

## Connor Pellerin (MBA '25)

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**Name:** Connor Pellerin

**Hometown:** Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Program:** Online MBA

**Post Graduation Plans:** While completing the online MBA program, I have been working for a startup hydration beverage company called AGAME. My predominant role within the company is as a data analyst in the financial department, assisting with financial modeling and planning. Outside of this role, I manage relationships with various grocery stores within the Alabama market to set up promotions for our products.

**Favorite Business Course:** The Tulane Online MBA program had many different courses that I loved. However, two were the most applicable for me and my professional career. Advanced Spreadsheet Modeling, taught by Professor Osman Kazan, was a great class because I learned high-level Microsoft Excel skills that I can use for financial modeling and portfolio optimization. Another favorite class was Supply Chain and Operations Management, taught by Professor Ivan Lugovoi. This course taught us how to follow a company's operations, examine its supply chain, and present new ways to increase its efficiency.

**Favorite Business Professor:** My favorite Freeman professor was Professor Ashley Nelson. Professor Nelson taught two classes during my time in the online MBA program: Corporate Communications and Social Media and Online Marketing. With both classes, she was very personable and engaging, which made our Wednesday night roundtables extremely enjoyable.

**Academic, extracurricular or personal achievement you're most proud of:** One personal achievement during the program that I am most proud of would be my time management skills to balance playing professional baseball within the minor leagues and completing the online MBA program. When I entered the minor leagues, I always knew I wanted to complete my MBA, so the Online MBA program allowed me to continue school while playing baseball. At first, I was nervous about how I would manage the time between playing six games a week and completing my schoolwork. However, I developed a good routine to manage my workload effectively and was able to complete the program.

**Most important thing you learned at Freeman:** The most important thing I learned while at the Freeman Online MBA program is how to effectively communicate virtually. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual communication has changed how many businesses operate. Coordinating with classmates and professors virtually was a great tool that I learned that I could then take with me into my professional career.

**Favorite New Orleans Memory:** My favorite New Orleans memory would be the Super Bowl this past year. Although I am a Saints fan, I was able to attend the game and had an unforgettable experience.