

Preston Barnes

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration, May 2025

The University of Alabama, Culverhouse College of Business, Tuscaloosa, AL

Major: Finance, Specialization: Real Estate

GPA: 3.95

Dean's List, President's List, University Honors College

COURSE WORK EXPERIENCE

Intro to Accounting: Studied accounting and financial reporting concepts in financial decisions

Business Finance: Established framework for making financing, investing, and dividend decisions

WORK EXPERIENCE

American Discovery Capital, Los Angeles, CA

Investment Banking Summer Analyst, June 2022 - August 2022

- Completed in-depth industry research on the radar and sensor industries to identify attractive niche markets for potential leveraged buyout transactions
- Reviewed confidential information memorandums (CIMs) and drafted detailed write-ups summarizing key business strengths and areas for further diligence with respect to specific investment opportunities
- Shadowed current private equity associates and studied diligence materials from prior deals to understand American Discovery Capital's investment approach and value creation strategies
- Focused on Financial Analysis, Financial Modeling, S&P Capital IQ, and Market Research

Golden Bull Restaurant, Santa Monica, CA

Busser, Summer 2021

- Assisted in opening duties at the restaurant, cleared tables, assisted servers with delivering food and drinks to guests
- Responded to needs of guests by assisting with their needs and answering their questions
- Performed closing duty operations on evening shifts.

LEADERSHIP

B4KIDZ, Los Angeles, CA

Co-Founder, September 2017 - Present

- Co-Founded a nonprofit organization to help and support orphans at Casa Hogar Sion in Tijuana, Mexico
- Actively coordinate a trip to the orphanage twice per year (Christmas and Easter) involving a group of 100+ people
- Lead fundraising efforts to buy Christmas gifts and new improvements for the orphanage; successfully raised over \$15,000 to remodel the kitchen in 2020
- Find and pair mentors for each orphan and lead efforts to provide care packages with individualized basic necessities

Harlem Lacrosse of Los Angeles Volunteer Coach, Los Angeles, CA

Assistant Coach, June 2017 – August 2019

- Assisted in coaching and teaching students from Harlem, California to help them learn the game of lacrosse
- Lead practices and skill focused drills to improve their skills, while making relationships
- Organized lunches and meals off the field to grow closer relationships with the children and get to know them on a personal level

ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, HONORS

Member: Culverhouse Connections, Pi Kappa Alpha, UA Real Estate Club

Service: Al's Pals, Be Positive Foundation, B4KIDZ, Soldiers' Angels', Westside Food Bank

Honors: Academic Merit Scholarship, Honors College Recipient

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Skills: Strong Communicator and People Skills, Effective Leader, Tech Savvy, Excellent Time Management, Efficient with Microsoft Excel