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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration – Financial Analysis & Data Analytics

Master of Science, Finance, Risk Management Track

Cumulative GPA: 3.64/4.0

Buffalo, NY

Dec 2026

Expected Dec 2027

WORK EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo Athletics | *Student Athlete Tutor* | Buffalo, NY

Sep 2026 – Present

- Provide academic tutoring in MGF 301 Corporate Finance and MGS 351 Introduction to Management Information Systems

Mollot & Hardy, Inc. | *Wealth Management Intern* | Buffalo, NY

Feb 2026 – Present

- Implement financial planning software to improve client data management and reduce daily record-keeping time by ~15% overall
- Assist in preparing accurate financial planning documents for client portfolios, improving overall client meeting efficiency by 20%
- Develop a strong understanding of core wealth management operations through exposure to advisor workflows and firm systems

Northwest Bank | *Summer Associate* | Buffalo, NY

May 2026 – Aug 2026

- Executed daily banking transactions and cash management activities while ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and regulatory compliance
- Assisted clients with account services, transactions, and financial inquiries while delivering tailored solutions to individual needs
- Collaborated with bankers and management to streamline branch operations, resolve client issues, and uphold service standards
- Built expertise in retail banking operations, deposit products, account management, compliance, risk controls, and client relations

ClearBridge Investments | *Investment Risk Management Intern* | New York, NY

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- Assisted in preparing periodic risk reports for senior management, highlighting portfolio risks, performance, and market trends
- Conducted quantitative analysis using Excel, Bloomberg, and risk platforms to assess portfolio volatility, beta, and tracking error
- Developed and implemented Excel Macros to automate risk data analysis, streamline reporting, and enhance portfolio performance
- Collaborated with a cross-functional team of interns on an investment project culminating in a 20-stock all cap growth portfolio presentation to senior portfolio managers

Thematic | *Business Development & Sales Externship* | Remote

Jun 2024 – Jul 2024

- Gained hands-on experience in developing business strategies by analyzing growth models and identifying key drivers of success
- Collaborated with marketing and sales team to identify growth opportunities and strengthen communication with business partners
- Developed and delivered a final presentation showcasing key insights, detailed data analysis, and strategic recommendations

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

St. John's Private Equity Pitch Competition | *University at Buffalo* | New York, NY

Jan 2026 – Feb 2026

- Selected to represent the University at Buffalo in a private equity competition against 20 universities, evaluating a control buyout
- Built and presented an integrated leverage buyout (LBO) model analyzing capital structure, and IRR/MOIC over a 3-7 year hold
- Assessed operational, financing, and exit risks while defending valuation and core assumptions in a live Q&A with industry judges

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Decentralized Finance (DeFi) Club | *Co-Founder & President* | University at Buffalo

May 2026 – Present

- Co-Founded UB's DeFi Club, scaling to 100+ members and securing official university recognition
- Transitioned from Vice President to President, overseeing organizational strategy, executive leadership, and organizational growth
- Lead the strategic direction and growth of the organization, overseeing DeFi initiatives, programming, and student engagement
- Established a strategic partnership with Ava Labs and hosted 10+ guest speakers from leading finance and technology organizations

Student Mentee | *MGQ 201& MGF 301* | University at Buffalo

Aug 2025 – Present

- Assist students learning concepts in Statistics for Analytics (MGQ 201) and Corporate Finance (MGF 301) through peer mentoring
- Support faculty by grading assignments, providing detailed feedback to students, and reinforcing core material from lectures
- Collaborate with peers and instructors to improve understanding and academic performance in both quantitative and finance topics

Financial Management Association | *Vice President* | University at Buffalo

Apr 2025 – May 2026

- Oversee budgeting and financial records to ensure efficient fund allocation for events, speakers, and member initiatives
- Coordinate with the Student Association to help secure funding, handle reimbursements, and ensure financial policy compliance
- Collaborate with executive board members to plan professional events and ensure financial decisions align with club objectives

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Certification: CFA Level 1 – Candidate, May 2027

Technical Skills: Financial Analysis, Financial Modeling (Excel, Bloomberg, Power BI, Tableau), Programming (Excel Macro, Python, R), Data Visualization, Portfolio Analysis, Banking Systems (CARE, Customer One, Signature), and Statistical Analysis

Other Skills: Investment Research, Risk Evaluation (volatility, beta, tracking error, VaR), Financial Reporting, Market Analysis, Capital Budgeting & Forecasting, Strategic Planning, and Leadership

Awards: Dean's List – University at Buffalo (2026), UMA Innovative New Club Award (2026)