

Matt Kulka '10



Hometown
Mercer, PA

Current Residence
Greensburg, PA

Employer
Gary W. Breckley Associates, Inc.

Title
Staff Accountant

Previous Employer/Title
Kenneth C. Marley, CPA/Intern

Thoughts and Advice

"Thiel really does a fantastic job preparing you for what you will find out in the accounting world. If you attend class regularly, ask questions when confused, and stay diligent to your studies, you will be prepared for life beyond college. I love working in the public accounting field! I don't plan on staying in it for my whole career as I'm using it as a gateway into the corporate world. For anyone looking to get into the accounting field, I highly recommend starting out in public."

Allison Wynn '09



Hometown
East Liverpool, OH

Current Residence
Alexandria, VA

Employer
Department of Defense

Title
Auditor

Volunteer or Other Interests

Member of Association of Government Auditors, involved in Westminster Presbyterian Church

Thoughts and Advice

"Trust your instincts, work hard, always do what you feel is right and you will be successful."

Jacqlyn Belsito '11



Hometown
Bedford, OH

Current Residence
Pittsburgh, PA

Employer
Sisterson and Co., LLP

Title
General Accountant

Volunteer or Other Interests
Softball

Thoughts and Advice

"Take as many accounting classes as you can even if they are not all required to fulfill your major requirements and attend the accounting consortium both your junior and senior year!"

Victoria Woodward '11



Hometown
Buxton, Maine

Current Residence
Pittsburgh, PA

Employer
Grossman Yanak &
Ford

Title
Staff Accountant

Previous Employers/Titles

General Dynamics; Procurement Intern
Werner Ladder; Supply Chain Co-Op

Volunteer or Other Interests

Soccer, mission trips, and travelling

Thoughts and Advice

"My advice is to make you as unique and dynamic as possible. Go for each and every opportunity. Whether it's multiple internships in different areas, countries or states (and they don't have to be in just accounting,) study abroad, mission trips or volunteering. Stretch yourself and try and have as many experiences as possible to put on your resume. Employers ask most of their questions about those unique experiences that make you different from anyone else. Thiel offers a lot of opportunities in all of those areas, but the responsibility rests on your shoulders to take advantage of it."

Meghan Freidrich '05



Hometown
Jefferson, OH

Current Residence
Lakewood, PA

Volunteer or Other Interests
Pursuing an MBA in Management at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio

Employer

National Interstate Corp.

Title

Accounting Supervisor

Previous Employers/Titles

Deloitte/Senior Auditor

Scott Fetzer/Senior Internal Auditor

Thoughts and Advice

"Principles of Accounting was the most important class I took at Thiel in terms of my career. With this class, Thiel provided me with the foundation I needed to become a successful accounting professional. I have used concepts I learned from Principles of Accounting every day of my career. Every single day!"

Xiaodan "Elaine" Tang '09



Hometown
Suzhou, China

Current Residence
Slippery Rock, PA

Employer

Stillwaggon & McGill, LLC

Title

Staff Accountant

Thoughts and Advice

"It is always a good idea to have experience in different areas of accounting. Once you start a career, you will find it is so different from area to area under the big accounting family. I recommend talking to people in different accounting areas, or you could try to get internships in different areas. Then, you could pick one you like best."

Jill Harry '10



Hometown

Hopewell
Township, PA

Current Residence

Moon Township, PA

Volunteer or Other Interests

LINKS Community
Service Chair,
American Heart
Walk Team Captain

Employer

Bayer Corporation

Title

Financial Analyst I

Previous Employers/Titles

UPMC/Financial Analyst I

Thoughts and Advice

“Be open to change. I always thought I would work in public accounting once I graduated, but instead I got a position working in the finance department of a truly global company. I LOVE it—I constantly get to be involved with so many different projects and meet many different people because of it. Take advantage of all opportunities you have—you never know where you will end up because of it. ”

Matt Stimac '10

Hometown

East Brady, PA

Current Residence

East Brady, PA

Employer

Diehl Accounting and Financial Services

Title

Staff Accountant

Volunteer or Other Interests:

VITA and EHLF Volunteer

Thoughts and Advice

Be yourself in an interview: you will have some bad interviews that do not go well, but when you finally have that one good interview, it will probably be because the company is a good fit for you. Also, don't take anything for granted; Despite what some people think, you are not entitled to a job or a certain salary, you have to earn them. When you get the opportunity, do MORE than what is expected of you, and you will reap the rewards later.”