help. We want you to do things that will connect you more meaningfully to BYU Marriott finance students. These two actions are the most helpful: donating and interacting with students.

Not everyone can do both of these things all the time. But when you do a bit more in each of these areas, your interest and investment in the students and the program will automatically increase, and student outcomes will improve.

- Donate. It’s not about receiving your money—it’s about receiving your commitment and assisting our students in ways we otherwise wouldn’t be able to.

You can donate by clicking below and choosing the Pay It Forward Fund. This fund directly supports finance students, which enhances their experience within the finance program.

Donated funds help train student leaders, support student travel, provide networking meals and student recognition/incentives, and much more. Money is a challenge in most organizations, and the finance program is no exception. We are grateful for even the smallest amount! You can set up a recurring donation, and your donation is tax deductible.

- Interact with students. As students interact with inspiring alumni already working in finance, they become more likely to experience good career and life outcomes.

Let us know how you would like to be involved by completing the engagement form found on the alumni page of the finance website. Click the button below for details and to select your areas of interest.

Alumni Page
We welcome your involvement. Thanks for your continued support.

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