

JOSHUA WANG

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EDUCATION

Duke University

B.S. in Statistical Science (Concentration in Data Science) | Minor in Financial Economics

GPA: 3.9/4.0 | **SAT:** 1600/1600

Relevant Coursework: Financial Markets, Economic Principles, Foundations of Econometrics, Multivariable Calc, Probability

Honors: *Cum Laude*, National Merit Finalist, US Presidential Scholar Candidate, Most Outstanding Senior Athlete

Aug 2025 – May 2029

Durham, NC

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wood Creek Advisors

Mergers & Acquisitions Summer Analyst

May 2026 – Aug 2026

Toledo, OH

- Supported 2 live buy-side processes to LOI (~\$5M Enterprise Value each) in specialty food ingredients and commercial printing by building historical three-statement models, EBITDA bridges, and precedent transaction and trading comparable analyses
- Presented ~10 acquisition targets weekly to 2 buy-side clients after screening 22,000 unique companies across Capital IQ, Pitchbook, and Grata by applying personal 10-point scoring algorithm based on financial profile, geography, and strategic fit
- Built firm-wide Airtable database and an AI-integrated sourcing workflow across 2 buy-side mandates, automating company data enrichment, deduplication, and pipeline exports allowing for tailored manual review and reducing overall sourcing time by 8x
- Expanded proprietary and intermediary deal coverage by outreaching to 30+ verified advisors across 10 sector-focused firms
- Executed multi-channel warm outreach to 5+ acquisition targets through personalized emails, calls, direct mail, and follow-ups

CoreNetwork Fund

Venture Capital Summer Analyst

May 2026 – Aug 2026

Toledo, OH

- Advanced a 9-bank sell-side advisor bake-off process for \$70M geospatial analytics portfolio company strategic sale/capital raise
- Presented 3 finalists to founding partner based on proposed valuation, fee structures, buyer access, engagement terms, strategic fit
- Coordinated outreach/valuation discussions by preparing due diligence materials including executive summary and AI capabilities one-pager, historical cash flow statement, capital table, and correcting EBITDA overstatement of ~50% in an advisor valuation
- Supported valuation workstreams with precedents and comps using advisor materials on 20+ peer transactions/financings
- Produced and distributed Q1 and Q2 investor reports for 40+ LPs and prepared investment advisory committee materials covering 5 portfolio companies by synthesizing board decks, financial results, press releases, product changelogs, and company materials

Yan Research Group, Shaw Research Group

Research Assistant

May 2024 – Aug 2024

Toledo, OH and Iowa City, IA

- Analyzed performance data from 80+ perovskite solar cells to identify drivers of charge-transport efficiency and defect density
- Synthesized findings for grad. research presentations and independently CAD-modeled and assembled custom mass spectrometer
- Identified best-performing electrolyte ratio for redox flow batteries across 30+ trials of 5 formulations and 6 operating conditions, improving electron-transfer rate by 55x and diffusion by 58x and presented findings to university faculty and industry mentors

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Asian Leadership Initiative

VP of Operations

Apr 2026 – Present

Durham, NC

- Secured official student club status by recruiting a faculty advisor, drafting club constitution, and coordinating with ALI Nationals
- Personally recruited 40+ members through multichannel outreach and partnerships with 10+ preprofessional and cultural clubs
- Attended annual networking summit and secured 2 finance professionals to serve in Asian Futures in Finance mentorship program

Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity

New-Member Committee

Feb 2026 – Present

Durham, NC

- Presented 3 pitches to a panel of judges including a CVS equity recommendation, PepsiCo-Celsius M&A case, and campus food startup, requiring market research, comparable-company and acquisition synergy and risk analysis, and go-to-market modeling
- Helped select 20-member pledge class from 200+ rushees and increased professional/social programming for new pledges by 2x

Toledo Minds

Chief Operating Officer

Aug 2022 – Aug 2025

Toledo, OH

- Directed week-long STEM camp and winter reunion serving 30+ children annually and secured the Main Library as the venue
- Completed the organization's 501(c)(3) filing, managed financial operations, and coordinated annual fundraising campaigns
- Managed official social media presence and developed partnerships with 4 local school districts and community organizations

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND INTERESTS

- **Skills:** Adobe Premiere Pro, CapIQ, Spanish/Mandarin (Conversational) | **Certifications:** WSP Financial and Valuation Modeling
- **Interests:** Basketball, Dallas Cowboys, F1, board games, concerts, history, Greek myths, dystopian novels, chest day, Marvel