

## The buzz from alumni

When you interview for a job as a Valpo student, you have an edge. Not only are you well rounded, but you have more accounting classes than the average accounting student. You also have hands-on experience through an internship, and you've shown that you thrive on challenges and are willing to work hard to excel. Employers love it. I got job offers from each of the Big 5 accounting firms.



Melissa Bledsoe, '99 Senior Accountant PricewaterhouseCoopers Sydney, Australia

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Valpo's CBA gave me the building blocks for functioning in the fast-paced environment of an international public relations and public affairs agency. The many team projects we did as students prepared me for the positives and negatives that come with constant work on a marketing team. The international perspective I gained has been especially helpful in marketing to different cultures. Our Motorola account, for instance, involves cell phone sales all over the world and I do events all over, including Europe.

Chris Gillispie, '03 Account Coordinator, Consumer Marketing Division Hill & Knowlton Los Angeles, California

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Thanks to the close interaction I had with my professors along with the many public speaking experiences I had at Valpo, I have the confidence to work closely with my superiors and the comfort and ability to present proposals and financial results. The well-rounded Valpo education gave me the knowledge to excel not only in accounting but also in the informational services and management aspects of a publicly held company.

Doug Hillingsworth, '99 Corporate Accountant Coachmen Industries, Inc. Elkhart, Indiana

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Valpo's International Business Major gave me a strong set of tools that I can use anywhere in the world. I'm now working with a non-governmental organization in Brazil. I've been able to have an immediate impact with regard to marketing, finance, operations management, and strategic vision. Also, International Business'

College of Business Administration - Valparaiso University  
cross-cultural focus prepared me for adapting to a work environment quite different  
from that in the United States.

Tobin Nelson, '03 International Business/Spanish Life for the Dump  
Project Sao Goncalo, Brazil

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## **The buzz from employers**

Valpo's business majors are well educated and present themselves well to employers. The fact that they are highly motivated to participate in internships enhances their ability to transition quickly into the working environment.

Bruce Dybvig, University Relations Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

