



Alumnus of the Month

Name: Matthew Faulkner

Nationality: American

Schools/Universities you studied at: Universitat de Valencia & University of North Carolina Wilmington

Year of Completion: 2013

Specialisation: International Finance

Job Title: Ph.D. Student/Research Assistant

Employer: Florida Atlantic University

Location: Boca Raton, FL

What you liked about the Schools/Universities you studied at?

Valencia, as a city, offered incredible amenities such as the beach, a grand city centre, and the modern city of the Arts and Sciences. As a university, we studied in one of the newest buildings on the campus and the professors were attentive to assisting students both inside and outside of the classroom. My favourite part of the experience was learning in an environment where I was also learning and experiencing new culture, new traditions, and new foods of Spain. Wilmington is a University that I had studied at for 2 degrees prior to the IMBA. For many of the same reasons as in Spain, I like Wilmington for the beautiful campus, historic downtown, and the beaches. I have always admired the enthusiasm of the professors and the passion they put into wanting students to learn; I felt the same way when I was sitting in class and while working on my thesis during the IMBA program.

What you do in your job?

Currently, I have just completed my first semester pursuing my Ph.D. in finance. Therefore, I still attend classes and do lots of schoolwork. I work as a research assistant to a professor researching corporate finance, specifically, social networks of executives. Furthermore, I paint and play music as a hobby.

Whom you would like to connect with in the Alumni Network?

Anyone and everyone pursuing or graduated with the IMBA. I have always appreciated the friendships I have created with other students from around the world. Learning about places and people never gets old for me. I don't have any specific persons whom I would like to connect with, but I would love to connect with anyone interested in what I am pursuing as a Ph.D. student, the field of finance, or anyone that wants to grab lunch if visiting the South Florida/Miami area.

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