

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT APRIL 2009



BRANDON WISSINGER

Graduating: **JUNE 2009**

Major: **FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Will be eligible upon graduation to sit for CFP® exam.

“Q & A” with Brandon

Q: Where did you go to high school?

A: I grew up in Hilliard where I graduated from Hilliard Davidson High School in 2004.

Q: What is your major and expected graduation date?

A: I am a Family Resource Management Major at Ohio State University, on the Financial Planner Track so that I may meet the education requirements to sit for the CFP® exam after I graduate in June.

Q: What clubs / organizations have you been in?

A: I am an active member in The Ohio State’s Financial Planning Association, and attend the Central Ohio Financial Planning Association meetings as often as I can.

Q: What would your ideal internship look like?

A: My ideal internship would be one where I could work in a team setting and would be responsible for updating client’s financial documents and/or accounts. I would have the opportunity to sit in on client meetings when possible and have increasing responsibility based on my hard work and performance in my current duties.

Q: What professional experience have you had? What jobs have you held?

A: For the past two years I have been a server at Bravo Italian Cucina on Bethel Rd. As a server I have not had the professional experience I would like, but I have learned excellent communication skills through my interactions with guests. Currently, I have been looking to gain more experience relating to Financial Planning. I have had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the profession from conversations with my Mentor that I was paired with through the Financial Planning Association at Ohio State.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years? How about 10?

A: Five years from now I plan to have earned my CFP® designation and have an MBA. In ten years I would hope to have settled down, and own a home where ever that may be. I would like to continue in my career in financial planning, and to be able to give back to the profession and the Financial Planning Major at Ohio State any way I can.

Q: Why did you choose this profession?

A: Financial Planning as a profession is something that was new to me when I came to The Ohio State University. After my first personal finance class, I understood that Financial Planning was a profession that stems from a desire to help people in reaching their financial goals and life goals. To have an opportunity to work in a field where I may build relationships with clients while offering my knowledge and training to help them reach their goals would be extremely rewarding on multiple levels.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment to date?

A: My greatest accomplishment to date has to be my education. I am proud to have found something I love doing, and that I have taken the extra steps necessary to be eligible to sit for the CFP® examination upon graduation.

Q: What is the best book you have read and why?

A: The best book I have read is "Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty" by Harvey Mackay. This book was very helpful in learning the benefits of building a Network and how beneficial it can be in my profession and in life in general.

Q: If you could help a charity, what would it be and why?

A: I have always been interested in sponsoring a child through a charitable organization where my donations would help that child have food, clothes, and an education that he or she otherwise would not have access to.

Q: Tell us something fun / interesting about your family?

A: Growing up with my mother, father, and younger brother, my family has always enjoyed going fishing together. We have gone on several family vacations from Northern Minnesota to the Florida Keys to go fishing. It has been a staple of our family vacations. My favorite of these vacations would have to be when we went to the Florida Keys.

Q: What sport(s) do you enjoy most?

A: Ever since I was old enough to swing a bat I have played baseball. I could name every team I played for from T-Ball to my high school team. In recent years I have developed a strong passion for running. In fact, this past fall I entered my first competitive race which was a five mile run. Next, I hope to run a half marathon and my goal is to one day run in the Columbus Marathon.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Snowboarding is a hobby that I enjoy the most in the winter and in the summer I enjoy running and mountain biking. Just about anything that gets me outdoors.