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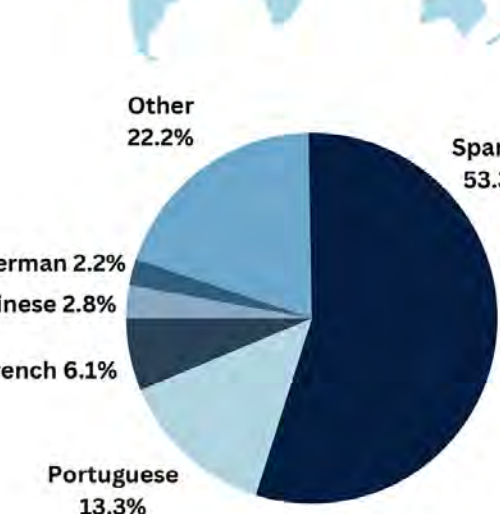
We are pleased to present the latest updates and highlights from the BYU Marriott finance program.

Finance By the Numbers

Class Profile of Finance Students Admitted Fall 2024

WHERE STUDENTS ARE FROM

33 U.S. STATES **8** COUNTRIES



- 252** Students admitted
- 3.81** Average BYU GPA
- 28.6** Average ACT score

36 LANGUAGES
Some of the more exotic languages spoken by students include Khmer, Finnish, Albanian, Amharic, Fijian, Nepali, and Flemish Dutch.

87%
Returned missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Conference Update



6th Annual Real Estate Conference

Over 250 real estate professionals enjoyed networking with 150 BYU students at the Real Estate Conference in November. The lineup of inspiring speakers included Chad Lewis, associate athletic director of development at BYU, and Craig Weidmer, director of special projects at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Students participated in breakout sessions covering topics including development and construction, acquisitions and asset management, and private/public equity and structured finance. The conference helped students learn about the variety of career paths available in the real estate field.



Upcoming Finance Conferences

- Financial Services Conference: Friday, January 31, 2025. [Click to register.](#)
- Corporate Finance Conference: Friday, March 7, 2025



NetTreks

During fall semester students participated in various NetTreks organized through the Finance Society associations, visiting companies in San Francisco, Dallas, Los Angeles, and cities in Orange County, California. Local firms in Salt Lake City and along the Wasatch Front also hosted students. We are grateful for the companies willing to provide these valuable experiences for finance students each semester.



Please contact Troy Carpenter if you would be willing to host a NetTrek group for a company visit (troy_carpenter@byu.edu).

Wanna Make a Trade?

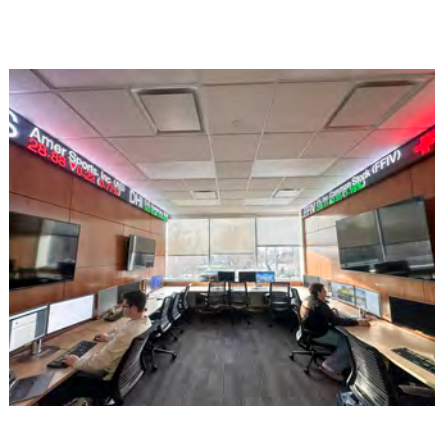


Trading Night

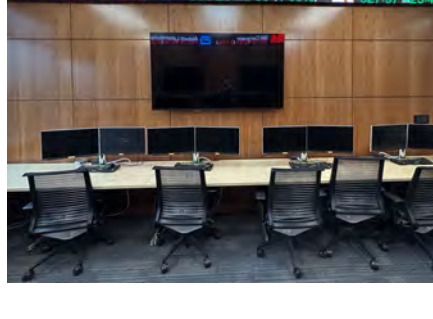
Every fall semester, the finance program hosts BYU Marriott Trading Night for students interested in learning how to trade the stock market. Professor Tyler Shumway hosted this year's event, which was attended by about 40 undergraduate students. The students played trading simulation games that helped them learn about how markets process information and set prices. They also enjoyed pizza and competed for prizes awarded to the top performers.

Upgraded Bloomberg Room

We're pleased to announce recent improvements to the Bloomberg Room in the Tanner Building. The room has been upgraded with a refreshed design and additional terminals, expanding our capacity to nine Bloomberg stations. This upgrade gives more students direct access to essential financial data, news, and analytics, helping them make informed investment decisions and develop critical research skills.



These updates reflect BYU Marriott's commitment to empowering students to succeed in real-world finance settings, particularly as they manage the \$4.2M Silver Fund portfolio. We're excited to continue bridging the gap between education and professional practice.

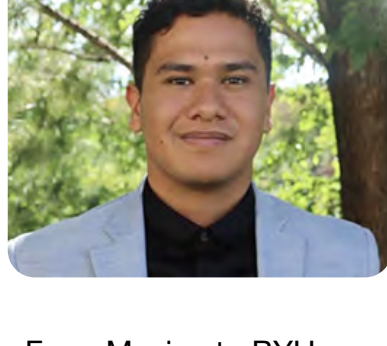


Stories from Finance



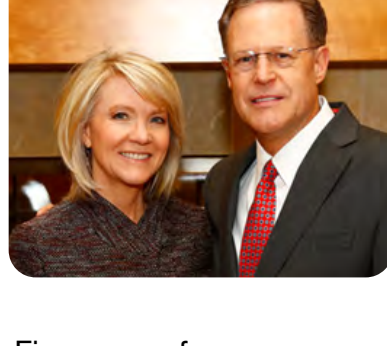
Over the past 25 years, Alumni Achievement Award recipient **Jay Meldrum** has witnessed the power of transactions that transform.

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From Mexico to BYU to an internship in Berlin, finance senior **Emilio Ramos Barrios** learned determination takes you places.

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Finance professor, **Barrett Slade**, strives to equip his students with practical tools to thrive in the “real world” of real estate.

[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](#).

Alumni Events



We had a blast at our September alumni BBQ. Over 80 finance alumni and their families joined in the fun. It's one of our favorite events of the year and brings finance alumni together to network and catch up on the latest happenings.

The BBQ is an annual event, often planned around a home football game. We can't wait for even more alumni to join us in fall 2025!



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