



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Colin MacDonald



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Colin MacDonald began his ABLE journey as a freshman on campus at UAlbany. He wanted to get involved with a club that would later benefit him in his professional career, which obviously led him to joining ABLE! His upperclassman friends urged him to join ABLE and explained all the benefits of joining, to this day he does not regret his decision. Colin got more involved in ABLE by his junior year by becoming an Events Coordinator.

As a student at the University at Albany, Colin got his Bachelor's in Accounting in 2016 and his Master's in Professional Accounting in 2017. He started at PwC as an intern in the summer of 2016, post-graduation he joined back as a full time Associate. Colin was then promoted to Senior Associate in July 2019 and then promoted again to Manager in January 2021! Colin is in the Assurance practice of PwC where he works with a Large Multinational Insurance Company. His team and himself help their client work through complex accounting problems.

To Colin, ABLE has helped him more than he can imagine. When asked to talk about it he said, "ABLE has helped me in many facets of my career. Given our extended alumni base, I made so many invaluable connections throughout my time in ABLE. Joining E-Board also helped me develop and become more comfortable with public speaking as well as enrich my interpersonal skills, things I use on a daily basis at my job". He goes on to talk about the many workshops and meetings that ABLE has done throughout the years and says how important those are in professional development.

Colin would like to leave ABLE Members with some advice moving forward. He says, "Network, network, network! I know ABLE preaches about how strong the alumni base is but it's truly incredible the people you will meet along the way in ABLE and how you will stay in touch post-grad!" Building off that, Colin stresses the networking events offered by ABLE and the School of Business. Attendance at those events are crucial to your professional future. Recruiters remember names and faces! Regardless of what you do, you will not regret Joining ABLE and it will help you in many ways throughout your life professionally or not.