

Compiled Advice from Current and Former Student Athletes

Biggest advice for the underclassmen is to start early. Really, start early. The recruiting process for jobs in banking is honestly so similar to the recruiting process for college sports.

This is how most of these processes work - freshmen and sophomore year is when you learn and get experiences for your resume, junior year is when you try getting internships for the summer between junior and senior year, and then after that internship hopefully you get/accept a full time offer for after graduation.

We know that as student athletes you have so much on your plate between school, your sport, and a social life. There are a lot of little things you can be doing though to build up your personal repertoire and put yourself in a position to get an internship after your junior year here. And that's the biggest problem I've seen so far- juniors who are smart and capable but didn't do enough leading up to then to have "selling points" that they can speak to in interviews.

Some of these things you can and should do as an underclassman are:

- Attend **wall street club** meetings
 - Get on an **SIBC** project (There are so many other clubs like the investment club, ProMazo, smart women and securities, etc. to get involved in that look great on a resume too. You don't need many, just a few)
 - Doing **job shadows** at your dad's or family friend's work place during breaks like winter break and fall break
 - Apply for and go on the **wall street club trips** to Chicago and new york
 - Sign up for finance newsletters like the morning brew to start following the financial news and understanding the jargon
 - Meet with **Bob Rischard and James Biddick**; he's the finance career center guy that will help get you on track
 - Meet with the five of us athletes on the board. Listen to us talk about the different areas we are in and see if any of it is interesting to you.
 - As you get more into the process and realize exactly what area you want to go into, **research** the different firms that are out there- google them or go on Vault.com.
 - Most importantly, **talk to seniors** who have worked at different places! I did that a ton- they give you a great perspective of what it's actually like to work at that bank or in a specific sector, and if you can actually see yourself doing that kind of work. Our seniors cover a lot of ground- we can connect you with someone from almost any area possible
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- Develop a **resume** and have people like us or Bob look at them
 - Get some type of "**externship**" (short internship, like two or three weeks) after sophomore year so that you can talk about it in an interview junior year. It can be

a long one or as simple as 2 weeks. I did a 2 week asset management internship and that was enough for me to talk about in interviews my junior year. Bob Rischard has an externship program where you interview with him and he helps get you a job. Also, the monogram can help with that. They (Kyle Vierck) helped me get a three-week externship that worked out with summer school.

- The biggest thing for underclassmen is that all of these things mentioned above are really helpful for you to speak about and talk to in interviews. That list is big but you don't need all of them! Just two or three of those things can suffice!
- Then when junior year comes, **network** with those different banks you're interested by emailing notre dame alumni at the different firms. Study technical interview questions and apply for interview in September of your junior year.

KEY TAKEAWAYS- get started early, learn as much as you can, get involved in a few finance-related activities and clubs (understandable if you're really busy and can only do a little bit, but any amount counts), and lastly reach out to us. We can really help. Also if you don't really know what you want to know, we can talk more about what exactly we've done! And you can see if it's something you might like to do.