

Ingram Scholar Alumni Spotlight



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DEGREES

Major: Economics, Mathematics & Political Science

Minor: Financial Economics, Vanderbilt University

MBA, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management

JD, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

CURRENT LOCATION

San Francisco, CA

CURRENT EMPLOYER

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Attorney

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER PATH

After graduation, I joined Vanderbilt Office of Investments as an Investment Analyst where I worked across asset classes in public and private equities to protect and grow the value of Vanderbilt's assets. I then enrolled at Northwestern University to pursue a JD-MBA dual degree. During my time at Northwestern, I interned at private equity firms and law firm in both business and legal roles. Currently, I am an associate at Kirkland & Ellis in the general corporate practice where I work on merger & acquisitions, debt financing, restructuring and investment funds for mainly private equity clients.

HOW DID THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY?

Literally everything! But one aspect is that we were encouraged to be creative and find solutions to critical problems. My fellow scholars constantly inspired me to become a problem solver and use creative approach to implement service projects. I had always wanted to help equip youth with more financial literacy skills, so I started Moneythink Vanderbilt with a few friends. I loved hearing everyone's viewpoints in the weekly scholar meeting. Everyone was eager to share their views even on the most controversial societal issues. As an attorney, I now help to find solutions to client's challenges. With the recent COVID pandemic, clients are coming to us with concerns that have not been dealt before, and I always seek to propose creative solutions to achieve client's goals. My passion and spirit to serve have been nurtured by my Ingram days.

IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN THREE WORDS WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

Life changing experience

WHAT DOES THE INGRAM SCHOLAR COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

Lifelong friendship. The Ingram Scholars are and always will be family to me. When I first joined Kirkland & Ellis as a summer associate, I did not know what to expect as the first attorney in my family. But fear not, I reached out to Amanda Jacobowski from Class of 2008 who works at Kirkland. We have never met at Vandy, but Amanda shared everything with me on what to expect. Even though we work at two offices, we maintained our relationship through phone calls and email exchanges. That is what the Ingram Scholar Community mean to me - lifelong friendship and lifelong connections.

BEST INGRAM SCHOLAR MEMORY

It has to be my summer project at Kenya. I interned with Foundation for Sustainable Development on a micro finance project which aimed to improve people's living standards by providing essential microfinance loans on solar products. Being able to immerse myself in a completely different culture and connect with the local community is really rewarding. It taught me how to genuinely serve a company with respect and appreciation.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR CURRENT SCHOLARS WHO WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR INGRAM SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE?

Get to know each other! Ingram Scholar is an amazing group of individuals and you should take the time to really get to know each other. Many of them will become your lifelong friends and give you constant inspirations.