Ryan Hoadwonic
Associate Director, Institutional Research
University of California, Irvine

Education Background:
I have a Master’s degree in Anthropology, with concentrations in socio-cultural and biological anthropology, and a Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, with a focus on logic and analytical philosophy. I also took a lot of research methods and statistics courses as a graduate student.

Current Job Tasks:
I am a generalist at work; I do anything from responding to survey and ad hoc data requests to assessing student success or employee diversity.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
The ability to make a difference that goes beyond “the numbers.” Seeing the results of your work used to make decisions that ultimately affect the health of the university is very rewarding; knowing that what you do actually makes a difference in people’s lives and impacts students’ education keeps me motivated.

Piece of Advice:
Try to understand the company or the institution for which you work holistically. Getting a handle of policies, principles, and political landscapes will help you to understand your data as well as aid senior leadership in making informed decisions. Data doesn’t exist in a vacuum, particularly data about people, and as such, those data are best understood within a particular context. Knowing this should help you answer the inevitable question: “But what does this mean?”

William Park
Manager, Treasury Planning & Strategy
Hyundai Capital America

Education Background:
UC Irvine—B.A. in Business Economics

Current Job Tasks:
Debt capital markets, Rate and FX hedging, market risk management.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
Broad exposure to financial markets.

Piece of Advice:
Be active.
Bellal Labanieh
Senior Data Analyst
LiveNation/Ticketmaster

Education Background:
UCI Class of ‘13 - Econ / Poli Sci

Current Job Tasks:
- Data Science / Analytics

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
- Mining data to help clients understand their fans and make more tailored targeting

Piece of Advice:
- Be creative / think outside the box / understand how and when to use data vs. intuition for decision-making / pick up SQL / R / other programming languages.

Denise Zhu
Senior Analyst
PAAMCO

Education Background:
UC Irvine—B.A. in Business Economics

Current Job Tasks:
- Portfolio Analysis—Hedge Funds
- Investor Relations—Public and Corporate Pension Plans
- Business Development—Marketing

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
Working with senior investment professionals and large institutional investors.

Piece of Advice:
Be proactive.