

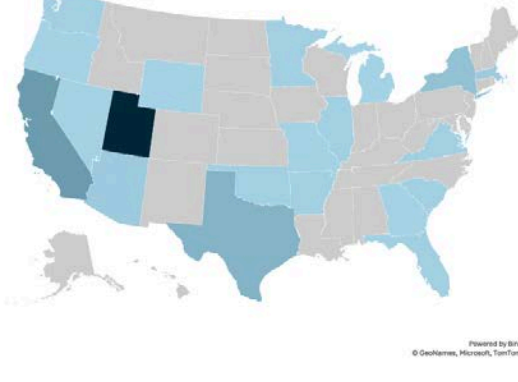


## Hello Alumni,

We hope your summer is full of sunshine! We're excited to share the latest news and highlights from the finance program with you.

## Finance By the Numbers

### 2024 Finance Graduate Statistics



**\$98,011.73\***

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 2024 graduates **96%**

**21** The number of states where graduates started jobs

## Developing Finance Leaders



### 194 Finance Students Graduated!

In April 2024, we celebrated with 194 students who graduated from the finance program. Prior to the graduation ceremonies at the Marriott Center, we hosted a lunch for all finance graduates and their families to eat and mingle. It was a great opportunity for students to introduce their families to their classmates and to their finance professors.



## Conference Update

### 3rd Annual Financial Services Conference

Our Financial Services Conference was a huge success. Students spent time with professionals working in investment banking, wealth management, private equity and venture capital, and asset management.

Keith Vorkink, BYU Advancement Vice President, also spoke at the conference.

It was an incredible opportunity for students to learn from and network with key individuals in the financial services industry.

Click to view a [list of professionals who attended this conference.](#)



## Upcoming Finance Conferences

- Real Estate Conference: Friday, November 8, 2024
- Financial Services Conference: Friday, January 31, 2025
- Corporate Finance Conference: Friday, March 7, 2025

## NetTrek

Every semester, finance students have the opportunity to go on a NetTrek. These trips offer finance students opportunities to prepare for internships and jobs by visiting top companies around the country.

Finance NetTreks were held in the following locations during winter 2024 semester:

### WINTER 2024 NET TREKS

### BY THE NUMBERS

What	When	Where	Approx. # of Students
CFAA	Jan 2024	Atlanta	6
BREA	Feb 2024	Dallas	15
BREA	March 2024	Las Vegas	15
CFAA	March 2024	Dallas	14
PEVC	March 2024	Wasatch	25
PBWM	March 2024	Wasatch	30
IBA	April 2024	NYC	50
AM	April 2024	NYC	20
PBWM	April 2024	NYC	30
BREA	April 2024	NYC	15
<b>Total # of Students</b>		<b>220</b>	

Please contact Troy Carpenter if you would be willing to host a NetTrek group for a company visit ([troy\\_carpenter@byu.edu](mailto:troy_carpenter@byu.edu)).



## Note from Ben Iverson

Associate Professor of Finance



“During winter 2024 semester, I had the opportunity to visit the Saïd School of Business at Oxford University. While I was specifically visiting at Oxford, I took the opportunity to visit colleagues at a number of top business schools in Europe, including London Business School, London School of Economics, INSEAD, and the Stockholm School of Economics.

When you are embarking on new research topics, there is nothing more valuable than bouncing ideas off other academics who have different perspectives and ideas. Not only did I get great feedback as I presented my own research, but I also was able to hear about cutting-edge research that is ongoing at each of these institutions. I’m excited to bring that knowledge back to the classrooms at BYU and to continue to work on publishing my research in top journals.”

[Read more about Iverson](#)

## Note from Darren Aiello

Assistant Professor of Finance



“I had the opportunity to take a sabbatical from BYU Finance this year and spent it as a visiting assistant professor of Finance at UCLA Anderson with their Finance Group. In addition to giving me a chance to continue my research collaborations with faculty there, the visit afforded me opportunities to teach MBA Real Estate classes in the Ziman Center for Real Estate as well as get my family reacquainted with Southern California.”

## Stories from Finance



Alum **Blaine Meek**’s pivot from finance to farming was kickstarted, quite literally, by a cow.

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Student **Josh Tellez** is forging his path in finance, fueled by his familial pursuit of opportunity. [More >>>](#)



This finance professor thanks his 25-year-old self for choosing to leave Wall Street to earn a PhD. [More >>>](#)

Find a variety of finance-related articles in the finance section of the BYU Marriott Stories website at <https://marriott.byu.edu/stories/finance>. You can also check for fellow classmates in the [Class Notes](#) directory.

## Tell Your Alumni Story

Our team is continually looking for opportunities to highlight BYU Marriott alumni in our publications and online. Are you interested in being highlighted? If so, just fill out our [alumni questionnaire](#).

## Upcoming Alumni Event

You are invited to the

### Finance Alumni BBQ

Friday, September 20  
6–8 p.m.

Provo Lions Park

[REGISTER NOW](#)



The event will include dinner, games, a bounce house, networking opportunities, and fun for the whole family! We are excited to see you all there!

## 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.

[DONATE](#)

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.** Interacting with inspiring alumni who already work in finance helps students 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.

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We welcome your involvement. Thanks for your continued support.

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