

# Where Are They Now? Past UDC Scholarship Recipients



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**What was your major?**

My major was Accounting

**When did you graduate?**

I graduated in Spring 2022

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

UDC's School of Business and Public Administration has outstanding professors who support their students, and students you can ask for assistance in incredibly challenging courses. In addition, I also loved the diversity at the school, we had students and professors from all over the world, and I always enjoyed learning about their experiences.

**Where are you working now?**

I am finishing my master's at the University of California, Davis – Graduate School of Management. I will graduate on June 17, 2023, with my master's in professional accountancy (MPAc). After graduation, I will start my full-time role at Deloitte as a Tax Consultant.

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

The most rewarding aspect of the MPAC program is that it helped me enhance my critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and time management skills. I can now think outside the box and take on challenging problems, which I could not have done before. This program was rigorous, but now that I am almost at the end of it, I am more prepared for the CPA exam and Corporate America.

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

I did not foresee how difficult it would be to adjust from the semester system to the quarter system. The quarter system is ten weeks long, and since my program is just nine months, there is a lot of content. I had to adjust and learn to manage my time well so that I could pass my classes with good grades and maintain my GPA.

**What are your future career goals?**

My future career goal is to become Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and become a partner in my firm.

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

Advice I would give myself now is to continue working hard and never become too complacent because you have reached a specific place in life. There are more hurdles to cross, and you must stay motivated and keep working hard to achieve all your life goals. Also, put yourself out there more and take advantage of every opportunity.

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

The SFA and its member companies can help me get to the next level by providing mentorship programs and networking opportunities with CPAs and individuals within my field who have similar backgrounds. They can offer guidance and advice on how to advance to the next level of my career.