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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

- BS Major in Economics and Minor in Chinese Language Expected May 2006 Cumulative GPA: 3.60/4.0
- Relevant Coursework: Intermediate Macro & Microeconomics, Labor Econ, Chinese language, Business Chinese
- Dean's list 2002 and 2003

STUDY ABROAD

Zhejiang University Hangzhou, China

Fall 2004

- Intensive study of third year Chinese language and culture
- Utilized Chinese language skills daily to discuss political and economic issues with Chinese students
- Met regularly with local Hangzhou family to better understand problems and concerns facing Chinese citizens

Beijing Capital Normal University, China

Summer 2004

- Intensive study of second year Chinese with a focus on daily interaction with Chinese university students

Semester at Sea

Spring 2004

- Cross-cultural exposure to 10 third-world and developing countries
- Relevant coursework: International finance, global cultures, international public policy

Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany

Fall 2003

- Intensive study of German language, Economics of the EU, and European art and architecture
- Lived with a German host family to better understand German culture and daily life

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Bank of America Credit Research Department, São Paulo, Brazil

Intern

Summer 2005

- Worked with a Senior Analyst to prepare the 2005 industry report for the Brazilian energy sector
- Researched and prepared Powerpoint presentations summarizing the Brazilian airline, railroad, and toll-road sectors
- Intensive independent study of the Portuguese language

KaiWen Calligraphy, Durham, NC

President and founder

2004-Present

- Utilize contacts in Hangzhou to import professional, museum-quality Chinese calligraphy
- Created an interactive website that takes orders and allows customers to design their own calligraphy piece
- www.kaiwencalligraphy.com

Chartering Division of Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group, Singapore

Intern

Summer 2001

- Shadowed professional in Singapore at an international chemical transportation company
- Prepared graphs of recent industry performance to be used in evaluating corporate strategy

Independent Field Research, Wenzhou, China

Fall 2004

- Traveled to Wenzhou, China, toured shoe factories, interviewed local business owners, and investigated the current 'gray-market' banking phenomenon
- Research culminated in an independent research project on the current economic situation in Wenzhou, China

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- MENSA Lifetime member

2001-Present

Duke University

- The Duke Entrepreneur
- Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

Vice President of External Relations

Spring 2006

Member

2003-Present

SKILLS

- Advanced conversational Chinese and Portuguese, basic Spanish and German and extensive travel experience
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Powerpoint