

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Jared grew up in Jasper, Indiana and attended Indiana University where he graduated from the Kelley School of Business in 2014 with majors in Finance and Economic Consulting. After graduating, he moved to Indianapolis in search of a buy side equity analyst role. Little did he know, it would be like finding a needle in haystack. However, he did end up landing such a role with Old National Bank and is extremely grateful for those who helped him land said position as it has allowed him to get to where he is today in his career. After spending 7 years in the public equity world split between Old National and Goelzer Investment Management, he recently took a new role with a family office with heavy hands-on private equity operations. In his free time, he enjoys multiple avenues of physical fitness and listening to Audible books about self-improvement, human sociology/psychology, and business/investing.

What made you make the recent transition toward the private equity world?

A dream job for a 28 year old entrepreneurially minded person who is passionate about investing. With the opportunity to work alongside a man who had spent 10 years building and buying a significant portfolio of private companies, I felt this would basically be a real world MBA experience where I could acquire a mentor who would teach me the ropes. Both small town Indiana boys with similar views on life and investing, it was a great match and something I could not turn down. I was also super excited about finding something that was a little more fast paced in a more entrepreneurial environment.

What personal experience has had a major impact on you?

This experience is connected to my new role and the hardest thing I have ever dealt with in my life. Just three months into my new role, I received a phone call on a Saturday afternoon telling me my boss had tragically passed away just a few hours earlier. He was only 42 with a wife and two kids. The next week was easily the worst week of my life as I have been lucky not to have lost anyone close to me in my life previously. It was a wakeup call for me on many fronts and made me aware of the more important things in life. I am forever grateful for the opportunity Jeff gave me and him seeing the potential in me to bring me into his inner circle. He was a great man, and I will always try to live up to the way he lived his life. RIP Jeff.

What are you passionate about?

I enjoy building things and making ideas come to life. I initially went to IU with the intent of graduating with an Entrepreneurship major as growing up I always wanted to become an entrepreneur. In recent years, I have filled my entrepreneurial void through my board involvement with Young Professionals of Central Indiana (YPCI) and the CFA Society of Indianapolis. Some of my favorite life moments have come through operating these organizations and making forward thinking, high bar ideas and events come to life.

What are people most surprised to learn about you?

People that didn't know me as a teenager don't know I was a big introvert and overweight at one point in my life. I always laugh when I meet people and I have to correct their assumed connotations about me. I still remember the exact day I decided to change my life for the better. One day of senior year in high school, they took our measurements and the scale said 200lbs. While I was always in sports growing up, I never took my health and diet seriously. It changed that day and I never looked back. The life lessons from this journey of structure, process, and discipline have carried over to my career.

Why did you get your CFA charter?

I started studying for the CFA exams my senior year at IU as I thought it would be a great way to show my determination to entering the investment world. It paid off quite quickly as it helped me land my first job and continues to pay dividends in my career to this day. The CFA program is intellectually challenging no doubt, but I truly believe its big test is that of sacrifice, hard work, and determination. I will never forget those Indy 500 Sundays where I was at home studying while my friends were in turn 3 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway living life.