



The McDermond Center Industry Insight Panel: Investment Banking

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Pulliam Center, Watson Forum



Matt Kreuzt '95

Managing Director, Navidar

Prior to Navidar, Matt was a M&A Advisor specializing in start-ups and middle market companies in a wide range of industries at varying point in their growth arch. This unique experience and very specific acquisition and divestiture expertise he brings to the table is tailor made for the advisory responsibilities at Navidar.

In 1999, Matt began as a serial technology entrepreneur when he founded, raised capital, operated, then sold two highly successful e-commerce/SaaS companies (sold 2005, 2010). In 2007, he acquired, then expanded and sold a food and beverage manufacturing company (sold 2012). Matt understands win-win transactions between companies – investors, founders, management and employees – and strategic or private equity buyers.

Matt began his career with a big four certified public accounting firm in 1994 as a business valuation consultant, and later as an analyst with a Chicago based bank. Matt gained experience analyzing business opportunities, mergers, acquisitions, and business financing in the technology, consumer products and manufacturing sectors, making him an indispensable advisor in any business sale transaction.

Matt holds a BA in Economics and Management Fellows Program from DePauw University and an MBA in International Management from Thunderbird.



Eli M. Isaacs

Associate, Faegre Baker Daniels

Eli Isaacs counsels and assists public and private companies in connection with merger and acquisition transactions, corporate governance matters and general corporate issues.

Eli also advises on the use of M&A representation and warranty insurance during transactions, a product that is being used with greater frequency in the current M&A market, and the use of derivative financial products for hedging against risk exposures.

Prior to joining Faegre Baker Daniels, Eli worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton, where he focused on corporate and financial transactions as well as U.S. bank regulatory matters.



Scott Moen '07

Vice President, Sterling Partners

Scott joined Sterling Partners in 2018. Scott focuses on capital markets activity for new investments as well as portfolio companies.

Prior to Sterling, Scott worked at Madison Capital where he concentrated on underwriting and structuring middle market financial sponsor deals. Before Madison, he was an investment banking Associate at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Scott received a BA in Economics from DePauw University, as well as an

MBA from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business.



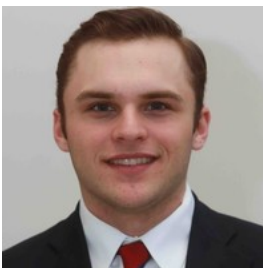
Bailey Ehrens '19

Senior Management Fellow Student

She is an Economics Major with math and Spanish minors. Bailey is the Co-President of Women and Economics and Business and serves as a mentor for the Investment Banking workshop. She also volunteers as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate and played for the DePauw women's soccer team.

This past summer, Bailey interned at Deloitte Corporate Finance in downtown Chicago. She was staffed on five live deals and three pitches and consequently was able to experience deals across all different industries, at different times in the process, and of varying sizes. As an intern, she was mainly tasked with researching potential buyers and creating content for client presentations.

After graduation, Bailey will be working in downtown Chicago at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in their investment banking division. She is excited for this next stage in her life and is grateful for all the experiences that DePauw and the Management Fellows program have provided her over her four years as an undergrad.



Donny Bleifuss '19

Senior Management Fellow

Donny Bleifuss is from Naperville, Illinois and is currently a senior Management Fellow at DePauw University. He is an Economics Major and History Minor. Donny is a Captain of the Men's Lacrosse team and active member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

During both his semester-long Management Fellows internship and this summer, Donny interned for KeyBanc Capital Markets in Cleveland, Ohio. As an intern, Donny was staffed in the Industrials investment banking group, where he had the opportunity to work on a variety of pitches and M&A deals. This summer, he was lucky enough to undertake a lead analyst role on a sell-side process, allowing him the opportunity to tag along on a number of business trips to Dallas, Texas.

After graduation, Donny accepted an offer to return to KeyBanc in their Industrials investment banking division. He is excited to move to a new city and cannot wait to start his career in investment banking. Donny is grateful for all of the opportunities that the Management Fellows program has provided for him, but more importantly could never forget the life-long relationships he built with the people on this campus over the past three and a half years.