

## Adam Weinke



Some people graduate college and immediately step into big positions where they can move up the corporate ladder. Others leave and would rather find a job near the beach where they can sport flip flops and jeans everyday. But when Adam Weinke graduated from Valpo in 2005, he was able to find the best of both worlds.

After graduation, Adam was working as the manager of an Abercrombie and Fitch store in the Mall of America in Minneapolis . Proving his hard work, Adam was soon promoted to the company's 3 rd Street Promenade store in Los Angeles -one of the biggest and most profitable stores in the nation. Not only was Adam beginning to move up in the company, but he was lucky enough to work two blocks from the beach! In just the last few months, Adam was again promoted to GM of the Abercrombie and Fitch store at the Forum Shops in Caesars Palace in Las Vegas .

Although Adam was a criminology major while at Valpo, he notes that the overall Valpo experience and broad liberal arts background gave him the ability to succeed in the business world. From small class sizes to his fraternity, Valpo was the perfect combination that prepared him for his career. He remarks, "I had many professors that knew me by name and took the time to walk me through any questions I had or just talk to me about my life. That sort of personal relationship that Valpo creates is something I don't think you can experience at other schools."

When asked about his future, Adam has big goals. In twenty to thirty years, he sees himself being CEO of Abercrombie and Fitch. And while he might not be able to wear flip flops and jeans to work anymore, he'll still be able to attribute his success in the corporate world in part to his years here at Valpo.