BCLC Alumni Highlight
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What was your involvement within the BCLC?

I served as co-social committee director during my sophomore year. This committee was important to us because it expanded our knowledge in dealing with interpersonal relationships. I always felt that was a necessary component for my growth, and by leading in this way, I was able to empathize and connect with people on a higher level. Through my hands-on involvement in the community my second year, I found that I wanted to give back in a more extensive way, so I applied to be an RA, and I represented the BCLC in a different capacity my junior year.
What did you like about your position as an RA?

I enjoyed being a face that represented the leadership team in the community because it made me feel like I had a purpose and allowed me to impact other people in an even more significant way. The most rewarding aspect of that job, though, was that I learned more from my residents than they did from me.
I am currently an assurance associate in the alternative investments sector at PricewaterhouseCoopers, which means I perform auditing work for various hedge funds and private equity firms. In the summer of 2017, I interned in PwC's New York City office in their Banking and Capital Markets sector. What I valued about interning was getting first-hand experience in a profession I otherwise didn't know much about. What you learn in your classes is extremely important, but I found that my understanding of this industry didn't develop until I had exposure to the work. Your academic achievements help you earn the position, but your ability to uphold the specific values set in place in a company shows a commitment to something greater than yourself.
How has the BCLC helped you prepare for your career?

Between the professional development seminars, resume-building workshops, mock interview opportunities, and meet-and-greet events with employers and experienced executives, the BCLC provides you with many resources that ultimately contribute to your professional advancement. The BCLC motivated me to be the best student and version of myself I could be. When you are surrounded by other driven, hard-working students, it makes you want to be better.
How has the BCLC helped you prepare for your career? (continued)

The community fosters a highly collaborative environment, where you can build off of other people and the resources from within to excel academically and professionally, while also reaping the social benefits of living with over 100 other like-minded peers. As I reflect back, I feel fortunate to have been a part of a community that encouraged me to step outside my comfort zone, set academic challenges for myself, and diversify my network by creating connections with different groups of people.
How has the BCLC helped you prepare for your career? (continued)

The BCLC gives you a platform to pursue just about any interest you may have, which truly differentiates the community from others on campus. If you take advantage of what it has to offer, your growth as a student, peer, and leader will be exponential. It set an important precedent for my time at UConn, and I gained lifelong friendships, useful leadership skills, and invaluable mentorship experience because of it.

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