Financial Analyst

A financial analyst would be the dream career for me since I get to work in a field that I have yearned and praised for a good majority of my life. In addition, I will have the upward mobility to move into other fields that I am interested in such as investment banking and private equity. Although the hours are long, the pay does me justice and knowing that I am working in a field that is coveted, is enough for me. Also, being around the amount of money that financial analysts are used to throwing around would be a very good learning experience since I would learn how to trade and invest properly. An ideal career on Wall Street is what this job encompasses and would open the door for me to get to where I want to financially.

IT Consultant

An IT consultant is another job that I would be honored to have since it combines the social aspect of talking to customers and meeting new people which I like and the technological aspect and wielding tech to help solve problems. Helping individuals to increase their business efficiency through the use of information technology would be my main task and since it has a lot of strategic components of it, I am very interested. I would have to specialize within a specific field since that is what consultants do, but I would not have an issue with that. I would choose the financial field and consult with big name banks in order to streamline their business processes. This way, I combine my two favorite sectors along with a social characteristic of the job.
Who am I

-Born in India and lived all across the world till I finally moved to Pasadena, CA.
-I want to pursue a career within the financial arena (private equity, fund management, investment banking)
-I am a very sociable person and I love solving problems with a team
-I am also very keen on joining the workforce because I think I can thrive very much within a professional environment
My Key Interests

- Quantitative Analysis
- Creative Production
- Application of Technology
- Enterprise Control
- Influencing Others
Quantitative Analysis

What:
A quants job has a heavy dependence on mathematics and analysis (thus the name). These skills are used to forecast future patterns based on pre-existing data utilizing mathematical formulas.

Where:
Some of the most notable firms that hire quants are financial such as hedge funds and private equity. But due to the growing importance of data, all industries are starting to expand their analysis capabilities.
Quantitative Analysis

and me

I am pretty strong mathematically which is one of the fundamental requirements for being a quant. Since statistics is my favorite field of mathematics, I just might be a shoe in for the quantitative analysis career. I always look at math on a conceptual level and use that to apply to real life. Sometimes, I find myself day-dreaming about how to apply a statistical regression model into a vast variety of real life issues in order to improve the efficiency. I also hold mathematics to a high prestige since I believe that everything in the world can be forecasted or estimated with simple formulas.

Also, while growing up and currently, my favorite game was sudoku which is basically just glorified pattern solving. So I have been honing my analysis skills from a very young age and I am ready to take them to the next level and work for a financial firm quantifying data and analyzing it to spur predictions of future market activities.
Creative Production

What:
Creative Production is crucial to any industry where novelty is the guide to success.

Where:
Mostly in companies that create products and services for consumers, also used within the marketing industry to create innovative advertisements.
Having a mother as an artist and a father as a computer programmer, I was always apt at the latest Microsoft Paint or Adobe Photoshop programs. Even at a young age, a lot of my interest went into drawing and creating new things that have never existed before. I had notebooks upon notebooks of art that I had sketched using watercolor or charcoal when I was just 9 years old.

I think my creativity has decreased since I have matured and gotten older but I still think I am capable of creative designs that elicit emotion. I pride myself on creativity because I hate being stuck inside a box. The best part of being creative is that is applicable to anything. I can create something new or I can problem solve creatively.
Application of Technology

What:
Implementing technological features within a pre-existing business sector in order to achieve a certain goal OR creating a new feat of technology to replace a pre-existing business sector.

Where:
Predominantly in all industries since we live in the Technological Revolution currently.
I would love to be at the front lines of technology by having the ability to create it and implement it within industries (or even better, destroy industries with my tech) but I am yet to reach a computer expert skill where I can create programs. Although, working within a technological atmosphere adjacent with revolutionary technology is something that I would love to do. I still have an interest to work within the financial aspect of aforementioned job but technology still plays a huge role within my life and future career so I would not like to be left behind but rather be an avant garde. This interest of mine in combination with the quantitative analysis would make me a sure shot candidate for a front office banking job. Since I am already mathematically adept and technologically primed, I think that I have a good combination of skills.
Enterprise Control

What:
The ability to commandeer and implement strategies while also making sure they are executed dutifully and to their full extent.

Where:
All upper-level management throughout any company in any industry.
Enterprise Control 

and me

I have a decent amount of leadership experience and this amount has given me justification to think that I would do pretty well within a management role. I say this because anytime I was put in charge, my team came out doing admirable throughout most circumstances. I think with more training in leadership positions, I will be ripe for the role of a management official.

I am also very interested in business strategy and implementation of that within an organization. Strategy is such an important aspect of business yet I have little to no experience in creating a strategy or implementing it. That is why I am looking forward to an internship in which I learn more about Enterprise Control and the criteria requirements that justifies the use of a specific strategy.
Influencing Others

What:
The knack for persuading others.

Where:
Skilled managers have this ability to motivate their team to push harder for a specific goal within the organization.
Influencing Others and me

Ever since I was a kid, I knew I was a capable of influencing people to do things. I would either paint a picture of the rewards they could get from the goal itself or from me. I think I know how to get in touch with someone emotionally as well as how to gain their trust. Being a social person, I come across a lot of personality types and I am very observant and tedious in terms of mentally organizing what it takes to motivate each type. I cannot wait to harness this power within a work setting and use it to my fullest ability. I believe this skill in combination with Enterprise Control will give me the ability to tactfully foster relationships and friendships that will benefit me in the workplace.
My Top Values

Health
Wealth
Family
Health

Health is a very important value for me because I would like to do a lot of things in my lifetime and I do not want my health to come in the way of that. That is why I currently workout regularly and eat healthy food on a daily basis. I also believe that eating healthy keeps your brain healthy and a healthy brain is productive. I do not want to go about every single day having to eat vitamins and minerals just because I lived a reckless life when I was younger and did not take care of my mind and body.

Living a life in which doing day to day activities becomes a burden on me physically, is not one I want to live which is why health is a crucial value for me. Having the ability to play with my children and not have health as a physical impediment at all, is what I am striving for.
Wealth

Wealth is a very significant value for me because financial freedom is something that I strive towards. A lot of the things that give me happiness are very expensive, so having a limited bank account is not going to let me live my life out to my fullest extent. I am not a forgetful person. I know that I will live a life of regret if I do not achieve the goals that I want to achieve. That is why I made wealth a top value for me because I do not want any impediments on the road to my ultimate happiness. In addition, not having money is truly the root of all evil.

I strongly believe that I have the potential to make a decent amount of money in the future to enable me to do the things that I want to do without worrying about my funds.
Family

Having someone who loves you unconditionally and through thick and thin is something that I am looking forwards to in my life. I think someone who believes in me and wants me to do the best in life is someone who I can ask for feedback on some ideas that I want to implement within my career or job. As the great Dean Sinatra said, *you’re nobody till somebody loves you.*

A lot of my happiness is outside of my internal focus. This means that I always derive my happiness from things outside of me. I know that having a family will make me so happy knowing that there are little people in the world that love me and came from me. Also, knowing that I am part of something that is bigger than me will humble me and make me strive towards becoming a better person and set out to do better for all those around me. Understanding that life does not revolve around just you is the first step in making a positive impact in your community.
Expressive
Is the first trait that I got in my personality test. I strongly believe that I am expressive because I always let my opinions be known in any scenario. Relating to that, I also believe that I am an extrovert. I love talking to people and meeting new people. I find some of the best relationships and good times come from a simple group of friends. I love going out and doing things. Being cooped up at home is such a bore and is borderline a chore for me. I think finding a career that allows me to talk to people and explore new places is one that will suit this characteristic type of mine. I think working with people and expressing yourself and your ideas to them is the road to take to maximize communication which will effectively streamline the road to the goal.

Observant
I truly pride myself on being observant in a twofold manner. I am observant of personalities in a person and I am also detail oriented in terms of projects and presentations. I can pinpoint characteristics of a person through a 15 minute dialogue with them. I create a mental map of what this person is like, what I assume they like and dislike, and how to appease them. But, I think my observancy skills may come more in handy while being utilized on people to foster relationships, rather than on details for a project. Since being detail-oriented on a project is one of my primary skills, I believe I am rather adept at it than most. Usually, my presentations have always gotten remarks back on how good they look. I pride myself on the aesthetic that anything I put my hands upon has. Since the look of things is usually what people see first, I think that has to be a significant task along with the content of the project or presentation.

Tough-Minded
Out of all my friends, I know I am the most tough minded. Whenever it comes to making hard decisions for the group, I am always the one that has the rationale to make it without letting my emotions get in the way. I think I am tough-minded because my parents raised me with an attitude of you need to do what you need to do regardless. I think this mindset permeated throughout my mind while I was young and now has a significant impact on all the decisions I make. I look more for merit rather than personality, more objective than subjective. And this characteristic of mine, I think, will help me make powerful and smart business decisions within the corporate workplace.

Scheduled
Although my mind wanders sometimes, my train of thought is always scheduled and follows logical steps. I have never liked those type of people who cannot keep their mind on subject and keep switching from topic to topic. I think those with a focused mind have the world for their conquering. I use my scheduled mind skill to follow step by step for any decision I make. How is action A going to affect me and how will I react then what can I do to reach goal A by not wasting my energy. Although this is a rather vague train of thought, I think the example is set as to how thoughts are formed in my head and how I decide things. I think this is another valuable skill of mine because I always like to know how my actions will affect things that are not in the immediate scope of me. In addition, a scheduled mind makes it easier to keep track of duties and responsibilities which is another very important skill for the workplace.
Finance
The lifeblood of the finance industry. Many students major in this to become investment bankers and hedge fund managers but come out of the other end as a bank loan officer. This major delivers the general understanding of financial data, some accounting skills, and a whole lot of potential.

Information Systems
The field that was once branded for geeks has made a meteoric rise back into one of the top majors. Since most to all industries are using data systems to either streamline efficiencies within the organization or to predict markets, this major has skyrocketed into importance since companies are in desperate need of creating more efficient data systems.

Technology Management
The major whose job it is to replace jobs. This major gives the adept knowledge of technology and how to properly implement it within an organization in order to increase efficiency. A thorough understanding of technology and its purposes is needed in order to dutifully execute a job in this field.

(soon to be replaced by an AI program)
I think finance is a solid major choice for me because I love money. I love knowing how it circulates around the world, how people make more, the smell of it, and how to manage it properly. In addition to that, the fields that require a finance major are also ideal jobs for me since they deal with my aforementioned factuations with money. I think my personality type is also ripe for a finance career because I love working hard. I love having to do something 24/7. If I have nothing imminent to do, then I just skulk around my room or watch Netflix. But having a job that is demanding and wants every drip of my energy is going to be quite an experience for me.

The average KSB Finance major has a starting salary of $64k a year. Kelley also provides wonderful opportunities to find internships through their website KelleyConnect and the numerous job fairs they have throughout the entire year. The student groups that pertain to this major and future career prospects, I am already a part of. Private Equity, Growth Equity, and Investment Banking club are just a few that I am a regular member of in which I learn stuff in every meeting.

Financial Analyst:

A career as a financial analyst would be interesting to me since I would enjoy researching market values and investment devices to see what would fit the exact needs of my firm or client. Although being a junior financial analyst would demand roughly 100 hours a week of work from me, I think I would enjoy the workload as long as the financial rewards are lump sum. The upward mobility of this job is also clear since you can move up to Managing Partner and then VP and hopefully CFO.

Financial Consultant

A financial consultant varies from a financial analyst not by the nature of the work but rather the clientele. An analyst works for a company engaging in only that company's financials. A consultant, on the other hand, is hired by a client and paid on the hourly basis for financial advice. They might also have several clients who have different types of problems that they need guidance with. I think I would enjoy this job because I would get to meet with people and talk to them about the issues they are having and how I could help them. I love offering guidance since I am a Guardian, and especially helping people in a financial way keeps me interested since we are still dealing with money.
I think Information Systems would be another ace choice of a major for me since I am technologically adept. Although, I cannot write programs and such, with some time to learn, I can utilize them to their full degree and make sure they are implemented efficiently. Since I am such a technology geek, using the programs that are the first in their field to do something new and interesting in technology will be such a thrill for me. I love being in the forefront of new technology. Another reason that I think IS would be a good major for me is because I could learn about how to integrate technology into business strategies to advance my organization. Wielding this almost super power called data analytics, I could predict the future using the past.

The average KSB Information Systems major has a starting salary of $63k. The way to find an internship in this arena, if possible at such a young age, would be to contact some firms and try for an interview. Pertaining to this major, I am part of the Coding Club and have taken Informatics classes recently which have piqued my interest for this major and is making me reconsider what my minor should be.

IT Consultant

Being an IT consultant would also be such an interesting job for me. I would get to combine using technology along with interacting with people and helping them, which are a few of my favorite things. I would generally consult for individuals who are trying to improve their business process by implementing information systems. Another aspect that I would find really fun would be that software programmers would send me some of their newest software and I would get to try it out and recommend it to client’s if I think it would help.

Data Analyst

A career choice that I would be really interested in is being a Data Analyst. What they do is look at sets of data and try to extrapolate into the future what that data is going to look like OR try to configure what that data means currently. DA’s are often employed in all industries to analyze data in order to make business decisions upon what further action should be based upon the previous. Analyzing data can also help businesses discover information that can be useful in ongoing business processes. A lot of weight and importance is being given to data analysts since the significance of data is being discovered. I think I can fit that role pretty well since I genuinely enjoy pattern seeking and technology.
As I was doing more and more research upon the Technology Management major, I found only a few jobs with relating to this major would be right for me. I find jobs on the software side are more interesting to me than jobs on the hardware side and a lot of tech management jobs are hands on and generally blue collar. But, technology management is interesting regardless since it deals with the different types of technology that can be implemented within a work place in order to improve inefficiencies. The skill that comes behind having to plan, design, and then optimize an information system interests me very much since I am interested in creativity. Also since it combines the business strategies part as well, it combines another part that I am interested in. This would also be a very interesting major to have.

The average starting salary of a Technology Management major is $57k. Kelley provides this as a co-major which would be beneficial alongside an accounting or finance major. The benefits of this major would be that it prepares one for the technological aspect of the business world.
Thanks!

Any questions?

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