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Wharton economics student with Technology Investment Banking experience on sell-side processes and divestitures, plus research and private equity work. Has led student boards and a venture group at Penn.

EXPERIENCE

Technology Investment Banking Summer Analyst May 2026 — Jul 2026
Houlihan Lokey *New York, NY*

Built a 50+ slide Confidential Information Memorandum for a \$500-700M EdTech sell-side process, covering subscriber growth, LTV/CAC, and retention across 6 customer cohorts. Designed a win-back funnel modeling reactivation rates across 6 churned-user segments for strategic and financial buyers. Supported carve-out diligence on a \$300-500M software divestiture from an AI-focused parent and found an 8% overstatement in recurring revenue caused by duplicated upsell tracking and overlapping ARR periods. Also built buyer research, trading comps, and a quarter-end market update covering 15+ software M&A deals.

Student Researcher Feb 2025 — Sep 2025
Wharton Management Department *Rome, Italy*

Ran 30 semi-structured interviews and a companion survey across 6 Italian cities on how banking relationships, financing constraints, and ownership transitions affect family-owned restaurants. Wrote a 35+ page paper using thematic and correlation analysis, identifying five drivers of long-term business resilience and offering recommendations to small-business lenders, local associations, and policymakers.

Private Equity Analyst Aug 2024 — Dec 2024
Lakeside Succession *Boston, Massachusetts, United States*

Built a pipeline of 50+ potential acquisition targets by sourcing and screening high-growth TPA companies. Evaluated investment opportunities using LBO valuations, financial statement analysis, competitive market assessments, and industry research.

Business Analyst Intern May 2024 — Jul 2024
J-Global, Inc. *Tokyo, Japan*

Cohort Director May 2024 — Present
Wharton Cohorts *Philadelphia, PA*

Led community-building for 60 freshmen with educational programming. Managed a \$1,500 budget and worked with 3 board members to plan and run 9 cohort-wide events. Ran monthly networking sessions connecting 500 freshmen with upperclassmen.

Board Member Aug 2023 — Present
Wharton Council *Philadelphia, PA*

One of 8 Class of 2027 representatives on the student board overseeing 55 clubs and 2,500 undergraduates. Served as direct liaison to administrators on the undergraduate co-curricular experience. Introduced a streamlined funding application process that cut approval times by 30%, helping clubs run 70 more events each semester.

Co-President Aug 2023 — Present
Wharton Undergraduate Venture Group *Philadelphia, PA*

Managed 5 consultants on data-driven analysis for a city cleaning service and delivered growth recommendations. Optimized dynamic pricing to lift margins 15%, adding \$500K annually with a 20% rise in customer participation. Sized a \$50M TAM across NYC, Chicago, and LA and proposed a phased entry plan projecting \$2M revenue in 18 months.

Summer Intern Jun 2021 — Jul 2021
Oliver James *Charlotte, North Carolina, United States*

Founder & CEO Aug 2019 — Aug 2023
MaedA+ Tutoring *Columbia, South Carolina, United States*

EDUCATION

Universidad Pontificia Comillas Jan 2026 — May 2026
Semester Abroad in Economics
Average Grade: 10/10

The Wharton School Jan 2023 — May 2027
Bachelor of Science - BS, Economics
Cumulative GPA 3.9/4.0. SAT: Math 800, Reading & Writing 780.

Dutch Fork High School Jan 2019 — Jan 2023

Activities and societies: Activities: FBLA (State VP), Beta Club (President), Varsity Tennis (Captain), Orchestra (Concertmaster), School Magazine (Editor-in-Chief), DECA (VP), SC All State & Region Orchestra

CERTIFICATIONS

Wharton Social Impact Research Experience Award Recipient, Mar 2025

Global Research Internship Program Award Recipient, May 2024

SKILLS

Violin · Teaching · Mathematics · Planning · Advanced Excel · Advanced PowerPoint · FactSet · S&P Capital IQ · Wall Street Prep · Japanese (Fluent)