

A Message from the Finance Program

Happy New Year from the BYU Finance Program.

As we interact with our finance alumni, the most common questions we hear are:

- What's happening in the finance program?
- How can I help?

In response to both of these questions, we have put together this newsletter, which we hope to send out periodically throughout the year. We hope this newsletter will keep you up-to-date about the program and strengthen the pride and connection you feel as a BYU Marriott finance alum. Thank you for all you do for BYU Marriott and the finance program.

What's Happening



The Numbers Behind the Students

The finance major has been at BYU for a decade now—and well before that as a finance emphasis within the business management major. We take seriously the BYU finance legacy built by thousands of students, alumni, faculty, and staff. As we continue to build on what those before us have created, we'd like to share some key numbers from the program over the past year.

- **210 students joined the finance major in fall 2022.** Goldman Sachs sponsored the finance new student orientation, which featured SLC office COO Stacey Miller as keynote speaker, with 25 other faculty, staff, and administrators attending to meet and welcome the incoming students.
- **200 students graduated with a degree in finance.** Even more impressive, 100% of graduating students had a full-time job within three months of graduation. Graduates placed at more than 112 employers in 21 states, with an average total starting compensation of \$102,000.

A Conference of the Minds



We held our annual real estate conference, which is designed to connect students with professionals in the field. We also held an additional conference focused on other subfields of finance including asset management, private equity, and investment banking.

We're planning several conferences this year, including the following:

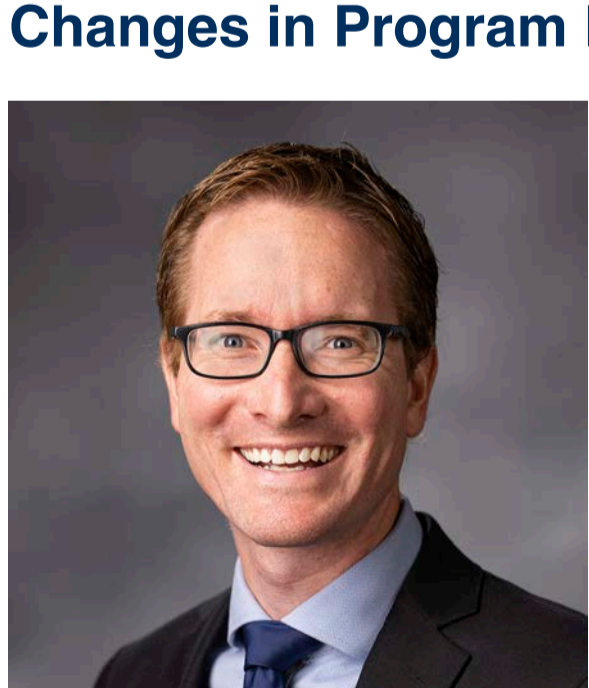
- [Financial Services Conference](#)—January 27, 2023
- Career Paths in Corporate Finance Summit—March 24, 2023
- Fifth annual BYU Real Estate Conference—Fall 2023

Welcoming Our Alumni Home

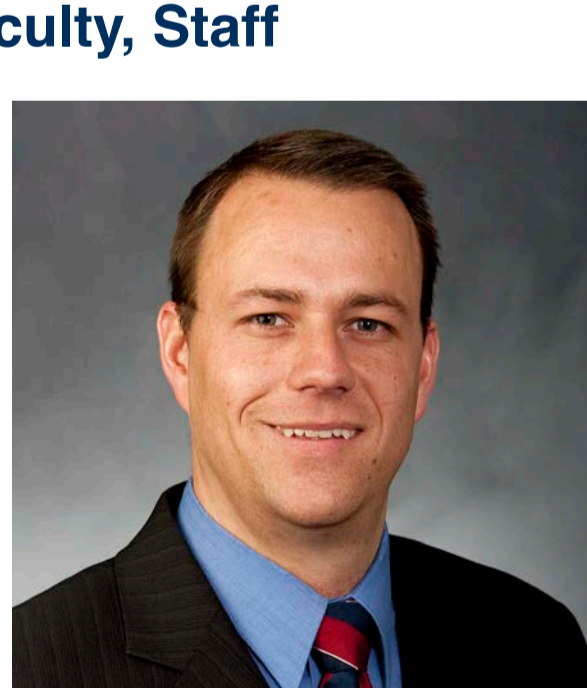


We hosted our annual alumni BBQ at Lion's Park in Provo during homecoming week in October. We hold this event every year and hope to see you this year. Watch for more information about the date and how to attend.

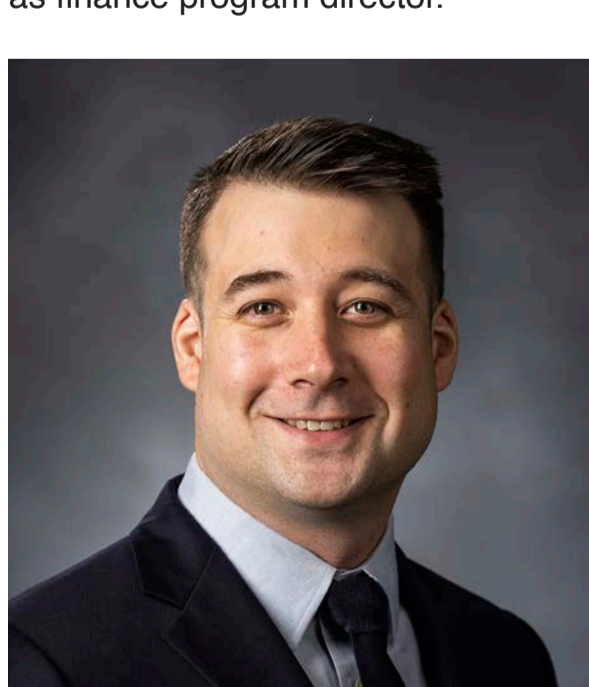
Changes in Program Faculty, Staff



Ian Wright succeeded Colby Wright as finance program director.



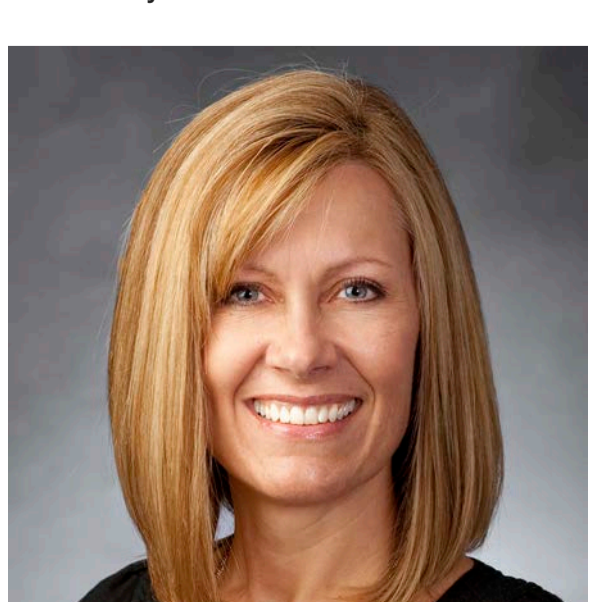
Taylor Nadauld succeeded Craig Merrill as finance department chair.



Chris Hair joined the faculty after completing his PhD at Northwestern University.



Grant McQueen retired after joining BYU in 1988.



Tanya Harmon succeeded Tracie Laham Jones as finance student placement director.

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Finance
Faculty, Staff,
and Students

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A Growing Society

The [BYU Finance Society](#)—the student-led association that prepares students for recruitment—continues to grow. The association currently boasts more than 500 members across a slightly reorganized structure that includes corporate finance and advisory, investment banking, real estate, private equity & venture capital, private banking & wealth management, women in finance, and Brigham Capital, a related asset-management class.



On the Trek Again

After two years of COVID-19 disruption, we restarted our New York networking trip (NetTrek). Some 75 students spent three days visiting more than 30 employers across Manhattan representing a variety of finance subfields.

Students took other networking trips during 2022 as well. Destinations included Dallas, Phoenix, San Francisco, LA/Orange County, and the Wasatch Front.



In addition, several NetTreks are planned for this semester, including the following:

- Phoenix NetTrek: January 12–13
- Dallas NetTrek: February 22–24
- New York NetTrek: May 1–3
- D.C. NetTrek: May 3–5

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 completely to the BYU Marriott finance program and our students. The following two actions are the most helpful for the program and students: (1) donating and (2) interacting with students.

Not everyone can do both of these things all the time, but we know that 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 being able to assist 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.

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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.** The more students interact with inspiring alumni already working in fields they are interested in, the more likely those students will 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.

[Finance Alumni Page](#)

We welcome your involvement. Thanks for your continued support.

If your contact or employment information has changed, please let us know by clicking [update my information](#).



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