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EDUCATION

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, IL

Bachelor of Science in Business

Expected April 2026

Major in Accountancy

- GPA 3.7/3.8
- CPA Eligible: April 2026

Deans List: All quarters in attendance

EXPERIENCE

SAFER FOUNDATION | CHICAGO, IL

Accounting Intern

April 2024 – September 2024

- Collaborated with accounting team and communicated findings effectively during budget preparation, aiding in timely financial reporting.
- Performed backdated bank reconciliations across 6+ accounts spanning 8+ year backlog of records in preparation for audit
- Detected dozens of fraudulent withdrawals and check duplications using forensic methods, allowing the fraudulent actors to be flagged and demonstrating strong attention to detail
- Presented findings on fraudulent activities to supervisors, demonstrating strong written and verbal communication skills.

CHILLTON SERVICES | CHICAGO, IL

Founder and Sole Operator, Trial Tech Consulting

September 2022 – April 2024

- Started a small business taking advantage of the resurrection of cases and trials backlogged during COVID to assist trial attorneys with their court room technology needs
- Maintained financial records for small service business using Excel and Xero accounting software to ensure compliance and accuracy
- Established and maintained website and internal controls and managed billing, budgeting and accounts payable to facilitate a smooth-running business and ensure efficiency
- Communicated service offerings and project status updates to clients, ensuring expectations were met and maintained client satisfaction

NOLAN LAW GROUP | CHICAGO, IL

Administrative Assistant

October 2019 – October 2022

- Created and implemented SOPs and controls in security and data cataloging protocols to ensure consistency and safety throughout 180+ client digital records and record logs
- Conducted background checks and supervised paralegals doing 40+ background checks relevant to cases in order to provide attorneys with critical knowledge and perspective used during opening and closing arguments
- Designed, deployed, coordinated and maintained courtroom AV systems in collaboration with assigned attorneys for use during trials to display evidence and allow testimony from remote witnesses, demonstrating problem solving skills and quick thinking

HOME DEPOT | NORTHBROOK, IL

Lot Associate

Winter 2018

- Maintained a safe and organized lot by clearing carts and restocking specialty equipment in designated aisles, assisted customers with loading of large and heavy purchases, and earned Employee of the Month in both the penultimate and final month for reliability and diligence.

GREEN BAY CYCLES | WINNETKA, IL

Bike Mechanic Intern

Spring 2018

- Prepared bicycles for tune-ups by cleaning frames and drivetrains, assisted with tube replacements, gear alignment, and relubrication, and organized inventory and customer pickups to ensure an efficient, well-maintained shop environment.

CERTIFICATIONS

THE AI-DRIVEN ACCOUNTANT

LinkedIn Learning

June 2025

- Completed training course, learning how to effectively utilize AI tools within the accounting profession to streamline tasks and increase operations efficiency in order to increase my value within the accounting field and continue to learn and adapt as a professional

EXCEL ESSENTIAL TRAINING

LinkedIn Learning

January 2025

- Completed training course, gaining proficiency in formulas, functions, pivot tables, and data visualization tools to enhance data analysis and reporting capabilities.

PYTHON DATA STRUCTURES

University of Michigan

January 2025

- Completed training course, gaining a foundational understanding of fundamental programming principles with applications in data organization, automation, and accounting workflows, while laying groundwork for continued programming education.

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENTS

KPMG DEPAUL CASE COMPETITION 2025

- Lead my team in analyzing weaknesses in corporate financials and strategy to prepare presentation explaining our findings and recommending a more optimal course of action
- Connected with fellow undergraduate and graduate students, alumni and accounting professionals during social and networking portions of the event expanding my network within the accounting community

AFFILIATIONS

DEPAUL ACCOUNTING CLUB

Student Member

- Attended professional workshops, networking events, and career panels in connection with accounting alumni network (Ledger and Quill) to expand industry knowledge, connect with professionals, and explore accounting career paths.

AICPA

Student Member

- Utilized learning tools and publications to deepen understanding of national accounting standards, ethics guidance, and CPA exam preparation resources.

ILLINOIS CPA SOCIETY

Student Member

- Participated in student programs to build professional connections and gain insight into local industry practices, career pathways, and emerging issues in accounting.

SKILLS

Technology Skills: Proficient with Word, Excel (PivotTables, VLOOKUP, etc.), PowerPoint, Python, QuickBooks, and Xero

Communication Skills: Strong written and verbal communication; client relations; team collaboration; technical presentation