

Evan Liao - AAYP Scholarship Presentation

Agenda



Career Goals



Why Accounting



Experiences

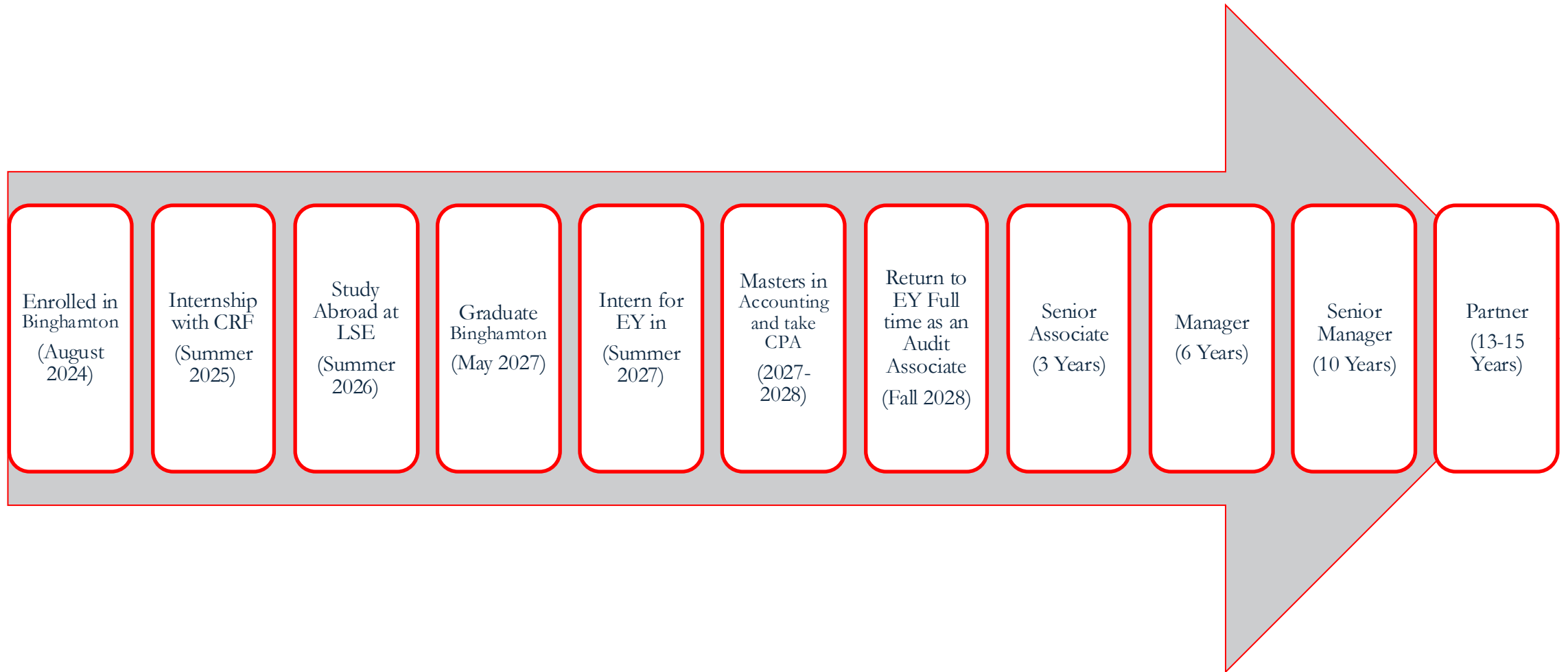


Leadership and Growth



Future Outlook

Career Goals



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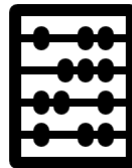
Interests/Strengths

- Enjoy structured problem-solving and logical analysis
- Value precision, consistency, and attention to detail
- Prefer work with clear standards and measurable outcomes



Audit Specific

- Creates exposure to financial statements across multiple industries
- Builds a broad, technical, and analytical foundation that prepares for a wide range of roles beyond public accounting



Career Opportunities

- Offers diverse career paths and many different exit opportunities across industries
- Provides strong professional development and advancement opportunities



Experience 1

NYS Comptroller Internship



Focus Areas



Classroom Work: Governmental Audit and Management focused



Experiential Learning: Worked with all 6 asset classes gaining a deep understanding

Background

Division: New York State Common Retirement Fund-Pension Investment and Cash Management

Role: Emerging Managers Intern

Duration: May 2025 - August 2025

Impact

Learn

Developed a strong interest for accounting, particularly audit



Soft Skills

Improved my public speaking, critical thinking, and professionalism



Capstone

Thesis and presentation on Private Equity V.S. Public Equity



Experience 2

Accounting and Finance Coursework

Intro to Accounting (A)

Financial Accounting (A)

Business Law (A)

Financial Management (A)

Business Statistics (A)

Awards



Impact

Understand

Developed ability to analyze company financial statements



Application

Applied this coursework to several case competitions



Giving Back

Now in the process of applying for mentor and TA roles



Leadership and Growth

Herricks Food Pantry

Position: Fundraiser Founder



Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Club

Position: Director of Finance



Financial Literacy for the Youth

Position: Vice President of Marketing



Impact

Experience

Developed leadership skills by working on real projects in teams



Soft Skills

Strengthened communication, professionalism and initiative



Service

Used leadership roles to create positive impact through service and community involvement



Future Outlook

EY Audit Intern



Short Term Goals



Gain hands on experience with audit work in a professional team setting



Gain exposure to international perspectives in accounting and finance



Build my framework in accounting and finance to help support a diverse career path

London School of Economics



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OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

Long Term Goals



Pursue my CPA to deepen my expertise on the industry standards



Building a strong foundation in accounting and finance to support future career flexibility



Continue to develop my professional skills within the business world

Thank You!

Questions?