



Texas A&M Department of Economics

Amazing Student

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Name:

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Hometown:

Alpharetta, GA

High School:

Milton high School

Degree objective:

Bachelor/Masters of Science in Economics/Financial Economics

Expected graduation:

December 2019

University highlights, awards, scholarships:

University Scholars Class of '20

Dean's List

Cornerstone Honors

Taking an average of 17 hours per semester while maintaining >3.75 GPA

Clubs/Organizations I am(was) a part of:

Corps of Cadets '20, General OR Simpson Honor Society, University Scholars, LA Honors, University Honors.

Current employment:

Incoming 2019 summer intern at PricewaterhouseCoopers

Family ties to Texas A&M:

First generation Ag; my dad was a postdoc for his PhD

I chose to attend Texas A&M because...

In high school, my friend applied to A&M for their petroleum engineering program, and I applied out of solidarity on the deadline of their application window, because why not. He went to UGA and I came to A&M.

My favorite things to do on campus are...

Sometimes, my friend and I will explore the campus while we talk. It's amazing how most students only see a small section of campus and never really know what the rest looks like (ECON majors only really see HECC and ALLEN, change my mind). I enjoy walking into all sorts of buildings and getting lost. Sometimes I picture a post-apocalyptic scene where everyone is campus is gone and I get to wander in peace, trying to survive. Then I realize that all the dining halls are closed and it's spring break and this scenario is actually true.

When I have free time, I like...

To catch up on my life: go out to eat, video games, reading books, watching movies. Sleeping.

The craziest thing I've done is...

Gotten lost in a subway in Guangzhou without speaking the language that would've allowed me to not be lost.

My favorite place to study is...

Ash II 3rd floor computer lab.

My favorite memory of studying abroad...

I once read a book on a road trip. It didn't count for credit.

My favorite ECON professor is...

Dr. George Naufal; tries to make class as engaging as the topic can be made to be (I'm looking you, ECMT 463). He's always as accommodating as reasonably possible during and beyond his office hours at Allen and in his Bryan office. Prof. Naufal is not afraid to admit bad questions on tests and will work with students to find an equitable middle-ground. Fun to talk to after class and apparently fun to watch soccer with, according to my friends.

My favorite part of being an ECON student is...

Ironically, the 1-hour round trip commute on bus 5, which is, unequivocally, filled to the brim with people 4 days a week because I wasn't smart enough to schedule both my Allen classes on the same two days. Unironically, economics is the perfect blend of quantitative hard skills that make employers swoon and critical thinking and theory that fulfills my curiosity and then some.

If I could share an afternoon with anyone, I would love to share it with...

Alexander Hamilton.

If I knew I could not fail, I would...

Cure mortality. More realistically, I would live life more freely. The only way I can explain that is this: during the weekdays, I don't stay up late because I have responsibilities. If my idea of success was guaranteed in the future, I could approach it in any way I wanted to. I'd do a lot more, unconstrained by my fears of failure.

If money was not a consideration, I would love to...

Spend ludicrous amounts lobbying Congress to under the sort of political movements that are important to my vision for a better America but whom not everyone agrees with, so that's all on that. I'd also travel until I got sick of it and I'd settle down in hedonistic contentment on my estate – one of them.

What is your passion and how are you committed to pursuing it?

My passion is finding new experiences that culminate in a memorable life experience which I can be satisfied with. Pursuit is contingent on having the financial support to do that and being able to recognize when enough is enough.

After graduation, I plan to...

Work

The one Texas A&M experience I will always remember is...

Fish year in the Corps was pretty shocking and by extension, memorable.