

Jalen Gray

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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign

Anticipated Graduation - August 2025

Graduate Certificate Degree in Computing Fundamentals

Grainger College of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Finance *with Honors*

May 2023

Gies College of Business

Professional Certifications

Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate

May 2024

- Experienced in data exploration and manipulation using Excel, SQL, Python, R, Tableau, and other tools.

Professional Experience

Amazon.com, Inc.

August 2023 – Present

Finance Rotational Analyst, Middle Mile Product and Tech

Seattle, WA

- Provide deep levels of financial analysis on \$6bn in Middle Mile transportation costs across multiple products and programs totaling 7% of Amazon shipping expense
- Collaborate closely with optimization teams to develop financially frugal business strategy while enhancing both customer and seller experiences.

Finance Rotational Analyst, Global Engineering Services

- Owned financial analysis of employee expenses across 15 teams totaling 1,700+ corporate engineers, providing insights to leadership for informed decision making on financial controllership within their teams.
- Processed historical for use in regression analysis to build FY24 financial forecasts totaling \$40mm for three engineering teams. Each plan forecasted within +/- 3% of Q1 2024 actual operating expense.

OCA Ventures

September 2022 – December 2022

Associate Intern

Chicago, IL

- Conducted thorough due diligence on potential investments in early-stage technology businesses by analyzing market trends, financial data, and competitive landscapes aiding in investment decision making for an \$85mm fund.
- Collaborated with the investment team to research target companies, creating detailed reports and delivering findings to facilitate informed investment decisions.

Deutsche Bank

June 2022 – August 2022

Investment Banking Analyst, Leveraged Finance

New York, NY

- Performed sell-side credit analysis and prepared investor materials on an industry-leading company used in support of a \$300mm asset-based lending transaction.
- Analyzed a company's cash flows to advise appropriate debt capacity and optimal capital structure for a private company in a \$2bn leveraged buyout agreement.

Ernst & Young

June 2021 – August 2021

Launch Intern

Atlanta, GA

- Supported an internal audit team in testing financial controls to ensure the firm's industry-leading clients remained in compliance with the Security Exchange Commission.
- Performed independent control tests on an external audit team used in assurance reporting of Q2 2021 financial results for multiple Fortune 500 clients.

Leadership Experience

Black Business Network @ UIUC

May 2021 – May 2022

Vice President

Champaign, IL

- Co-led the creation of the only black student organization in the college of business, drafting the mission statement, constitution, and filing for official campus recognition
- Developed and led professional development workshops, focusing on soft and technical skills, which empowered underrepresented students to secure internships and full-time positions in corporate roles at an 80% placement rate.