



## J. Rieger & Company Interns — Spring 2024



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Aaron is a senior from St. Louis, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management. Aaron is also pursuing a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation along with an undergraduate certificate in Investments. Aaron is extremely excited about the prospect of assisting the MU International Trade Center to identify potential areas for growth, partnerships, and strategic opportunities to help businesses expand their global outreach.



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Joshua is a senior from Kansas City, MO but originally from Dallas, TX. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and certificate in Global Business. Joshua previously completed a summer internship with Price Chopper Enterprises located in Overland Park, KS He has had the opportunity to study abroad in France and Germany. Joshua is excited about his partnership with the MU International Trade Center, aiming to further his knowledge on market research and international business.



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Elaine is a senior from St. Louis, MO majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. This winter break she had the opportunity to study abroad with the Trulaske College of Business in Frankfurt, Germany and Paris, France. During this program, Elaine gained experiential knowledge about international business while immersing herself into different cultures.



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Lauren is a senior from Kansas City, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing along with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a minor in Spanish. She studied abroad in Alicante, Spain in the Summer of 2022, where she learned about international law and marketing in Europe. Lauren is excited to expand her knowledge of global market research and data analysis.



## Show-Me BBQ Sauce Interns — Spring 2024



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Andrew is a senior from Webb City, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration—Management. He has interned at the U.S. State Department and is interested in applying his knowledge in project management and international diplomacy to connecting Missouri businesses with international markets.



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Aly is a senior from Springfield, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing, and a minor in Entrepreneurship & Innovation. Through this internship, she plans to expand her knowledge of the global marketplace and enhance her skills in market research. Aly will dive deeper into international business by studying abroad in Spring 2024 in Lima & Cusco, Peru.



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Shiloh is a senior graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science and Administration with an emphasis in Marketing, a minor in Anthropology, and certificates in Global Business and Multicultural Studies. She is involved in several global student organizations and holds a Residential Advisor position within the university. After graduating, Shiloh plans on utilizing the global skills learned in the internship and her academics to pursue a position abroad in Asia.



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Derrick is a senior from Columbia, MO and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He hopes to enhance his market research and data analysis skills and looks forward to effectively working with a business to accomplish goals. After graduation, he plans to start multiple businesses within the barbering and real estate fields.



## Spoor Farms Popcorn Interns — Spring 2024



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Charlie is a dynamic business professional hailing from Waterloo, IL. While pursuing his degree in Business Management. He has experienced numerous professional opportunities: interning in Washington DC for his congressman, consulting for Roche at MU Hospital, participating in the National Association of Broadcasters' Fellowship program and working with his brothers to create Dake Brothers LLC, an investment management company. Charlie has a passion for hands on problem solving and a future of improving lives through data assisted solution development.



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Samantha is a senior from Lake Ozark, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus on Marketing and two additional certificates in Global Business and Digital Marketing. Samantha's interest in international business began with her first internship in the United Kingdom. Samantha is looking forward to furthering her knowledge in global markets and research.



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McKinley is studying Finance, Political Science and Economics. With three degrees he still finds time to pursue various interests including coding, chess, and serving at Applebee's. Long term he plans on attending law school to better handle mergers and acquisitions in the ever-changing world of business. His experience in international relations was inspired by his brief venture to Oxford. An eye opening experience that left him with a burning passion to expand horizons.



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Natalie is a senior from St. Louis, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and a minor in Economics along with certificates in Digital Marketing and Marketing Analytics. Through her internship with the MU International Trade Center, Natalie hopes to expand her knowledge on international market research and data analysis.





## Sunnen Products Interns — Spring 2024



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Austin is a senior from Kansas City, MO pursuing Bachelor's Degrees in Economics and Statistics with a minor in Computer Science. He enjoys analyzing data and learning about international economies, and is looking forward to doing so in order to support local businesses.



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Josh is a graduating senior from Rocklin, CA set to receive his degree in Management this May, accompanied by certificates in both Global Supply Chain Management and Global Business. His professional experience includes a notable stint as a supply chain intern at Lowe's Companies Inc. in Connecticut, in addition to his role as a Global Trade Advisory intern at Deloitte in their Chicago office last summer. Josh hopes to contribute significantly to the Trade Center during the upcoming semester, aiming to add value to clients while strengthening his leadership skills.



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Brady is a junior from Peoria, IL pursuing a double major in Marketing & Economics along with a certificate in Marketing Analytics. After graduation, he plans on working in data analytics with a specific focus in digital marketing and consumer insights. Brady looks forward to developing his skills in data analysis, delving into the intricacies of market research, and gaining an international perspective. Brady is especially eager to partner with a local Missouri company to increase its presence in overseas markets!



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Ryu is a senior who traveled over 8,000 from Okinawa, Japan to start a new chapter in his life. Ryu is pursuing a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration with an emphasis in Management, a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and a certificate in Global Business. He is looking forward to working as an intern and developing his skills in data analytics and market research.



## Graduate Student Assistants — Spring 2024



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Sunnen Products

Grant is a graduate student in the Crosby MBA program with an emphasis in Global Supply Chain Management. Grant graduated from the University of Missouri in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business. Since graduating in 2019, Grant has helped manage their cow-calf, feedlot, and row crop operation in Kirksville, Missouri. Grant has had an opportunity to travel to multiple countries such as Taiwan, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, and the United Kingdom studying agriculture practices and trade agreements. Along with studying business, Grant enjoys being outdoors with friends and family and attending Mizzou Athletic events.



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Jack is a senior finishing his undergraduate with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management with two Minors in Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Economics. Jack just recently started his MBA as well with an emphasis in Global Supply Chain Management. He has been consulting for the last two years through Trulaske Consulting Association and has experience in change management, FDA regulations, international trade research and implementation. Jack has a passion for global trade, most recently traveling with Trulaske College of Business to Malaysia & Singapore supporting a global consulting project for a Missouri company.



## Edelbrand Pure Distilling Interns — Fall 2023



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Even is a senior hailing from Kansas City, MO but originally born in Eritrea. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication with a focus on Mass Media Communication. Alongside this major, he is also working towards a minor in Statistics and Research. Even is enthusiastic about the prospect of collaborating with the MU International Trade Center, aiming to cultivate invaluable experience in global markets and the intricacies of data analytics.



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Melissa is a senior from the suburbs of Chicago, IL pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and a minor in Hospitality Management along with a certificate in Marketing Analytics and a certificate in Global Business. She has participated in two study abroad programs to Lisbon, Portugal, and Southeast Asia, where she presented marketing research to the U.S. Embassy in Singapore.



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Kate is a senior from Des Moines, IA pursuing a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance along with a certificate in Investments, Risk Management and Insurance, and Global Business. Kate spent the spring semester studying abroad in Milan, Italy, learning about international financial markets and business culture. Kate is looking forward to her time at the International Trade Center to further develop her skills in market research and data analysis.



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Jake is a senior from Basehor, KS pursuing a degree in Marketing and a minor in History. He had the opportunity this summer to study abroad in Bergamo, Italy. Jake is very excited to expand his knowledge of international markets and the opportunity to help local businesses.



## Innovating Solutions (Tappecue) Interns — Fall 2023



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Peyton is a junior from St. Louis, MO studying Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and Real Estate as well as a certificate in Investments. Peyton recently interned at MRP Capital Group with their Acquisitions and REIT teams. He is excited for the opportunity to dive deeper into market research and analysis with the MU International Trade Center.



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Christian is a senior from Overland Park, KS pursuing a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Accountancy with a minor in Economics. Christian recently interned with Ernst & Young (EY) in their St. Louis office. He is passionate about M&A and business development. Christian is looking to develop his data analytics skills and gain confidence in public speaking through this experience.



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Sean is a senior from Chicago, IL pursuing a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance, a minor in Economics, and a certificate in Real Estate. Sean recently travelled to Prague, Czech Republic to participate in the Trulaske Study Abroad program. Through this internship, Sean is excited to expand his knowledge of international trade, while enhancing his skills in market research and data analysis.



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Dylan is a senior from Farmington, MO studying Finance and Banking. In his free time, Dylan enjoys playing golf and video games and hopes to work in the gaming industry one day in some form or another.





## Pets Best Life (Yummy Combs) Interns — Fall 2023



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Libby is a junior from Peoria, IL pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management, a minor in Economics, and certificates in Global Supply Chain and Global Business. She currently serves as Treasurer of Phi Mu Fraternity and works as a Career Specialist at the MU Career Center. Through this internship, she hopes to learn more about international trade and gain skills in market research.



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Aisling is a junior from Downers Grove, IL. She is pursuing dual degrees: a BSBA with an emphasis in Finance and Banking, a BS in Economics, and a minor in Constitutional Democracy. She has a keen interest in the global economy and diverse business cultures and dynamics. Through this internship she is excited to learn what it takes to launch a business in the global market.



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Mariah is a senior studying Business and Marketing, set to graduate this December. With an unwavering passion for all areas of marketing--both domestic and international-- she holds an array of experience in the field. Aside from roles within academic circles such as the former Marketing Director of AKPSI and Head of Outreach for Mizzou Student Media, Mariah has had past experiences as a Marketing Intern at AEG Presents, Graphic Designer at Matchbook Marketing Agency, and a study-abroad marketing internship with Luciernagas, a Barcelona-based wedding photography business.



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Alicia is a junior from St. Charles, MO pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management along with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a minor in Spanish. Through this internship, Alicia is excited to expand her knowledge of global trade and learn about market research. Alicia plans to further her education by studying abroad in the Spring of 2024 in Alicante, Spain.





## Spirit of '76 Fireworks Interns — Fall 2023



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Devin is a third-generation Mizzou Tiger studying Business Management and pursuing a certificate in Global Business from Kansas City. He enjoys finding creative solutions to complex issues. He is an avid sports fan who enjoys the competitive spirit particularly the rivalry between MU and KU. Devin especially loves football and baseball and supports Mizzou athletic programs as they play in one of the best conferences in college, the SEC.



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Caleb is a senior from Columbia, MO and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in both Marketing and Economics. Through his University of Missouri International Trade Center Internship, Caleb plans to continue developing his marketing analytics and research skills while also continuing his pursuit to obtain a certificate in Global Business.



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Appy is a junior from VinUniversity located in Hanoi, Vietnam studying at the University Missouri for the Fall 2023 semester as part of the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program supported by the U.S. Department of State. She is pursuing a degree in Business Analytics and Marketing. Appy serves as a KPMG Student Ambassador in Vietnam and Cambodia as well as President of the VinUni Business Insider.



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Ty is a senior from Kansas City, MO pursuing a degree in Finance with an emphasis in Real Estate. He spent this past summer with the Kansas City branch of Enterprise Bank and Trust as a Commercial Banking intern. He hopes to learn more about global markets and strengthen his teamworking and leadership skills during his time with the International Trade Center.



## Graduate Assistants — Fall 2023



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Spirit of '76 Fireworks

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Grant is a graduate student in the Crosby MBA program with an emphasis in Global Supply Chain Management. Grant graduated from the University of Missouri in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business. Since graduating in 2019, Grant has helped manage their cow-calf, feedlot, and row crop operation in Kirksville, Missouri. Grant has had an opportunity to travel to multiple countries such as Taiwan, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, and the United Kingdom studying agriculture practices and trade agreements. Along with studying business, Grant enjoys being outdoors with friends and family and attending any Mizzou Athletic events he can.



**Companies:**  
Edelbrand Pure Distilling  
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Karlee is a graduate student pursuing her Master's in Business Administration, specializing in Marketing Analytics. She is from Batavia, IL and graduated from Mizzou this past May with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and a certificate in Human Resources. After interning in London and working as a study abroad student manager for Trulaske's Prague program, she is enthusiastic to be working for the International Trade Center. She hopes to expand her global mindset and enhance her data analytics skills. Karlee aspires to live abroad and work in global trade.