

## INTERVIEW WITH JAMES CAFIERO, FEI NYC INTERN

By Matthew Cooley

### **James, what are your career ambitions and how are you preparing for them?**

My highest aspirations are to work for a business consulting firm as an Investment advisor. In college, I created the Investment Club which has a portfolio over \$10,000. Students pitch stocks that are presented using data and why each company could be a successful investment. The Investment Club has been on multiple field trips including: the New York Stock Exchange, Museum of Finance and the Federal Reserve. These experiences gave us an insight into the world of investing that most students don't receive in college. I am also an entrepreneur and created my own minor (Entrepreneurship) at Saint Francis College. This experience will assist me one day in taking over my Dad's business.

### **What broad questions are on your mind as you think about your career ahead?**

The job market is very competitive and my biggest concern is how to diversify and position myself as the ideal candidate. What are the most looked for qualifications when applying for jobs? How can I improve and become that ideal candidate?

### **What interested you about the intern role at FEI NYC?**

The networking opportunities. Being able to network with so many high-level executives will further my knowledge of finance and investing.

### **What should senior financial executives think about today when hiring new college grads into their companies?**

What value have they added through their past work experience or college? Have those candidates added to the overall objectives of their past organizations? And then there's Excel. In a generation in which almost all businesses depend heavily on technology, one of the biggest skills a new grad can have is Excel.

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