

A.J. Youngmark - Class of 2016

Talk a little about your college experience:

I had a great experience at Penn State; I graduated last December with a major in Accounting. In addition, I worked with the Penn State football program as a student manager outside of the classroom. It was an excellent opportunity for me to be involved on campus and meet some of my best friends during my four years with the team.

What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

I started working as a Financial Analyst with Crusoe Energy this past October in Denver, CO. It's been an excellent opportunity to learn about a rapidly growing industry. Our business model is unique – we take stranded natural gas from oil wells then convert it into electricity to mine Bitcoin.

What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In the last few years, I have really caught the golfing bug. When there isn't snow on the ground, I try to get out and practice/play as much as I can. However, some of my scores would say that I haven't played nearly enough.

How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

SJCA was great – the thing that made it special was the teachers. They genuinely care about you as a person and a student, which many schools can't claim. The things I use the most from SJCA aren't the facts about US History or memorizing the periodic table – the values taught there are used every day, whether that is discipline, attention to detail, or simply treating people the right way.

What are you passionate about?

Working with great people who push me. Whether professionally or personally, being around great people is what I am passionate about.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.” Psalm 51

“Take a chance! All life is a chance. The man who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare.” - Dale Carnegie

