



Dear Alumni,

Here are the latest updates and information from the BYU Marriott finance program.

Finance by the Numbers

BYU Finance

Class of 2026

Average First Year

Compensation:



\$100,363

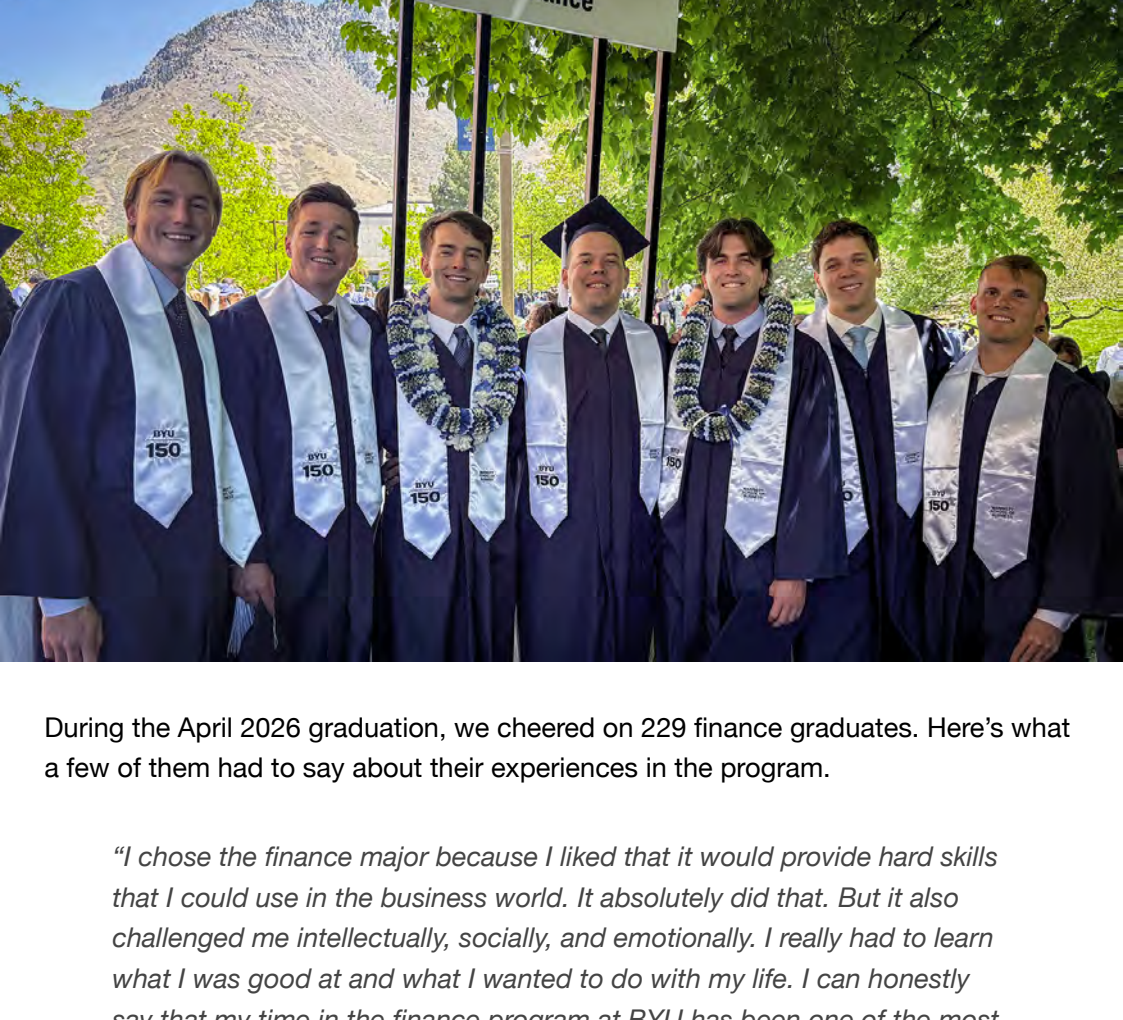
229

Graduates



97% Placement Rate

Graduation 2026



During the April 2026 graduation, we cheered on 229 finance graduates. Here's what a few of them had to say about their experiences in the program.

"I chose the finance major because I liked that it would provide hard skills that I could use in the business world. It absolutely did that. But it also challenged me intellectually, socially, and emotionally. I really had to learn what I was good at and what I wanted to do with my life. I can honestly say that my time in the finance program at BYU has been one of the most transformative experiences in my life. I'm forever grateful for the finance professors who taught me eternal truths, spiritual and financial."

Nate Jackson, Class of 2026

"Joining the finance program was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It taught me valuable skills and changed the way I think about money. No matter what I do in my future, I think the finance program was the most solid base I could have gotten. I feel so blessed to have had this experience!"

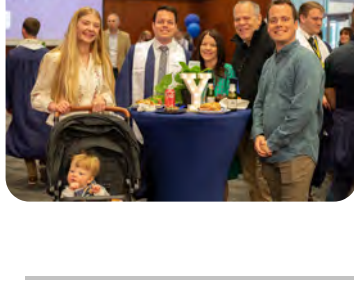
Jordyn Terry, Class of 2026

"I decided to start taking the classes and going to the BYU Finance Society meetings to get involved, and the more I learned and got involved the more I came to love it. I also learned about the career paths you can take and the optionality from a finance degree at BYU. The professors in the program are amazing, and I think it's hard to realize how lucky we are to have such great professors teaching us. It is truly the best education that we can get."

Byron Reese, Class of 2026

"The connections I built inside the finance program and with alumni will be worth more than anything this program requires. There is no better business school you could go to than BYU Marriott, and no better major than finance."

Jacob Jaster, Class of 2026



Learning Beyond the Classroom

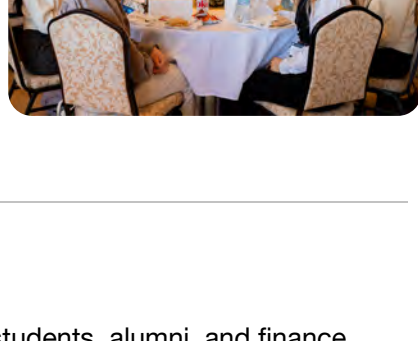
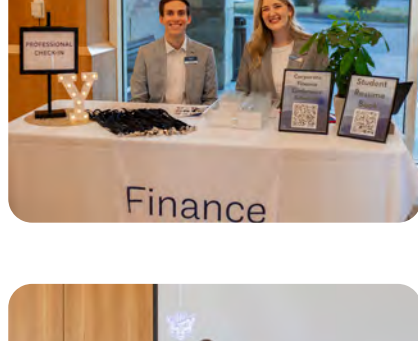


Conferences

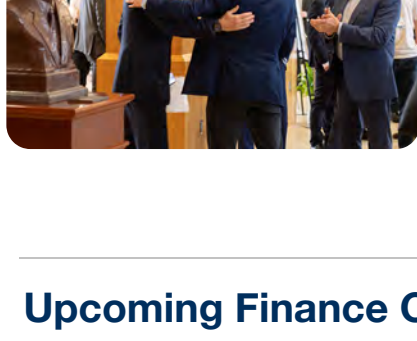
Corporate Finance Conference 2026

Students explored the many career paths within corporate finance at the annual BYU Corporate Finance Conference, learning from professionals representing organizations including Goldman Sachs, Adobe, Microsoft, and Boeing. Breakout sessions covered financial planning, analysis, and strategy, internal audit, tax and controllership, treasury, asset management and investor relations, giving students a broad view of opportunities in the field.

Keynote speaker John Richards, CFO of Awardco, encouraged students to embrace continuous learning as the foundation for long-term career growth. One student shared, "I have been looking into corporate finance compared to some other sub-disciplines, and this conference was incredibly insightful!" Another attendee appreciated the broader perspective, saying, "I loved hearing about other areas that play into corporate finance. I also loved hearing about people's journey within a corporation."



Financial Services Conference 2026



In February, students, alumni, and finance professionals gathered at the BYU Hinckley Center for the annual BYU Financial Services Conference. Students attended breakout sessions on asset management, investment banking, private equity & venture capital, and private banking & wealth management, gaining firsthand insights into career paths, industry trends, and the skills needed to succeed.

Following the breakout sessions, keynote speaker Spencer Zwick, co-founder and managing partner of Solamere Capital, shared lessons from his career and encouraged students to "Think big, and then think bigger." One student reflected, "Speaking with professionals and hearing the keynote speaker helped me to keep my eternal perspective and focus on Christ while pursuing a career in finance." Another attendee appreciated the opportunity to connect with alumni, saying, "It was a great mix of professional and casual—the professionals were very open to chat, and they were great alumni to learn from!"

Upcoming Finance Conference

Real Estate Conference: Friday, October 30, 2026

Keynote speaker: Shane Reese, president of BYU

NetTreks

Students participated in NetTreks across the country, visiting leading companies and learning firsthand from finance professionals. The visit to New York included over one hundred students. We are grateful to the many alumni who hosted student groups and helped make these NetTrek experiences possible.

BYU Finance NetTreks

2025 – 2026



Locations Visited by Clubs

Private Equity and Venture Capital Association

Wasatch Front
San Francisco
New York

Corporate Finance & Advisory Association

Wasatch Front
Dallas
Austin
Phoenix
Seattle

Private Banking and Wealth Management

Wasatch Front
San Francisco
Phoenix
Los Angeles
New York

Investment Banking Association

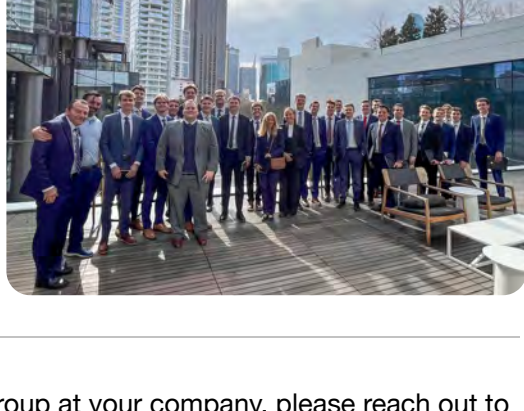
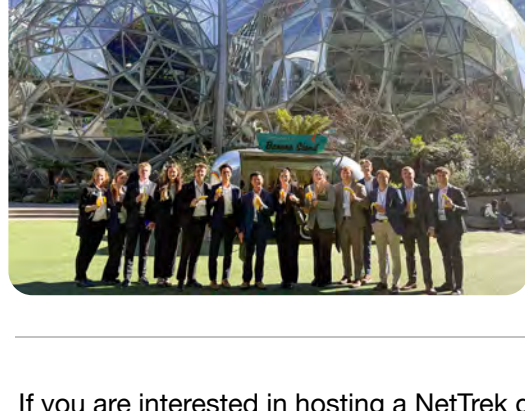
San Francisco
New York

Real Estate Association

Orange County
Wasatch Front
Dallas
Las Vegas
New York

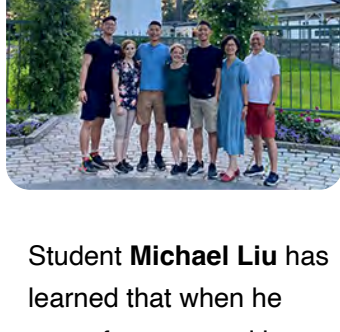
Women in Finance Association

Wasatch Front
Los Angeles



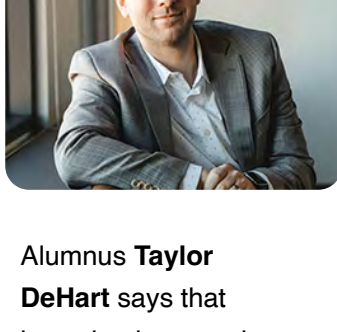
If you are interested in hosting a NetTrek group at your company, please reach out to Troy Carpenter (troy_carpenter@byu.edu) or Tanya Harmon (tharmon@byu.edu).

Stories from Finance



Student **Michael Liu** has learned that when he prays for opportunities, God often responds with challenges—but for Liu, those challenges are the answer.

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Alumnus **Taylor DeHart** says that investing in emerging restaurants might not be exciting, but helping others build their American dream is deeply fulfilling.

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Mark Johnson's decision to teach at BYU Marriott was driven by a love of numbers and research paired with building lasting relationships.

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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](#).

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 to connect you more meaningfully to BYU Marriott finance students. These two actions are the most helpful: interacting with students and making a donation.

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.

- **Interact with students.** Meeting inspiring alumni who already work in finance helps students become more likely to experience good career and life outcomes.
- **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 *Finance Program Pay It Forward Student 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.



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](#)

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