

## Claire Babin (MME '26)

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

After graduation, I will be joining Callais Capital as an Entrepreneur in Residence and building my venture, Beaux Terre.

**Who was your favorite business professor and why?**

John Foreman III and Marshall Carver. It is impossible to separate them. Between the two of them, I learned what it actually means to think under pressure. Professor Foreman pushed me to think like a trader: fast, probabilistic, and comfortable with uncertainty. Professor Carver stretched me as a systems thinker in ways that changed how I read markets and models. Together they made me harder to rattle and sharper under pressure, which is exactly what this industry demands.

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

Energy Trading with John Foreman III. I came into Freeman thinking analytically, but this course taught me to think dynamically, how to hold a position and know the difference between noise and a real shift in the market. It was the first time I felt the gap close between academic frameworks and how decisions actually get made in the field. I left that course a different kind of thinker.

**What's the most important thing you learned at Freeman?**

The most important thing I learned at Freeman was how to fail productively. My first real venture idea was a failure. I spent late afternoons in the Lepage Center, financial models, pitch decks, the whole thing. It didn't work. But somewhere in that first attempt, I figured out how to think like a trader and a risk manager: hold the uncertainty, stress-test the assumptions, and don't fall in love with the idea so much that you can't see it clearly. Freeman didn't hand me a winning idea, but it gave me a process for building them and the resilience to start again when they don't. That's worth more than any model I ever worked on.

**What's your favorite New Orleans memory?**

There's a guy who's out every day by the Church's Chicken on Claiborne just vibing. Every day on my way home, I wave to him and he waves back. One afternoon a chicken crossed the road right in front of him. That's the NOLA spirit.