Career Possibilities

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My Career Possibilities

- **Certified Public Accountant**

  It has always been my dream to become an accountant. The job of a certified public accountant, CPA, fits perfectly with my values, interests, and personality. It involves all of my top values, health, fun, and family. It involves health because I better my mind and knowledge of accounting. Fun is involved because I enjoy analyzing financial information. It is involved with my value of family because I would build a relationship with my clients and I will help them when they ask. My interest of quantitative analysis is used constantly in the job of a CPA. When recording and reporting the financial statements of a company, it is much less difficult with the skills of quantitative analysis. My personality is of a “supervisor”; more specifically, I have a strong personality for being expressive, observant, and scheduled. All of these personalities can be found within the job title of a CPA. Being expressive, or having strong social skills, is important because you will in discussion with clients and companies a majority of your job. Being observant is to being able to notice the small and quick changes which often happen within accounting. To have a personality of being scheduled, it simply means being organized. Everything I do, I do in an orderly, practical manner and all of my environments are always organized. This summer I was an accounting intern at with the car dealership Tom Wood Auto and worked closely with their branch of Tom Wood Lexus. I performed audits for the company and solidified my passion for the career of accounting. I performed outstandingly for the weeks I worked for them. I helped them recover ~$600,000 because of the Takata airbag recall. I owe it to Tom Wood Auto for taking me under their wing this past summer and teaching me the ways of accounting. The profession of accounting is an amazing career path to strive towards.

- **Chief Financial Officer**

  To be a chief financial officer, CFO, has been a long term goal of mine since I learned about the basics of accounting. My mom is an accountant and influenced me a whole lot. She always pushes me towards setting my goals high. The job of CFO works perfectly with my values, interests, and personality. It showcases each of my top values, which are; health, fun, and family. Health is showcased by the CFO job because as I work, my mind becomes more knowledgeable of accounting. Fun is showcased because I have a passion for analyzing financial information, thanks to my summer accounting internship. My value of family is showcased family because the company, I earned the position of CFO at, would be my 2nd family. I would have built strong relationships with the colleagues I work with throughout the week. I have an interest in quantitative analysis, which I can not explain how much it is used within the subject of accounting. With the skills of quantitative analysis, it makes recording and balancing financial statements much less complicated. My personality is of a “supervisor,” meaning, I have a strong personality for being expressive, observant, tough-minded, and scheduled. All of these personalities can be found within the job title of a CFO. To be expressive, is similar to being an extrovert. Being expressive is vital for the job of a CFO because you consulting with the CEO and other major employees of the company. To be observant is to be able to notice small changes, which can often happen within a company’s financial record, tax return, etc. To be scheduled, refers to being organized and smooth with your operations. I am always at my destinations on time, meeting deadlines, keeping a clean and organized environment where I work, and staying calm in tense situations. I developed a large amount of experience the past summer with my internship, and I will continue to build upon that in the future while I study at Indiana University. I have learned a lot, and I plan to learn much more. I will continue to pursue my goal of hold the title of a chief financial officer.
Top Values

- **Health**: Health is such an important value to me. I feel that I practice this value each day of my life. To me, health is a balance in one's body, mind, and spirit. I balance my body by eating healthy, working out, and maintaining my hygiene, which in return gives me confidence and makes me feel much better about myself. The mind is very important to me, as it helps me make the right decisions and assists me in problem solving daily issues in my life. I cannot stress how important it is to sleep and work your mind just like you do with your muscle. I make sure I get a necessary amount of sleep each night and rest my mind and body throughout the day. I work my mind from studying my interests and classes to reading books and articles. My spirit is the core of my health. I owe it to my faith and Jesus Christ that I am here on this great Earth. I am a child of God and I am here for a purpose, that purpose is to help others using my skills. Health plays a major role within my life and I strive to help others improve their health.

- **Fun**: I cannot forget about my value of fun. Without fun, there would be a lack of happiness within my life. Fun is essential because I always need a break to cool off and enjoy myself from whatever I was exhausting myself with, from school to working out, it becomes tiring. I am always told that working is not fun, but it is if you make it enjoyable and have a passion for it. I pursue a job that I can not only perform outstandingly, but also have fun with it.

- **Family**: I will always cherish my value of family. They are the reason I am attending Indiana University. It is because of them I am the man I am today. They shaped and built me up from the beginning to where I am now. My beautiful family means the world to me and I miss the ones I can not see today. I wish there was more I could have said to them, but they left with an impact on my left and I will carry out their traditions onto generations to come. They have always been there to support me and I will always be there for them. My family is everything to me. Without them, I would be lost.
Interests Overview

- **Quantitative Analysis:** I have always had a passion for solving problems resolving around the use of numbers, formulas, and calculations. I enjoy cracking down numbers and finding solutions for problems. I have been pursuing a career that involves the use of numbers, like a financial role in a company. During the summer, I worked an internship and performed an audit for a car company’s recall statements and earned them a total net income of $600,000 into their accounts. My interest of quantitative analysis has always been present within my life since I have earned A's in my math classes.

- **Managing People and Teams:** The role of a leadership has been apparent in my life. I enjoy taking action and guiding others in the right direction especially a team effort. I will take responsibility of the group and guide my team towards success. One of my popular hobbies is to play lacrosse and I love being the voice out on the field giving commands to my teammates on what to do and when. This past summer, I worked as an intern for a car company and was given the option of leading a project. I gladly accepted the role for the project and responsibility that came with it. I worked with many diverse people from different departments. I made sure my team got the job done and that people played their role in the project. Managing people and teams will always be an interest of mine for as long as I stay a confident leader.
Personality Type

- My Keirsey personality type is the “supervisor,” under the temperament of a “guardian.” According to Keirsey, to be a “supervisor,” one must be expressive, observant, tough-minded, and scheduled. I believe this report is right on the dot when describing my personality. I am such an expressive person and am very much an extrovert. I try to talk with as many people as I can at social events and when I’m with friends or family I let them know how I’m feeling. I enjoy keeping everyone updated in my life as well as keeping them updated about mine through the use of social media; Facebook, Instagram, etc. I am very observant throughout my daily life. I am very quick to notice things and especially when showcasing my mathematical skills I notice the issue swiftly. I am very tough-minded and possess an analytical perspective on almost everything in life. I take a lot of my activities seriously and when something needs to happen, I make it happen. I am not easily persuaded, and I am a heavy defender of my views. Being scheduled is what makes my life easier and flow smoothly. It is very important for myself to keep an actual schedule of what is going on and what needs to be completed. I am very organized and cannot work well in a clustered environment. Some people say I have obsessive compulsive disorder, I believe them.
In-Depth Major: Accounting

Accounting is a very strong and common major at the KSB. Accounting touches up on my value of health, by which is uses your mind and stresses it with the act of recording financial statements. It also involves my value of family, because the clients and companies I work with would become family to me. Fun is my 3rd value, which is within accounting because I do enjoy accounting and it is very important to work a job you enjoy. It revolves around the use of quantitative analysis which is my biggest interest. In accounting, one should expect to always recording transactions and preparing statements of all the operations the business performs. The practice of accounting works well with my personality type. I am a person scheduled, meaning I am organized with everything I do and I meet my deadlines, no excuses. In accounting, you will be balancing a company’s assets, liabilities, and operating expenses, so it is important to be organized with your work. Accounting suits nicely with my values, interests, and personality, making it a nice career path for myself.

What’s unique about this major at the KSB is the recruitment. Many accounting firms come to Indiana University to throughout the school year, not only to advertise their accounting firm, but to spark your interest to join their accounting firm. They are very helpful and informative with whatever questions you may have about them. What is also unique about this major is the spectacular internship. You get down to business when it comes to being an accounting intern. The experience is memorable and unlike other internships. The hands-on practice and assistance builds your skill in the profession of accounting. The accounting firms want to see you succeed, and continue forth by possibly joining their firm.

- **Certified Public Accountant**
  - A certified public accountant, CPA, performs a wide range of tasks, from filing taxes for an individual or corporation to providing financial planning services. I enjoy assisting others and as a CPA I would be able to perform a numerous financial service for those who need the service.

- **Chief Financial Officer**
  - A chief financial officer, CFO, is a very important position to a company’s success. The CFO is responsible for development of financial objectives for a company, overseeing a company’s budgetary plan, and more. To become a CFO it takes years of experience and you must prove your confidence in accounting by showcasing your wide range of accounting skills.

The job of a CPA and CFO comes across my value of health and fun, involves my interest of quantitative analysis and management, and highlights across my personality type of being an organized and tough-minded person.
In-Depth Major: Finance

Finance is vital to a company’s overall success. Finance comes across my value of health, similar to accounting, because it tests my mind and knowledge from what I have learned and I learn more along the way. It involves heavy usage of quantitative analysis, which is what I have most interest towards. In finance, one would be involved with corporate finance, investments, banking, and international finance. The career of finance works spectacularly with my personality. I have a very expressive, tough-minded, and scheduled personality. This means I am very easy-going and communicative with others, I will make the tough choices without hesitation, and I am organized with my work. Finance fits well with my values, interests, and personality, making it a strong career path choice.

What’s unique about this major at the KSB is the experiences. Whether it’s building relationships with individual’s or with company’s, both offer you a great amount of experience and memories. Working with various individuals or companies you become more acquainted with the profession of finance and develop better social skills. The starting salary is what also makes this KSB major unique and lucrative. A financial career path is reliable and the beginning salary is well worth the effort you put forth in earning your education in finance. Studying finance and moving forward towards a job career involving finance will pay off in the future.

- **Financial Analyst**
  - A financial analyst researches the conditions of macroeconomic and microeconomic decisions to improve a company’s business. Also, as a financial analyst, you may recommend the right choices such as to buy or sell a stock. I would be able to provide people assistance and consult with them how they should handle their assets.

- **Insurance Agent**
  - As an insurance agent I would sell insurance for those looking to purchase insurance. I would enjoy providing a service for those in need of insurance. I am a strong negotiator and a great persuader, so I would fit well with this job title.

The job of a financial analyst and insurance agent touches up on value of health, uses implementation of quantitative analysis within its requirements, and involves my personality type of being expressive, organized, and tough-minded.
In-Depth Major: Operations Management

Operations Management is very diverse major at the KSB. Operations management has my value of family because the company I would be managing would become a part of my family. It is my responsibility to operate the company and make sure it runs smoothly. One of my top interests is the management of people and teams. I would not have an issue taking charge and being the leader of managing the operations of a company. To be invested in an operations management job, one must be a well-rounded, experienced, organized, and tough-minded person. I have the right personality traits for the job. I am a very social person and express my views to better the company, I am organized with my work, and I can make decisions, even the most difficult ones like firing someone, without having to hesitate. I am currently building my experience as I study at Indiana University. Operations management fits just right with my values, interests, and personality, issuing it as a strong career path for myself.

What’s unique about this major at the KSB is its diversity. From organizational processes, to using analytical and practical tools, operations management is a different major than the rest at the KSB. The experiences required and acquired make operations management a unique major as well. One will need to learn to manage the operations of firms, companies, banks, etc. Once invested in a career in operations management, the goal is to stick with it and build your experience.

- Operations Manager
  - An operations manager focuses on improving the infrastructure of the corporation. They do this by developing the work environment, balancing the real estate, working with budgets, etc. I would not have issue being in charge of managing a corporation.

- Material Manager
  - A material manager works closely with products from the production, to the distribution. They must confirm that the company has the correct product, before the deadline, for the right price. This can also be performed for services, only a few differences. I would have a great experience being a material manager putting my quantitative and organizational skills to the test.

The job of an operations manager and material manager comes across my value of family, is heavily involved with my interest of managing people and teams, and revolves around my personality type of being expressive, scheduled, and tough-minded.