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Profile: I am a current senior at the University of Alabama majoring in General Business with a minor in Real Estate. I plan on graduating in the Fall of 2021 and have aspirations of starting a job in the commercial real estate industry after graduation. The University of Alabama has provided me with a variety of 300 and 400 level classes to help me grow more knowledge about the real estate industry. After I finish up my real estate classes in the fall, I plan on taking the exam so I can pursue getting my real estate license.

Work Experience:

- **Almond Grower and Harvester:** I am originally from the central valley of California from a town called Fresno. Throughout all of high school and the first two years of college, I spent a lot of time working on our almond farm. We farm on about 500 acres of land and provide almonds for Blue Diamond Growers.
- **Residential Development:** Along with farming almonds, my family does a lot of residential and government housing development. I spent a lot of time out on the housing sites and would spend a lot of time in the office helping my dad with papers involving the developments.
- **Shadowing Tenant Representatives:** I have been fortunate enough to meet and develop a great relationship with a couple of tenant representatives in Birmingham, Alabama over the past couple of months. I have been able to shadow them and see what they do on a daily basis.

Community:

- **Co-Founder of My Brother's Locker:** I co-founded this charity with my two brothers in response to our classmates at our Title 1 elementary school not having the basic equipment and clothing to compete in their sport. I gather new and gently used sports equipment and clothing, clean it up, and then redistribute it to teams and athletes in need in my community.
- **Children's Miracle Network Valley Children's Hospital Volunteer 2012-2017:** I was chosen by women in leadership from our community to be an assistant to the co-chairs of this event that raises money for our local children's hospital. It is the biggest fundraiser for Valley Children's Hospital and my duties include set up for the 850 guests, escorting our elderly guests to find their tables, live auction spotter, silent auction

close-out runner, hospitality booth, and then tearing down the tables, chairs, auctions, and outdoor tents after the event is over.

- **Sigma Chi Fraternity:** I am a current member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at The University of Alabama and I have been on the executive board for our fraternity for the past three years. At the start of my freshman year, I was the Pledge Class President of the largest pledge class to ever be initiated at The University of Alabama, 63 total initiates. During my sophomore year, I was the assistant Pledge Trainer. The start of my junior year, I was the official Pledge Trainer and ended up being the first one in our chapter's history to lead a successful pledgeship program. A successful pledgeship means that I didn't have to remove anyone from the pledge program because of their actions that would have harmed our fraternity and its reputation.

Other:

- **Member of The Culverhouse Real Estate Society**
- **Member of Alabama Fly Fishing Club**
- **Member of Ducks Unlimited University of Alabama Chapter**
- **Member of California Waterfowl Association**