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How did you decide on your undergraduate major?

In my early sophomore year at Hunter I analyzed the subjects that I considered myself to be most articulate with. I realized that business in general would be my turf and as I researched further, it became apparent that accounting would be my major.

What was your experience like at Hunter?

Hunter College gave me the education I needed to feel confident to enter into the business world. The professional atmosphere at Hunter prepares students for the working world that is ahead of them

My first office job was in Career Development Services. I learned a great deal from all my co-workers. I participated in many events during my employment with the career center. Each event helped me to break out of my shell and communicate with the guests and students who were attending the events.

Did you complete any internships?

I was fortunate enough to have found jobs on campus. I worked for the Career Development Services office and for the Accounts Payable department of Hunter College. The flexibility of the hours were great for me because I was able to take 12- 15 credits during my semesters.

Briefly describe how you obtained your current job and what you do there.

While I was employed at another company one of my friends and colleagues asked me if I was interested in an opening at AIG. Before I gave my answer, I researched the company and found out that it was the largest insurance company with operations in over 130 countries. This alone was enough for me to say YES, I want to work for this giant. I utilized the interview and résumé documents that I had saved while I was with Career Development Services. I was interviewed by five different individuals and a few weeks later I was hired as an Internal Auditor.

As an Internal Auditor I independently carry out audit reviews for AIG companies, branches, agents, departments or functions. I complete internal control assessment, update permanent files and flowcharts, determine audit approach, clear and discuss audit discrepancies with senior personnel. I also prepare related audit report findings for review by the Senior Internal Auditor or Supervisor.

What are your future aspirations?

I am working towards my Certified Public Accountant certification, (CPA). Once that is complete I will sit for the LSAT and eventually attend Law School.

Do you have any advice for students thinking about pursuing this career?

In order to go into any career it is crucial to learn the basics. I believe those basics are taught in your major classes and will be utilized when you go for interviews and eventually on your job. When you do land a job, keep an open mind for learning. Become a sponge and absorb as much as possible. This will help you grow and learn about the business and the industry you are in.