



Master of
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MID

Success Stories

AGGIE GRADUATES IN INDUSTRY

Q&A with



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What did you like best about MID?

“Res Week and Global Trip.”

Were you able to implement any knowledge at work immediately?

“Yes - Supplier stratification and inventory stratification.”

From the time you heard about the MID program, how long did it take you to decide to apply?

“3 weeks.”

Did you benefit from RES Week? If so how?

“YES - Building relationships with face to face interactions with my team, class, and professors. It helped me get back into the rhythm of school and time management to be successful.”

What was your takeaways from Res Week?

“The greatest value I got from Res Week was learning to work with my group and getting back into presentation mode. Learning how to research topics and write papers.”



Where was your global trip to?

“Argentina.”

What company did you work with?

“Siemens.”

What experiences did you value from that trip?

“Learning about international distribution and the challenges they face, how different they are from the US and how they overcome challenges. It helped me keep an eye out for indicators that might go by unnoticed that could lead to bigger problems down the road.”

What was your favorite aspect of the Global Class?

“The cultural tours that MID scheduled with the class.”

What was your capstone?

“Lean process improvement project to reduce day to day waste.”

Did you implement? And was it successful?

“Yes! We completed a pilot test, and it yielded \$20K+ savings Lockheed would have never expected to receive. We are currently expanding to a larger scope.”



After MID, did you get any pay increases, promotions, recognition?

"Yes, I earned a promotion around the time of graduation! My capstone allowed me to provide lean strategies, examples, and results in my interviews and was the determining factor."

Do you think the skillsets learned contributed to your promotion?

"Yes."

Do you utilize skillsets on a day-to-day basis that you mastered in the MID?

"Yes. The soft skills I mastered in working with different types of personalities within the class. Especially managerial skills, they have become super import, given my new role."



What advice would you give someone who is thinking about a master degree?

"Make sure it helps you in your career - not just to check a box. What you put in is what you'll benefit from. Communication is key, both with your professors and classmates."

What advice would you give to someone that is entering for the MID?

"Find a rhythm for your schedule so that you can manage your time and stick to it."

What advice would you give someone about their capstone projects?

"Don't wait until the last minute, dedicate the time needed to have an impactful project."

If you could do anything different in the MID program, what would it be?

"I would go back and make sure I connected more with my classmates, and sooner within the program. I do miss the time away with my peers."

Have you kept in contact with any of your peers?

"Yes."



If so, is it on a professional or personal level?

"More personal than professional."

Do you believe the curriculum was sufficient to prepare you for the next steps in your career?

"Yes. The cost analysis and profitability class is huge part of my new role and that class has provided me the skillset to be successful. Also, learning how to manage sales people as it relates to my position as well as managing buyers."

How much time per week did you dedicate to the MID program?

"15 hours a week on average."

Did the MID program structure compliment your personal and professional lifestyle?

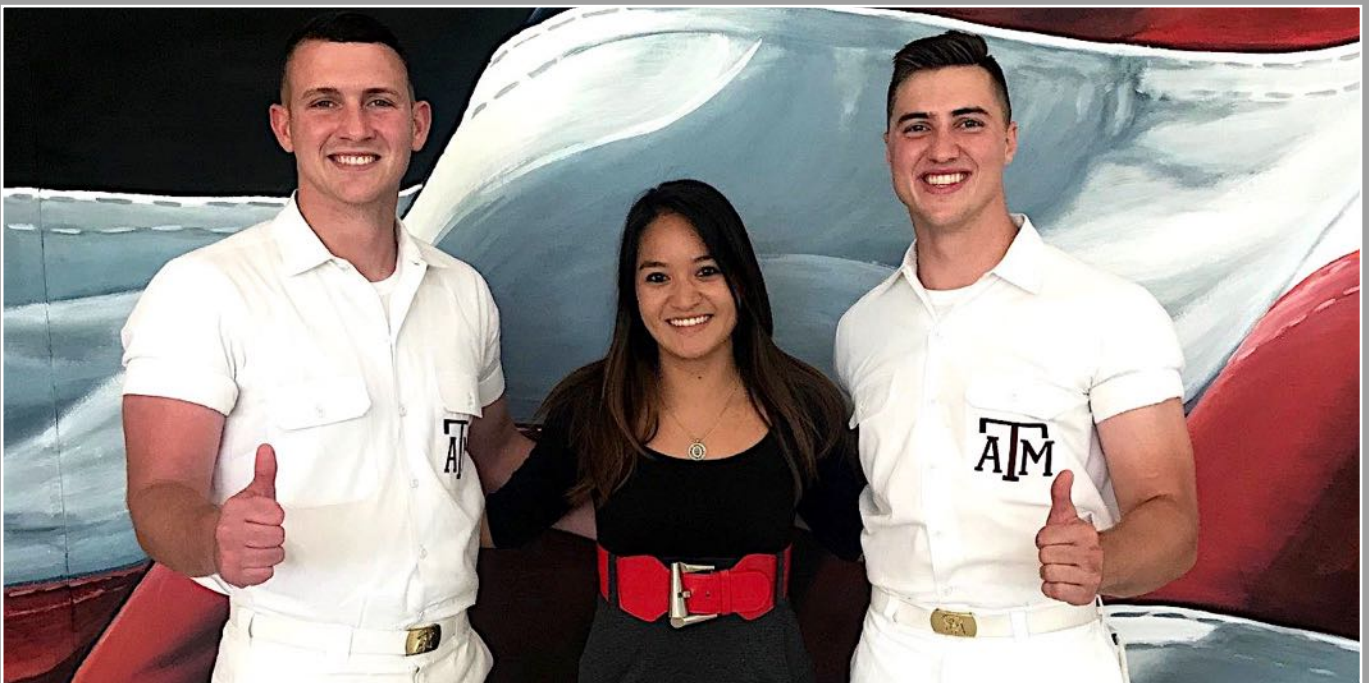
"Yes. It was a fit."

Is there anything else you would like to share about the MID program?

"A big part that makes MID different is Res Week and the Global Trip. It brings everyone together, we knew each other, which made it easier to work with each other! The MID staff was so supportive and fun! The professors and assistant professors were experienced in real world industry and flexible with my schedule. I love the adaptability and adjustments MID has shown for each semester based on what works and what doesn't as students come through."

If you could summarize your MID experience, now that it has been completed, how would you do so?

"This program was everything I was looking for in a graduate program. A balance of online & on-site attendance, flexibility, Global experience, networking building w/ other professionals, and industry professionals teaching relevant material that can be applied in today's world. It's SUPER AWESOME! It is a one of a kind Master's Program."



A large group of people, likely students and faculty, are posed in a hallway, many giving thumbs up. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. The number '4' is visible in the top right corner.

This is what success looks like.



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