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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2020 — Present **Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Light Group** Philadelphia
- The Light Group is one of the biggest non-profit organizations in the world founded and operated by students. The Light Group is split between four different departments: Capital Management, Environmental Sustainability, Scientia Analytics, and Social Development. Each department develops its own unique projects that are worked on by our associates from around the world. The associates come from all over the world from Beijing to Melbourne to Addis Ababa to London to New York City. Each department also has mentors who approve, critic, analyze, and advise associates. Our mentors are executives at the World Bank, Law Firms, Hospitals, Professors, and so much more. The Light Group is manifesting positive tangible change in the world.
- Feb 2021 — Present **Equity Research Analyst, BLK Capital Management** New York
- BLK Capital Management, Corp is a 100% black-owned and student-run hedge fund that focuses on educating our members by exposing them to the field of active investment management. BLK strives to promote financial education and professional mentorship of talented black students around the nation. Blk manages \$100,000 with a long/short equity strategy and seeks to employ capital across the globe delivering absolute returns to outperform industry standards.
- Creative Director of the BLK Podcast
- I personally founded the BLK podcast where I network with directors of the world bank, institutional presidents, policy leaders, and other world figures. On the podcast, we discuss pressing issues surrounding our society, and advice that our young generation would be able to learn from. Some notable guests we have had on are Marcello Estevo- Director of the World Bank Edward Atman- Founder of Altman Z Score for Bankruptcy, Alex Edmans- Professor at London School of Business, Managing Editor of Review of Finance Meleket Abate- Executive at Goldman Sachs Private Equity
- Jun 2021 — Aug 2021 **Summer Analyst, Ion Pacific** Munich
- Ion Pacific is a venture capital & private equity firm. The Company offers venture capital, debt management, portfolio financing, strategic consultancy, and capital introduction services. Ion Pacific serves customers in Hong Kong, Tel Aviv, and the US. As their first summer intern, I was the youngest employee at the firm and worked very closely with both CEO and COO (Michael Joseph & Ady Adefris). I worked closely on deals based in Europe at the firm, and gain an incredible aptitude for the venture capital space.
- Jul 2018 — Aug 2018 **Summer Intern , blueMoon** Addis Ababa
- BlueMoon is a private equity/venture capital firm based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. BlueMoon is recognized as the top incubator in Ethiopia today and the only one explicitly focused on youth and agri-tech in the country. This internship gave me a unique perspective on how international business is conducted. Through this internship, I was able to connect with the likes of Jack Dorsey (founder of twitter), and Dr Eleni Gabre-Madhin (former CEO of Ethiopia's Commodity Exchange)

EDUCATION

- Sep 2020 — Jun 2024 **Business management, University of Warwick** Warwick
- A course designed to integrate management and international management. It provides the fundamentals in business analytic, statistics, the global economy, and marketing. Member of the Chinese society, effective altruism, law society, philosophy society, Warwick Buddhist society, Warwick entrepreneurs, and Chinese development society
- Sep 2016 — May 2020 **La Salle College High School** Cheltenham
- La Salle College High School, a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for young men of varied backgrounds. Head of the executive team for investment society. Member of: the finance society, wrestling team, Chinese society, cross country, crew team, German society, human rights forum, social studies honour society.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I am also an avid marathon runner. I have completed four marathons thus far, placing in the top 10 categories for each one for my age group. I also speak four languages fluently English, German, Amharic, and Chinese (intermediate).

