BCLC Alumni Highlight
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Recently accepted into the Student Managed Fund (SMF) at UConn
What was your involvement in the BCLC?

I lived in the BCLC for two years and absolutely loved it! My sophomore year, I was appointed as Co-Head of the Social Committee. In this position, I helped organize events throughout the year in order for BCLC students to network and gain valuable business skills while having fun! My focus was to create an inclusive environment in the Learning Community using my leadership position.
What is the Student Managed Fund?

The Student Managed Fund (SMF) is a competitive program where two teams of students manage and invest the UConn Foundation's money. It provides students with a hands-on experience to gain valuable investment skills -- and with REAL money! We have mentors that help us throughout this process.

Additionally, students must take two SMF focused finance classes (one in the Fall and the other one in the Spring) to gain valuable technical skills to help us invest and stock pitch in the program.
How did the BCLC prepare you for the Student Managed Fund program?

The BCLC has definitely helped me not only to get into this program, but has positively impacted every business aspect of my college career. The opportunities offered by the BCLC has strengthened my soft skills such has communication, networking, organization, and time management. Thanks to the BCLC, I have grown and came out of my shell. I am no longer afraid to chase after the difficult positions that I once wouldn't dare to apply for!