Shofner Smith (MBA '26)

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Name: Shofner Smith

Hometown: Houston, TX

Program: OMBA

Concentration or Specialization: Finance

Following graduation, what’s on the horizon for you professionally?

I plan to continue my work as a property tax professional and hope to use some of the skills I learned to help grow my career and continue expanding my knowledge.

Who was your favorite business professor and why?

Michael Wilson was my favorite professor because he spent many hours with me running ideas back and forth on how to be more effective in negotiations and ran two very interactive classes that I took with him.

What was your favorite business course? Why was it your favorite?

Negotiations. Professor Wilson helped work through different ideas and spent time outside of class to let me run my ideas by him on how to be more effective during tough negotiations dealing with work.

What’s the most important thing you learned at Freeman?

The most important thing I learned at Freeman was in the investments class. I learned more about investments and how to better prepare for future retirement, along with it being a very challenging and engaging class.

What’s your favorite New Orleans memory?

My favorite New Orleans memories are all at Jazzfest throughout the years it has always kept me coming back year after year excited to see some old artist and new ones I had never thought to even try out, there are always some new gems to find every year at it.