

David Interview:

How would you describe your area of study to your grandmother?

I would explain to my grandmother that the M.B.A program provides a well-rounded foundation in business to help you be more successful in your career.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

I am interested in making a difference and contributing wherever I work. Having a solid understanding of business is the key to making that happen.

Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?

Absolutely. You almost always benefit by networking with students in other fields. There is so much that can be learned from each other and you never know when you might need to call on someone you have met to help you with a project.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

Going for a hike in the mountains.

What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?

The Shipwreck that Saved Jamestown by Lorri Glover and Daniel Blake Smith. About 1 month ago.

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

I feel like I have had many but the most meaningful was the Professor that I had for my first graduate class, Dr. Roybark. She was inspiring, encouraged us to work hard and would not settle for anything short of excellence. She set the example by working equally as hard to make sure that we understood all of the material and could apply it.

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

I have been very impressed with both the knowledge and the past work experience of the Professors at Radford. Being someone that has worked for several years, it has been important to learn both the theory and ways to apply that knowledge in the working world.

If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?

You bet. I am pretty handy with computers and my calm nature can really pay off in emergencies.

What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?

Pasta; I must have some Italian blood in me; once a week

If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?

I would be playing a lesser role in the organization where I work.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

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