

# Where Are They Now? Past UDC Scholarship Recipients



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**What was your major?**

Finance

**When did you graduate?**

May 2023

**What did you enjoy most about studying at UDC's School of Business and Public Administration?**

The dedicated faculty ensures student's success and preparation for the corporate world.

**Where are you working now?**

Deloitte & Touche LLP

**Please describe your current role. What are your main responsibilities?**

I am an advisory analyst. I support government clients with financial improvement and audit readiness (FIAR) practices.

**What is the most rewarding/interesting aspect of your work?**

I am making meaningful connections with contractors and government clients to strengthen my professional network.

**What are some challenges that you did not foresee?**

I did not foresee being assigned to an audit-based project. I was expecting a finance-focused role versus accounting.

**What are your future career goals?**

I will provide the necessary insights for businesses to improve strategy and mitigate risks while growing their revenue. Ultimately, I will be a 'Shark,' using my knowledge, financial contributions, and expertise to invest in products, ideas, and businesses I believe in.

**Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give to your student self?**

It may be uncomfortable, but find out your placement before accepting an offer letter. Accept it only if it aligns with your goals and interests. If all else fails, start exploring small businesses or startup ideas to build a robust portfolio and gain experience in your desired field.

**How can SFA and its member companies help you get to the next level?**

Creating spaces and opportunities to network with former and new recipients can assist with job transitions, building a client portfolio, and connecting with others who have similar experiences. The SFA could release job or certification opportunities to cohorts, thereby strengthening students as applicants and future business leaders.