M2 CLASS OF 2019
Christie is a recent graduate from Lehigh University. During her undergraduate career, she pursued a major in Computer Science and Engineering. To enhance her experience as a computer science major outside the classroom, Christie interned at IBM the summer preceding her senior year. Aside from exposure to the professional world, she was able to build her team leadership and coding skills through this valuable internship. In addition, as an executive officer in the Women in Computer Science club at Lehigh, Christie was able to share these skills and develop an expanding network of women within her field of study. Christie plans to complement her technical skills with stronger business and professional skills by continuing her education at Lehigh with a Master of Science in Management program.

Christie holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Lehigh University.
Daniel Altman

Daniel Altman recently graduated from Lehigh University in May of 2018. Most recently, Daniel was an engineering associate at Tyber Medical, a local medical devices startup company. Daniel intends to start his career as an engineer in the aerospace industry, hoping to work on propulsion systems. Daniel believes that the experience and knowledge he will gain throughout the Masters in Management Program will help accelerate his career into management or executive positions.

Daniel holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and minors in Business, Aerospace Engineering, Sociology & Anthropology from Lehigh University.
Sarah Boyle

Sarah Boyle is a recent graduate from Lehigh University in May of 2018. As an undergraduate student at Lehigh, Sarah studied Journalism and Political Science. During Sarah’s junior year, she was a member of a sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, and was chosen to be Vice President of Programming. Sarah had an opportunity to Intern at PBS 39 - ASR Media Productions, during her senior year, where she was exposed to the marketing industry. Sarah received recognition from the National Forensics League in New York State’s third place duo interpretation. Sarah’s career goals are to work for a marketing industry company with focus areas in the lifestyle, beauty, health and fitness industries.

Sarah holds a B.A. in Journalism from Lehigh University.
My name is Ian Brown and I am 22 years old. I call Hanover, Pennsylvania my home, which resides in south central Pennsylvania near the Maryland line. Hanover is a small town where you can’t go very far without running into someone you know. I attended the local public schools that my mother had attended in the area, Hanover Public School District, where I graduated in 2014 with honors. My parents both still live in that small town with my two little dogs, Beans and Bruno. My sister, Meredith, attended the University of Tampa, Graduated top of her class, and now is the Head of Recruitment for one of the largest companies in the world, Disney. Buddy and Shirley, or as I know them as “Pappaw and Mammaw” are both my grandparents and my biggest fans.

This would not be a biography without including the biggest part of my life. I started wrestling at a young age, finding success in my early strength and determination. With early success came much expectation of myself to find more, and I did. Winning State level tournaments and Junior level Nationals, I advanced to high school with huge dreams of becoming a state champion. I fell short my first three years, placing 4th twice and 3rd my junior year. With only one year left, I pushed myself to achieve my dream. Over the course of the season I saw my goal within reach and by the end of the season, I found myself with a gold medal around my neck. Through all of the dedication I drew attention from many Universities wrestling programs. After a long and grueling selection process, one University stood out to me as the right fit. Lehigh University was the place where I would continue my education and athletic career. Since then, I have wrestled for the team all of my years at lehigh. I’ve had highs and lows. One year placing highly at tournaments and nearly making it to nationals, another year having to be sidelined due to injury. With one year remaining, I will do well this year, with aspirations to place at nationals before my career at lehigh is over; which is unlikely given that I recently had cervical spine surgery.

I graduated from Lehigh with a degree in chemical engineering in the spring of 2018.
Michael Chavkin is a recent graduate from Lehigh University in May of 2018. During Michael’s time at Lehigh, he was a member of the club baseball team and studied abroad in Paris, during his junior year, in Architecture and Art. He was the Environmental Chair at Sigma Eta Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

One of Michael’s leadership experiences was having an opportunity, through the Jewish Leadership Program, to teach classes to younger students during Hebrew school.

Michael holds a B.A. in Political Science from Lehigh University.
Kimberly Crosta

Born and raised in Randolph, New Jersey, I attended Lehigh University and graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Chemistry and minor in Psychology. At Lehigh, I had the opportunity to travel abroad twice during my undergraduate career. I spent six weeks of the summer of 2015 at the University of Sussex studying Health Psychology. My senior year, I traveled with the ‘Lehigh in Costa Rica’ program, where I had the opportunity to learn about sustainable development in Costa Rica. My experience in Costa Rica led me to focus my senior capstone project for the Eckardt Scholars Program on sustainable agriculture, something that I have been passionate about since I became a vegetarian in high school.

While at Lehigh, I have been involved with Best Buddies, Innovative Leadership Residency, Greek life, and the Office of First Year Experience as a Camp Hawk Counselor. As an Eckardt Scholar, I took seminars in theater during my freshman year and bioethics during my junior year. One of my proudest accomplishments during my undergraduate career was winning a Williams Prize for the paper I wrote for my bioethics seminar entitled “Welcome to Dignity, the Concept of Dignity in the Writings of Kurt Vonnegut”.

By pursuing a Masters in Management, my goal is to develop new skill sets to prepare me for business or entrepreneurial ventures in the future. I hope to increase my breadth of knowledge in quantitative, technical, presentation, and networking skills. At the end of this program, I hope to apply my love for food, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture to a business or entrepreneurial setting.
My name is Brandon Diaz. I was born in Queens, New York on October 7th. I’m 22 years old and I’m originally from Saugerties, New York. My family just moved to Rincon, Georgia last summer and that is currently home for me. I wrestled for most of my life and currently on the team here at Lehigh. In high school, I also ran cross country and at the time, really enjoyed it. Something many people don’t know about me is that after I graduated high school I did a post graduate year at a prep school named Mercersburg Academy. I have two little brothers, one of which is currently applying to schools and is interested in Lehigh.

I graduated undergrad from Lehigh with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. My current plan is to use that and what I learn in this year of management to help me excel in law school. I am not 100% on the type of law I would like to go into but currently my top choice is corporate law and I believe management will help me in that aspect. Becoming a lawyer has been a goal of mine since I was in the sixth grade and it is something I take pride in. I look forward to the skills, lessons, and experiences of this upcoming graduate year.
Justin Gaukler

Justin Gaukler is a recent graduate from Lehigh University in May of 2018. During his time at Lehigh, he was heavily involved with the Baja SAE club, which consists of engineering students who design and build an off-road car to compete in international racing competitions each year. As captain of the Baja team in his junior year, Justin greatly improved his management and leadership skills and developed a passion for engineering design, product development, and management. Getting to know a diverse group of people at Lehigh has expanded his interests to include business, finance, investing, and real estate. Justin’s other experiences include an internship at Advanced Cooling Technologies, where he supported the custom products engineering group on various development projects.

Justin holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with Energy Engineering as a minor.
Hayley Goodman

Hayley Goodman is a recent graduate from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, with a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies with minors in Latin American Studies and Religion. Hayley is from Cranford, New Jersey, which is just over an hour away from Bethlehem. On campus, she was an executive board member of the Lehigh University Choir and the Dolce Women’s Ensemble. Additionally, Hayley served as a Tour Guide on behalf of the office of admissions. Lehigh has afforded Hayley various opportunities to expand her horizons by studying abroad. During the fall of her junior year, she spent a semester studying comparative education policy in Santiago, Chile. Hayley has also had an opportunity to spend a winter intersession learning about Middle Eastern foreign policy in Tel Aviv, Israel. During the upcoming Summer of 2018, Hayley will be interning and doing research at a policy institute at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which specializes in monitoring school curricula in countries throughout the Middle East.

Hayley spends her summers working in the real estate industry as a licensed NJ real estate agent in the rental division Weichert Realtors in Westfield, New Jersey. Hayley has later worked in the commercial side of this industry at her family’s brokerage, Goodman Realty. Hayley would be an asset to an organization due to her international experiences, advanced proficiency in Spanish, and her ability to work and communicate with clients from all walks of life. In the future, Hayley aspires to attend law school.
Jake Gordon

Jake Gordon is a Los Angeles native and studied Business and Political Science at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. While Jake was an undergrad, he served as Captain of the Wrestling Team as a Junior and Senior, and was a recipient of the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. As a Sophomore in college, Jake founded a startup company called Dressed-GPS, which is an online and mobile platform for students on college campuses to rent or sell underused outfits to other students on campus and make extra money. Jake also has experience interning as a Venture Capital Analyst in Tel Aviv, Israel at Viola Investment Group, and will be working as a Consultant at the Lehigh Small Business Development Center full-time in the summer of 2018.

Jake’s goal after Lehigh is to secure a job at an organization where he can work on challenging business problems, such as in Management Consulting or Business Development, and continue to be resourceful, gritty, and passionate about the company’s objective.
Emily Hanson

Emily Hanson attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which is a short commute from her hometown in Orefield, Pennsylvania. While at Lehigh, Emily majored in Biology and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, as well as a volunteer for the Center for Gender Equity. Emily would love to pursue a career in dental healthcare or the pharmaceutical industry. Emily was exposed to the chemical industry through an internship at Atlas Minerals & Chemicals, Inc. Emily was assigned a project where she utilized her technical skills to update the material safety data sheets for chemicals utilized within the company. In addition, Emily worked with others to propose ideas for revamping website design for the company. Emily can contribute to an organization in multiple ways, since she has been able to utilize her thorough background in biology and chemical industry coupled with technical knowledge.
Ibrahim Hashmi

Ibrahim Hashmi is an international student from Pakistan. Ibrahim completed his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on a Full Tuition Scholarship. Ibrahim will be pursuing his Master’s in Management on a Full Tuition Presidential Scholarship. He has served as the Vice President of Residence Hall Counsel and Muslim Student Association during his time at Lehigh.

Ibrahim is a sports enthusiast and plays cricket, soccer, table tennis, tennis and squash. Ibrahim has interned with Biosystems Dynamics Summer Institute and Suzuki Motor Company over the past two summers. Both internships were very rewarding experiences. Ibrahim’s goal is to pursue project management and hope the M2 program will help him develop the tools he needs to be successful in that area.
Shengjun Hong

Shengjun attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a long way from my home in China. While there, he majored in Industrial and System Engineering. He had some great opportunities to travel and completed 9 credits in Germany.

Shengjun intends to look for an entry-level analyst or consulting position within management consulting companies or private equity firms. He was exposed to both sports device industry and to sales and marketing through an internship at HUPU Sports Media Company.

Shengjun can contribute to an organization in multiple ways since he has technical skills and communication ability to connect with colleagues and customers.
Mudassir Kadri

Graduating with a B.A. in the Joint Economics and International Relations Program at Lehigh University, I was one of the few international students that attended Lehigh from Tanzania. Throughout my years at the undergraduate level, I was highly involved on campus as a Resident Assistant for two years, a Lehigh University/United Nations Ambassador and as a member of the Club Track & Field Team. In addition, I am a Lehigh University Men’s Basketball Manager.

Professionally, I have been a business consultant for a start up in the Lehigh Valley area and interned for a marketing firm as a HR/PR intern in Jersey City, NJ. The experience that I gained over the six months as a business consultant made me realize that I would like to further explore opportunities in the business/management consulting field.
Abigail Lestina

Abigail (Abby) Lestina received her Mechanical Engineering degree from Colorado School of Mines and was part of the mountain bike team where she placed 4th and 2nd at Nationals during her career. Abby was a tour guide and involved in chartering her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. After working as an engineer, Abby quickly decided to change her career path and work with people on the business side. Abby has experienced many life obstacles that have taught her resiliency and equipped skills to tackle any problem in life, school, or work.

Abby’s ultimate dream would be to work in the Formula One industry. However, any industry that combines amazing engineering feats with excitement is something she would be passionate about and an industry she would love to work in. Due to Abby’s love of mountain biking and skiing, most people might not guess that her hometown is in College Station, Texas.
Matthew Levin attended Lehigh University as an undergraduate student, which is located two hours from his hometown in Long Island, New York. Matthew completed a Global Studies Major, along with a minor in Economics. He was highly involved with the community service office, participating in a program to tutor local Bethlehem elementary school students. Additionally, Matthew was active in the Prison Project, which involved tutoring inmates at the Northampton County Prison who were working toward their GED degrees.

Matthew’s goal in his career is to make companies both more socially and environmentally responsible. Matthew believes that through effective management and leadership, organizations in both the public and private sectors have the ability to transcend many of the barriers that prevent governments from creating real and lasting change. Through past internships in a political office and a non-profit organization, Matthew has seen firsthand what prevents positive change from occurring, as well as ways to create meaningful growth and progress. He strives to use this knowledge to make any organization capable of achieving their goals.
Neema Mehrganpourt

Originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia, Neema Mehrganpourt attended Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he received his B.S. in Biology. During Neema’s time there, he sought out opportunities to become more well-rounded as an academic embracing a true liberal arts experience.

Neema spent his summers interning at a local dental practice where he quickly became exposed to the business aspect of dentistry. Working in private practice led Neema to realize the importance of having foundational business tools to run a successful small business. Periodontal Research at the University of Pennsylvania gave Neema clinical and research experience such that it solidified his passion for dentistry.

Neema’s experiences in and out of academia have provided him with opportunities to sharpen his analytical and communication skills. He plans to attend dental school in the future.
Christopher Meinert

I graduated this past spring, 2018, from Lehigh University with a B.S. in Biology with minors in Business, and Health Medicine & Society. During my time at Lehigh I participated as a member of Lehigh Club Soccer team for three years and was a captain for two years. As well, I was a member of the Bioethics Society and served as a Vice President for two years. Both of these experiences gave me the tools to lead and coordinate plans with others.

I want to pursue the Masters in Management program for a number of reasons. Firstly, during my time as an undergraduate I realized that I did not orient myself to bench science. I enjoyed engaging in dynamic group work activity, but realized I did not have the proper real world skills to achieve my goals. With this degree I hope to combine my evidence based science background from my undergraduate studies with a business insight to work towards a job in the pharmaceutical industry.
For my undergraduate degree I studied Ancient History at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Whilst studying there I played rugby, was a member of the classics and history societies. Whilst I was at St Andrews my parents lived in Mumbai, India, having previously lived in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Manila. When I visited them I both travelled frequently and also did an internship at Deloitte’s branch in Mumbai. I found management consultancy engaging and interesting due to its varied complexities, particularly in an international context.

Having done other internships in London and New York I recognize that an arts degree imparts certain valuable analytical and written skills; however, their direct application to a business context is limited, this is why I applied to Lehigh’s M2 program. Outside studying I enjoy sailing, having sailed over 8,000 miles including a trans-Atlantic crossing this year, imparting skills such as patience, discipline and teamwork which are applicable in any context.
I graduated from Lehigh University this year with a B.S. in Behavioral Neuroscience and with minors in Psychology and in Health, Medicine and Society. However, for my first three years at Lehigh I was a Bioengineering major in the pharmaceutical track. I went to high school and still live half an hour away in New Jersey where I played lacrosse. While I did not play any sports in college, I do like to travel and later during this program I will be going to Guatemala.

Going into college, my goal was to go on to medical school and eventually to practice as an orthopedic sports surgeon. Once I graduate, I hope to work in the pharmaceutical industry on either the business development or product development side of operations. While I do not have relevant work experience in this field, I believe my science background and graduate business degree that I am currently pursuing will give me a greater understanding of the industry and will ultimately lead to faster advancement.
My name is Ryan Preisch and I am from a small town in central Pennsylvania named Milton. I previously attended Lehigh University for undergrad and I majored in environmental engineering, and graduated in 2018. I am also a member of the wrestling team here at Lehigh and have been a starter the last 3 years.

My hobbies involve other outdoor activities including hiking, fishing, and hunting. Professionally, I wasn’t sure exactly how I wanted to pursue a career or which route I wanted to go which lead me to the Masters in Management program and where I am today.
Ralph Shields

Ralph Shields is a recent 2018 graduate from Lehigh University. Ralph was part of the IDEAS program at Lehigh where he studied Mechanical Engineering and Design. Ralph is also a member of the Division I Men’s Lacrosse team. An important part of Ralph’s educational background was being a part of a progressive program where his entire elementary school experience was taught in Spanish. Ralph’s fluency has helped him build strong interpersonal skills and a passion for travel. Ralph was fortunate enough to study abroad during 2017 in Germany. While there, he participated in a program called Engineers Made in Germany (EMIG), which focused on the auto industry. Ralph also had an opportunity to work with Bazzini Nuts as a student consultant through the Lehigh Enterprise Systems Center.

Ralph has a few interests in which he would consider pursuing in his career such as IoT (Internet of Things), Alzheimer’s care, and the classic car trade. As a walk-on to the Men’s Lacrosse team, Ralph strived to maximize his work ethic and embrace challenges. Ralph’s technical background from the IDEAS program has also helped him strengthen his problem-solving skills.
Anna Simoneau

Anna Simoneau earned her bachelor’s degree at Lehigh University. Both of Anna’s parents attended Lehigh and settled close by where she grew up in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. Anna was granted a Rodale Scholarship to pursue journalism at Lehigh, where she also minored in international relations and earth and environmental science. Anna was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, but much of her time as an undergraduate was spent being an editor on Lehigh’s student newspaper, The Brown and White. Through the six semesters as an editor, she held positions in the photo, design, and graphics departments and led each department at some point. Anna was awarded a Williams Prize for her work as lead design editor. She also contributed to The Brown and White as a photographer and writer, covering a wide array of topics ranging from local restaurants to try and the socioeconomic and cultural divide between North and South Bethlehem.

Anna has won two Williams Prizes for writing outside of journalism one being in English and one in international relations. Professionally, Anna has experience in technology support having worked as a technology assistant for LTS for three years. This past Spring semester, Anna worked as a production intern for PBS 39, where she aided with a variety of tasks including researching and producing shows, setting up and assisting with field shoots and studio events, and even appearing as a panelist on the show Reporter’s Roundtable.

Anna hopes to combine social media, writing, and public speaking skills she has learned at this internship with what she will learn through this degree to pursue a future career on the business side of media in fields such as advertising, marketing, social media management, or corporate communications.
Jennifer Tomaney

Jennifer Tomaney attended Lehigh University and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and a Marketing minor. During Jennifer’s time as an undergraduate, she was the Executive Director of Dance Marathon and was a member of Kappa Delta. Jennifer also studied abroad her junior year in London and received an opportunity to travel to other European countries.

This summer, Jennifer interned at IBM in the Market Development and Insights Department, and hopes to enter the market research field in the future.

Through Jennifer’s background in psychology research and her extracurricular experiences, she has gained valuable leadership and data analysis skills that she hopes to bring to a company in the future.