January 2016 Summary

The DFE Finance Boot Camp was held over three days this January, the 10th—12th. As in years past, we hosted an educational portion, in which juniors learned the essentials of accounting, corporate valuation, global financial markets, and creating a stock pitch; as well as a networking portion, which allowed the students one-on-one interaction with bank representatives. Due to acceleration in the recruiting calendar—many firms made internship offers during the fall 2015 semester instead of waiting until the spring—we had fewer participants, but the 29 students who joined us gave excellent feedback. The bank representatives also expressed that the time they spent with the students was worthwhile. We look forward to hearing from the students about their success with firms still recruiting this spring.

Selected firms that hired 2015 Boot Campers as summer interns:

- AIG
- Apollo
- Barclays
- Bank of America
- Merrill Lynch
- BlackRock
- Citi
- Credit Suisse
- Deutsche Bank
- Glencore
- Goldman Sachs
- Jefferies
- J.P. Morgan
- McKinsey
- Morgan Stanley
- RBC
- Susquehanna

The New Boot Camp Experience

Anticipating that the shift to fall recruiting will be the new paradigm, the DFE is adapting the way training and networking will be offered to students interested in finance internships.

Going forward, John Caccavale and Emma Rasiel will teach a half-credit course for sophomores in the spring called Practical Finance. This course will provide in-depth training in all of the topics covered in the traditional educational portion of Boot Camp, while also incorporating guest speakers, résumé advising, and interview preparation. Additionally, the DFE will hold a three-day Networking Boot Camp in May, immediately following the end of the semester. Sponsoring firms will be invited to meet with the students in one-on-one and workshop formats.

John and Emma are offering Practical Finance this spring and have 150 sophomores enrolled. The new Networking Boot Camp is scheduled for May 9—11, 2016. The DFE will connect with firms in the weeks ahead to fill sponsorship slots for the program.

As always, the DFE strives to serve students' needs on their path to successful finance careers. We hope these new developments will continue to give Duke students an edge in an ever-evolving industry.

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