

What's Happening in Finance

Happy New Year, and thank you to all of our alumni. You are what make the finance program, along with its clubs, job placement success, and so much more, all work. Without you, the program wouldn't be what it is. As a result, we wanted to give you a profile of the fall 2023 incoming class and an update on happenings in the program. We also want to flag a couple of opportunities for engagement. Read on for details.

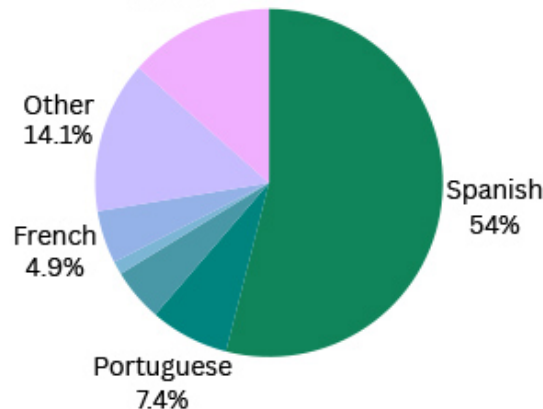
It was great to see so many of you at the alumni BBQ event, and we hope to see you again soon!

CLASS PROFILE OF FINANCE STUDENTS ADMITTED FALL 2023

WHERE STUDENTS ARE FROM



Other European Languages
13.5%



83%

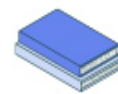
Returned missionaries for
The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints



230
Students admitted



3.78
Average BYU GPA



28.6
Average ACT score

31 LANGUAGES

Some of the more exotic languages spoken by students include Marshallese, Armenian, Amharic, Bislama, Indonesian, Khmer, Chichewa and Nyanja.



Professor Colby Wright and the Big 12



Photo (L-R): Tom Holmoe, Liz Darger, President Shane Reese, Professor Colby Wright, and his wife, Misty Wright

Professor Colby Wright was chosen as the sole BYU Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) for the Big12 Conference. As a member of the FAR Council, he is part of the governance structure of the Big12 to assist with legislation and many other duties. He has the responsibility to represent the interest of the student athletes and the broader student and faculty community. This includes writing letters of recommendation for students applying for NCAA scholarships and reviewing and signing waiver requests and eligibility requests sent to the Big12 or the NCAA.

Wright is a liaison for all BYU student athletes and helps ensure academic integrity. He attends meetings with the Big12 conference to collaborate with other universities and is a fabulous representative for BYU.

5th Annual Real Estate Conference



On November 10, the finance program hosted our 5th annual BYU Global Real Estate Conference. 220 professionals and 120 students were able to network and learn from panelists, breakout rooms, and the keynote speaker Andrew Ord, managing director at Greystar. A special video interview was shown during lunch with David Marriott, chairman of the board of Marriott International, Inc. Students participated in breakout sessions on development and construction, acquisitions and asset management, private/public equity, and structured finance.

Professional panelists included Jim Galovan (Pacific Coast Partners), Justin Wheeler (Berkadia), Kevin Palmer (Freddie Mac), Jeff Danley (Peak Capital), Lindsay Bachner (Evercore), and Kris Woolley (Avista Senior Living). Young Professional Panelists included Dallin Curriden (BlackPine), Sienna Miskin (Partners Group), Dallin Earl (Greystar), and Jonathan Phelps (Morgan Stanley).

This Real Estate Conference was sponsored by Whitman Peterson, Neighborly Ventures, Sunstone Two Tree, and Sundance Bay.

Celebrating 10 years of Finance Alumni!



We enjoyed celebrating 10 years of having alumni with a BYU Marriott finance bachelor's degree at our annual Finance Alumni BBQ in September. Held at Lion's Park in Provo, the event was a tailgate before the BYU vs. Cincinnati Bearcats football game.

Alumni who graduated with a management degree with a finance emphasis prior to 2013 also attended the event. All the finance alumni and their children enjoyed the dinner, bounce houses, and a variety of games set up around the park. They also enjoyed reconnecting with classmates both professionally and personally.

We hope to continue to have more alumni join us at this fun event every year!

Women in Finance



Our base of women in finance is constantly growing! Our Women in Finance Association (WIFA) hosted a NetTrek to the Salt Lake City area. Participants had the opportunity to visit with Crewe Capital, Goldman Sachs, and PRI.

Another highlight was when WIFA hosted their semi-annual dinner in December, which is a wonderful way to broaden the community of women in finance at BYU.

WIFA's mission is to *inspire* women to pursue a career in finance, *strengthen* the women in the program, and *create* an environment for women to feel confident and empowered. They have fun and informative events and have new women joining their club each semester—last semester they had 60–75 women at each of their monthly events. They love inviting alumni and hearing their perspectives at their meetings.

If you want to get involved and help empower women in finance, please email wif-assoc@byu.edu.

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.



We welcome your involvement. Thanks for your continued support.



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