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Alumni Panel Presentation and Discussion: Career planning - Navigating personal and professional priorities on the path to living your best life

Panelist Information:

Alexander Johnson, Legal Intern at Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Harvard Law School

Bio: Alex Johnson is currently a third-year student at Harvard Law School. He graduated from Creighton University in 2013 with degrees in accounting and finance. While at Creighton he served as president of his Beta Alpha Psi chapter. After graduation, he began his career at KPMG as an audit associate in Omaha, Nebraska. After his 3rd year at KPMG, he took a year-long leave of absence to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps NW, where he served as a social service coordinator in Portland, Oregon. Towards the end of that year, he came to the conclusion that his skills and interests would be better served by a career in law. He spent another year at KPMG while applying to law school and enrolled at Harvard in the Fall of 2018. While at Harvard he founded the Harvard Consumer Protection Law Students Association. He also completed internships in the consumer division of Legal Aid Chicago and the enforcement division of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. After graduation in 2021, he has accepted a position as an honors attorney for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Andy Kaestle, Case Team Leaders at Bain & Company

Bio: Andy has more than 10 years of professional services experience, advising senior executives across a broad spectrum of industries, with a focus on corporate and customer strategy, agile transformation, commercial diligence, and financial diligence. He is an enthusiastic father of two young children (William 4, Hannah <2) while balancing client-serving priorities as a Senior Manager at Bain & Company, where he leads teams (remotely) from his home office in New Hampshire. Andy was previously a Manager within EY’s transaction advisory services team and served as an international fellow with micro-lending non-profit Kiva Microfunds. Andy holds an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, bachelor’s degrees in both accounting and business from the University of San Diego, and holds several professional certifications, namely as an MBTI instructor, agile/scrum master and certified product owner, and CPA.
Emelissa Baluyot, Principal Sustainability Science & Innovation - WW Sustainability at Amazon

Bio: Emelissa leads the product strategy for Sustainability Science and Innovation at Amazon worldwide. Utilizing Amazon’s scale, speed and innovation, the team's focus is defining key environmental opportunities across all Amazon’s businesses globally. Her primary area of focus includes The Climate Pledge, a commitment to meet the Paris Agreement 10 years early and achieving Net Zero Carbon by 2040. She has led the engagement strategy for several Amazon businesses including AWS, Physical Stores, and Whole Foods Market by working backwards from carbon and circular economy goals and designs, inventing and implementing solutions to optimize operations and solving for current and future business challenges. Prior to joining the worldwide Sustainability team, Emelissa led international and device expansion for Prime Video on Echo devices and launched Amazon Prime Video’s first live sports event – Thursday Night Football.

Prior to Amazon, Emelissa was the senior manager leading global technical accounting policy at Aon where she managed the adoption of revenue recognition, lease accounting, and foreign currency reporting standards. She was responsible for training CFOs across the company on new accounting policies, operationalizing international reporting regulatory requirements, and consulting on new business development opportunities.

Prior to Aon, Emelissa held various roles at Motorola in financial planning and analysis and internal audit. She started her career in public accounting with Deloitte in Seattle serving marquee tech and retail clients. Emelissa holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, a Masters in Accounting from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Seattle University. She remains active at all three universities as a mentor and guest speaker.