

# **TRULASKE**

# **TRADE TREK**



## **2025 EVENT PROGRAM**

**April 3 & 4, 2025**



# AGENDA

## Thursday, April 3, 2025 (11:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)

- 11:15 a.m. Meet at Cornell Hall – Outside Busch Auditorium
- 11:30 a.m. Depart Columbia; Box Lunch in Route
- 1:30-3:15 p.m. **Sunnen Products Company**  
7910 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO
- 3:15 p.m. Depart Sunnen Products for World Trade City-St. Louis  
120 S. Central Ave., Suite 200, St. Louis
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. **Global Trade Resource Panel** hosted by the World Trade Center-STL
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. **Networking Social**
- 5:30 p.m. Depart World Trade Center for Urban Chestnut Brewing Company  
Grove Bierhall – 4465 Manchester Ave, St. Louis
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Urban Chestnut Brewing Company**  
Brewery Tour & Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Depart Urban Chestnut Brewing Company for Hotel
- Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis – Forest Park  
2111 Sulphur Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
Phone: 314-646-0770

## Friday, April 4, 2025 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

- Before 8:30 a.m. Eat breakfast & prepare for departure
- 8:30 a.m. Meet in Hotel Lobby; Load Vans
- 8:40 a.m. Depart Hotel for Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company**  
5025 Pattison Ave, St. Louis
- 10:30 a.m. Depart CCC Company for St. Louis Airport
- 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Live Animal Export Facility, St. Louis Airport**  
Air Cargo Road, St. Louis  
Lunch incorporated into visit
- 1:00 p.m. Depart St. Louis Airport to return to Columbia
- 3:00 p.m. Arrive in Columbia



## DAY 1: Thursday, April 3, 2025

**1:30 P.M. Sunnen Products Company** - 7910 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO



**Representatives:** Tom Dustman – International Sales Director – [tdustman@sunnen.com](mailto:tdustman@sunnen.com)

**About Sunnen Products Company:** Founded over 100 years ago, [Sunnen Products Company](https://www.sunnen.com) (Sunnen) has a long tradition of innovation. Their products have evolved from simple manual tools to advanced CNC machining processes, continually pushing the boundaries of precision engineering. Sunnen’s precision honing systems, tools, and abrasives are used in a wide range of industries including performance engine parts, aerospace components, energy exploration equipment and medical devices. Their products are integral to manufacturing processes that require high levels of accuracy and efficiency. Sunnen operates sales, service, and manufacturing facilities in 14 countries worldwide. This extensive network allows them to provide comprehensive support and solutions to their international customers.

Sunnen has been recognized for its excellence in exports, receiving the prestigious “E Star” Award for Exports in 2024. This award highlights their commitment to quality and innovation in the global market.

**About Tom Dustman:** Over the last 25 years, [Tom Dustman](#) has served Sunnen’s global expansion program, providing leadership to the international sales organization to include 35 independent distributors worldwide. He coordinated the creation of joint ventures in China and Brazil and established direct sales in Canada on behalf of the company, working to establish a network of sales offices around the globe. During his tenure with Sunnen, export sales have grown from 25% of annual turnover to over 40% of annual turnover.

Dustman is deeply committed to giving back to the community. He has served on the Missouri District Export Council for over 18 years, including a term as chair. He was also appointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross to the U.S. Investment Advisory Council. He currently co-chairs the Education & Outreach Committee for the National Association of District Export Councils and serves as a member of the Governance Council for the Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP) credential.



## 4:00 P.M. Global Trade Resource Panel

**Representatives:** **Stella Sheehan, Deputy Director** – World Trade Center St. Louis - [SSheehan@worldtradecenter-stl.com](mailto:SSheehan@worldtradecenter-stl.com)  
**Warren Anderson**, Senior International Trade Specialist – U.S. Commercial Service, St. Louis – [Warren.Anderson@trade.gov](mailto:Warren.Anderson@trade.gov)  
**Alexander Matlock**, Senior Trade Specialist (St. Louis Region) – Missouri International Trade & Investment Office - [Alexander.Matlock@ded.mo.gov](mailto:Alexander.Matlock@ded.mo.gov)  
**Caitlyn Murphy**, CEO – Global Gateway Logistics – [caitlin@shipglobalgateway.com](mailto:caitlin@shipglobalgateway.com)  
**Jennifer Schwesig**, Partner – International Practice Group - Armstrong Teasdale, LLP - [jschwesig@atlpl.com](mailto:jschwesig@atlpl.com)  
**Paul Toskin**, Senior Vice President – Commerce Bank – [paul.toskin@commercebank.com](mailto:paul.toskin@commercebank.com)  
**Dave Shogren**, President, MO District Export Council – Panel Moderator – [Dave@usi-foods.com](mailto:Dave@usi-foods.com)



**About World Trade Center St. Louis:** The [World Trade Center St. Louis](#) has had a significant positive impact on the local economy. By serving as a hub for international trade, it has helped local businesses expand their reach to global markets. This has led to increased export opportunities, job creation, and economic growth in the region. The center also provides valuable resources, such as trade education programs and business training, which help companies navigate the complexities of international trade.

Additionally, the World Trade Center St. Louis facilitates networking events and trade missions, allowing businesses to form valuable connections and partnerships. These activities contribute to the overall economic development of the region by fostering a more robust and competitive business environment.

**About Stella Sheehan:** [Stella Sheehan](#) is the Deputy Director of World Trade Center St. Louis and is responsible for jointly planning, directing and coordinating the Center's operations and strategic initiatives. In conjunction with the Executive Director, she assists in staff development, monitoring budgets and developing communications with key stakeholders, corporate partners and government leaders. Stella coordinates with international, federal, state and local organizations to identify appropriate expertise and resources to guide regional business growth in international markets.

Stella leads the Center's trade development activities, including implementation of the Metro St. Louis Export Plan. She oversees the development and implementation of all World Trade Center St. Louis training, informational and social programming including trade seminars, international business workshops and roundtables. Stella manages all aspects of the region's premier international business focused event, Growing Global, with upwards of 700 attendees annually. She works to raise the international profile of St. Louis, overseeing foreign delegation visits, developing partnerships with relevant global networks and directing St. Louis Sister Cities committees.

Stella hails from Ireland and has lived, worked and studied extensively in international markets including Belgium, France, Italy and the U.K. She holds a BA in French and Italian from the National University of Ireland, Galway and an MA in Applied Languages for Business from the University of Ulster at Coleraine, in Northern Ireland. She is a graduate of the 2017-2018 class of Leadership St. Louis (LSL) and was appointed to the Missouri District Export Council (MODEC) in January of 2022. She lives in the city of St. Louis with her husband and two children.





**About U.S. Commercial Service:** As the export promotion arm of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), the U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) works every day to grow U.S. exports to increase U.S. jobs. With global relationships and expertise in every major industry sector, USCS leverages the strength of the U.S. government to support U.S. company export growth through strategy development; partner background checks; in-country matchmaking through our flagship Gold Key Service (and other programs) to connect U.S. companies to the right partners; counseling with U.S. and international based staff on export regulations and compliance; overseas product promotion; and trade show support. USCS has a network of trade professionals ready to assist your company. U.S. companies can find USCS trade professionals to assist them in over 100 U.S. cities and in more than 75 countries to help them increase sales to new global markets. For more information, please visit: [www.export.gov](http://www.export.gov).

**About Warren Anderson:** [Warren Anderson](#) is a Senior International Trade Specialist with the U.S. Commercial Service office in St. Louis, which is the trade promotion arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. Located across the United States and in U.S. Embassies and Consulates in nearly 80 countries, their global network of trade professionals connects U.S. companies with international buyers, providing them with market intelligence, trade counseling, business matchmaking, and advocacy/commercial diplomacy support.

Warren handles the aerospace & defense, agribusiness, education, healthcare, safety & security, and travel & tourism industry sectors throughout the state of Missouri. In his capacity as a Senior International Trade Specialist, he regularly provides guidance and assistance to businesses involved in, or seeking involvement in, the export of goods and services to foreign markets. During his tenure with the U.S Commercial Service he has held a number of roles such as; assisting in bilateral negotiations with Chinese Government officials on trade and policy issues during a three-month temporary duty assignment in the Office of China & Mongolia in DC, serving as a Project Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, leading a delegation of U.S. companies as part of a trade mission to Saudi Arabia, as well as serving as a core team member for numerous domestic international focused trade shows in various industries.



Missouri Department of  
**Economic Development**

**About Missouri International Trade & Investment Office:** The [Missouri International Trade & Investment Office](#), part of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, is the lead agency for export assistance in the state. It helps Missouri businesses expand into global markets through its 14 foreign offices located in countries such as Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany (Europe), India, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates and USA. The office also plays a significant role in attracting foreign direct investment to Missouri.



**About Alexander Matlock:** [Alexander Matlock](#) serves as a Senior International Trade Specialist at the Missouri International Trade & Investment Office, where he represents the St. Louis region and oversees foreign offices in Europe and the United Kingdom. In this capacity, he assists Missouri businesses in navigating international markets and expanding their global reach.



**About Global Gateway Logistics:** [Global Gateway Logistics](#) is a freight forwarding and logistics consulting company headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Established in 2017 by founder and CEO Caitlin Murphy, the company offers a range of services, including international air and ocean shipping, rail and ground transport, customs consulting, and hospitality logistics. Global Gateway Logistics emphasizes personalized customer service, data-driven analysis, and innovative solutions to meet diverse supply chain and logistical needs.

**About Caitlin Murphy:** [Caitlin Murphy](#) is the founder and CEO of Global Gateway Logistics, a global freight forwarding and non-vessel operating common carrier (NVOCC) firm based in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in International Business from the University of Missouri and furthered her studies at Peking University in Beijing, China.

With over a decade of experience in domestic and international logistics, Murphy established Global Gateway Logistics in 2017 to offer comprehensive services in global maritime, air, and ground transportation. The company's mission is to simplify global logistics through a hybrid approach combining personalized customer service and advanced technology. In 2020, Global Trade magazine recognized Global Gateway Logistics as one of the Top 50 Third-Party Logistics Firms. In March 2021, Murphy was honored by Upworthy and the Tory Burch Foundation's Empowered Women campaign for her impactful work in the logistics industry and her community.



**About Armstrong Teasdale:** [Armstrong Teasdale](#) is a full-service law firm with a strong presence in the U.S. and internationally. Founded in 1901, the firm provides legal services across various industries, including litigation, intellectual property, corporate law, and employment. Known for its client-focused approach, Armstrong Teasdale serves businesses, individuals, and organizations with strategic legal counsel and advocacy.

**About Jennifer Schwesig:** [Jennifer Schwesig](#) serves as the leader of the firm's international practice area. She understands that to be truly competitive, companies must have a business orientation that is global in scope. Jennifer knows that organizations must often bridge the amalgam of local, national and foreign country laws as well as analyze the added risks that accompany any overseas transaction. Her practice centers on counseling both domestic and foreign clients on international corporate compliance issues and business transactions in order to facilitate global expansion and management of overseas operations. Jennifer's background also includes significant experience working with China. Because of her familiarity with the



country, its culture and laws, she is in a strong position to help U.S. corporations with investments in China as well as providing compliance training to U.S. multinationals with operations in China.



**About Commerce Bank:** [Commerce Bank](#) helps exporters and new-to-exporting companies grow their global sales. Whether it be through our international trade or foreign currency services, or our EXIM/SBA export working capital programs, Commerce Bank has the resources you need.

**About Paul Toskins:** Paul Toskin is vice president and manager of Commerce Bank's Trade Service Group in St. Louis. Toskin joined Commerce Bank's International Trade Group in Kansas City in 1984. For 40 years, he has worked at Commerce bank, helping companies efficiently and safely finance the sourcing of products globally and manage foreign credit risk associated with exports.

After completing a Bachelor of International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in German at Otterbein University, Toskin began his banking career in 1980 at BancOhio in Columbus, producing country studies for BancOhio's International Lending group. In 1987, Toskin attended and completed training at the American Bankers Association's School of International Banking at the University of Colorado. He has published articles on international banking issues and has received appointments from the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the Missouri District Export Council. Toskin is the creator of the International Transactions course, part of the Chancellor's Certificate in the International Trade program of the World Trade Center St. Louis and University of Missouri-St. Louis. He currently teaches this course.



**About Missouri District Export Council:** [The Missouri District Export Council](#) (MODEC) is a non-profit organization composed of experienced exporters and business professionals. Its primary mission is to encourage and support the export of goods and services from Missouri, aiming to strengthen individual companies, stimulate U.S. economic growth, and create jobs. MODEC provides support services to exporting companies, helping them navigate the complexities of international trade and expand their global reach.

**About Dave Shogren:** [Dave Shogren](#) is the President of U.S. International Foods LLC, a company based in St. Louis, Missouri, specializing in exporting high-quality American-made food and grocery products to international markets, particularly in Asia.

Shogren began his career in the food industry in 1988 at Beverage Concepts, where he served as a financial analyst and later as Director of Finance and Administration. In 1991, he joined Resource One as its first employee, eventually rising to the position of Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure, he initiated international business development efforts, notably pioneering the company's entry into the China market. In September 2014, Shogren and his wife, Linda, acquired the export business from Resource One, establishing U.S. International Foods as an independent entity.



Under Shogren's leadership, U.S. International Foods has experienced significant growth, expanding its reach to various Asian markets, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Trinidad Tobago and Lebanon. The company's success has been recognized with several accolades, such as the "Global Pioneer of the Year" by the St. Louis Regional International Partnership and "Agricultural Exporter of the Year" by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and "Exporter of the Year" by the Small Business Administration for Eastern Missouri. Dave also served on the Trade Finance Advisor Council for several years after being appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and served on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Council for processed foods after being appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. In his free time Dave teaches several marketing classes – including International Marketing – to graduate students at Webster University as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Marketing.

## 6:00 P.M. Urban Chestnut Brewing Company



**Representatives:** Florian Kuplent, Co-Founder and Brewmaster - [florian@urbanchestnut.com](mailto:florian@urbanchestnut.com)  
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**About Urban Chestnut Brewing Company:** [Urban Chestnut Brewing Company \(UCBC\)](#) is an independent craft brewery based in St. Louis, Missouri, known for its innovative approach to brewing that blends tradition with modern creativity. Founded in 2011 by former Anheuser-Busch brewmaster Florian Kuplent and former Anheuser-Busch sales and marketing staff member David Wolfe, UCBC embraces a "Beer Divergency" philosophy, producing both classic European-style beers and experimental, contemporary brews. The brewery operates multiple locations in St. Louis, including its flagship Bierhall in Midtown and the Grove Brewery & Bierhall. UCBC is also committed to sustainability, with initiatives such as solar power, composting, and a focus on local ingredients.

**About Florian Kuplent:** [Florian Kuplent](#), co-founder and brewmaster of Urban Chestnut Brewing Company (UCBC), brings over two decades of diverse brewing experience to the craft beer scene. His journey began in Bavaria, Germany, where he apprenticed at a small traditional brewery, Brauerei Erharting, gaining hands-on experience in malting, brewing, and fermentation. Kuplent furthered his technical expertise by earning a Master's degree in malting and brewing science from the University of Munich-Weihenstephan. His career includes roles at notable breweries such as Brauerei Beck's in Bremen, Germany; Brouwerij Duvel Moortgat in Belgium; Meantime Brewing Company in London; and New England Brewing Company in Connecticut, USA. At Anheuser-Busch, he contributed to the development of award-winning craft-style beers under the Michelob brand.

**About Adam McBrady:** Adam McBrady serves as the Hospitality and Guest Experience Manager at Urban Chestnut Brewing Company (UCBC). His passion for Japanese culture was sparked during a high school homestay in Chigasaki, Japan, leading him to study Japanese courses while earning a Bachelor of Science in History from the University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL) in 2004. After graduation, he returned to Japan to teach English. At UCBC, McBrady has been instrumental in fostering international collaborations. Notably, he facilitated a partnership with Masumi Sake to create Konomi Ale, a Japanese-inspired beer brewed with rice and matcha, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Japan America Society of St. Louis (JASSTL). In recognition of his efforts, JASSTL honored him with the Friendship Award in November 2023.



## DAY 2: Friday, April 4, 2025

### 9:00 A.M. Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company



**Representatives:** Dan Abel, Jr., Second Generation Chocolatier - [dcabel@chocolatechocolate.com](mailto:dcabel@chocolatechocolate.com)

**About Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company:** [Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company](#) is a beloved artisan chocolate maker based in St. Louis. Founded in 1981 by Dan and Rosalie Abel, the company has grown to become a renowned name in the world of premium chocolates. They are known for their handmade chocolates, including truffles, caramels, and craft chocolate bars, made with high-quality, sustainable ingredients. The company sources cocoa beans and other key ingredients from all around the world ensuring the highest quality and flavor profiles for their chocolates.

In 2019, the company acquired Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier, another St. Louis-based chocolate brand with a storied history dating back over 90 years. The Abel family decided to keep the Bissinger's brand and its recipe intact, ensuring that customers continue to enjoy the same beloved products.

**About Dan Abel, Jr.:** [Dan Abel](#) is a second Generation Chocolatier and Chief Chocolate Officer at Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company and Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier. Dan literally grew up in the chocolate business that his parents started in 1981. Today, Dan's daily duties include new business development, national sales, marketing, and operations. In addition he is currently overseeing the largest expansion in company history – a newly expanded chocolate factory – café & speakeasy cocktail lounge.



## 11:00 A.M St. Louis Lambert International Airport – Live animal Export Center



**Representatives:** Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Airport Director - [RKHamm-Niebruegge@flystl.com](mailto:RKHamm-Niebruegge@flystl.com)

Brian Kinsey, Airport Assistant Direct, Marketing & Business Development -  
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**About St. Louis Lambert International Airport and the Live Animal Export Center:** [St. Louis Lambert International Airport](#) (STL) is the primary airport serving the St. Louis metropolitan area in Missouri. Located approximately 14 miles northwest of downtown St. Louis, it is the busiest airport in the state. The airport has a rich aviation history, having once served as a major hub for Trans World Airlines (TWA) and played a significant role in the early development of commercial aviation. STL features two terminals: Terminal 1, which handles most airlines, and Terminal 2, primarily used by Southwest Airlines. Known for its distinctive mid-century modern architecture designed by Minoru Yamasaki, Lambert remains an important transportation hub, offering a range of domestic and limited international flights, as well as cargo services.

St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) has established itself as a key player in the live animal export industry with its Live Animal Export Center. The center, inaugurated in June 2021, is the first of its kind in the U.S. It was developed in collaboration with the World Trade Center St. Louis, the STL Partnership, and the Midwest Cargo Hub Commission. The facility is designed to handle the export of live animals, primarily breeding livestock, to various global destinations. STL's central location within the U.S. makes it an ideal hub for shipping live animals, with approximately 58% of U.S. farms and 51% of U.S. agricultural production within a 500-mile radius.

In December 2024, an expanded version of the Livestock Export Center was unveiled, enhancing its capacity to handle greater volumes of exports more efficiently. This center positions STL as a vital hub for live animal transport, contributing to the growth of global exports and supporting the agricultural community.

**About Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge:** [Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge](#) has been the Director of St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) since January 2010. The Airport is the primary air carrier facility for the St. Louis region, serving more than 15 million passengers annually (*in 2019*). She is also Chairperson of the 17-member St. Louis Airport Commission. Prior to her position as Airport Manager, Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge logged over 25 years in aviation management positions with American Airlines, Trans World Airlines (TWA), and Ozark Air Lines; a majority of her career has been based in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge currently chairs the oversight committee of the Airport Cooperative Research Program. She is Chairperson for the Christian Hospital Board and Board Member for BJC. She also serves as a board member for Greater St. Louis, Inc.; the International Women's Forum; Ranken Technical College Board; the St. Louis Sports Commission and the St. Louis Civic Pride Foundation. She's the former Chairperson of the Advisory Board of John Cook School of Business at Saint Louis University and past President of the Board of Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis.



**About Brian Kinsey:** [Brian Kinsey](#) is the Assistant Director of Marketing and Business Development for St. Louis Lambert International Airport. As Lambert’s chief marketing and business development officer, Brian is responsible for all matters pertaining to the economic betterment of the airport, including attracting and expanding aviation-related businesses (primarily passenger and cargo air service), developing and improving use of airport property and assets, supporting regional economic development efforts, and promoting travel via the airport to/from St. Louis and the Missouri/Illinois Bi-State region.

Brian was previously the Properties and Contract Administration Division Manager for the airport. In that position, Brian managed the administration of all contractual agreements necessary for the ongoing operation of the airport, including negotiating and administering airline use and lease agreements, overseeing the public concession and service programs, managing the public parking and ground transportation operations, acting as lessor of airport-owned property, directing the airport’s risk management program, and handling the procurement of all services required by the various airport operating departments.

Brian holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautics from Parks College of Saint Louis University and a Master of Science Degree in Aviation from the University of Central Missouri.

Brian is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives, as well as Airports Council International, where he serves on the Airline Business and Air Service, Air Cargo and Marketing/Communications committees. He also acts as chairperson on three boards: Lambert’s Air Service Development Advisory Board, Lambert’s Corporate Marketing Advisory Board, and Parks College–Aviation Science Department–Industry Advisory Board at Saint Louis University. Brian is an adjunct professor at Parks College of Saint Louis University. In his free time, Brian is a flight instructor with CFI, CFII, and MEI certifications.

**Hotel Information:** **Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Forest Park**  
[2111 Sulphur Avenue St. Louis, MO 63139](#)



**HOTEL DESCRIPTION**

Hotel includes complimentary parking, wireless internet access, a 24-hour fitness center, indoor/outdoor pool & whirlpool (until 10 p.m.). This is a smoke-free facility.

A complimentary hot breakfast featuring scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, KELSO+BROS® coffee and more is served daily from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

Guest rooms are designed solely with your comfort in mind. TV, microwave, refrigerator, iron/ironing board and hairdryer are included.





## Trulaske Trade Trek — Spring 2025



**Name:** Aubrey Adams

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Aubrey Adams is a junior studying Business Administration with an emphasis in Management. She is also pursuing a certificate in Human Resources. Aubrey completed an internship with Worldwide Technology during the summer of 2024 with the Strategic Resources team and will be returning to the company for the summer of 2025 to complete another internship in the Talent Acquisition - University Relations team. She is very excited about the opportunity to learn more about global trade community in her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri.



**Name:** Bridget Bartlett

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Bridget is a junior from Columbia, Missouri studying Hospitality Management with minors in Business and Journalism as well as pursuing certificates in Global Business and Multicultural Studies. She has studied abroad with the Trulaske College of Business in Paris, France and Frankfurt, Germany as well as domestically on their New York City Program. She is also a student manager for Trulaske Study Abroad and will be stationed in Bergamo, Italy with 48 students this summer.



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Rylan, a senior from St. Charles, Missouri, is pursuing a Marketing degree with specialized certificates in Digital Marketing and Sales. She gained invaluable global experience through a summer abroad in London, England, serving as a Marketing Research Intern at Kitmapper. Currently, Rylan is sharpening her marketing and sales skills as an intern at Shamrock Solutions, a remote software company. She is excited to join Mizzou's Trade Trek to expand her professional network, delve deeper into the trade sector, and soak up as much valuable advice as possible.



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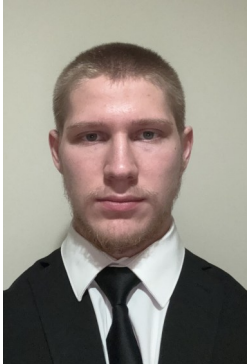
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Ava is from Columbia, Missouri and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and plans to minor in Textiles and Apparel Management. She is exploring internship opportunities for this coming summer with her current employer - Buckle with the desire to gain additional insights into the world of fashion merchandising, marketing and sales.





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**Name:** Gleb Fridburg

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Gleb is an international student from Estonia pursuing Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Accounting alongside a minor in Economics and an undergraduate certificate in Personal Financial Planning. He hopes to work as an accountant after graduation, although he is still exploring what field of accounting he will pursue.



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Mackenzie is a senior from St. Louis, Missouri, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in Marketing with certificates in Digital Marketing and Global Business. She spent the summer participating in an internship abroad program in Dublin, Ireland working in a social media marketing role at Bear Market. Currently, Mackenzie is a marketing intern at COMO Marketing, and serves as social media coordinator for the Mizzou Digital Marketing Club. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge in global business and hopefully securing another international role after graduation this May.



**Name:** Drew Froidl

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From Columbia, MO, Drew is studying International Business with emphasis in Management and Spanish. He hopes to work in global supply chain management after graduation, but remains open to exploring options.



**Name:** Julia Gutzman

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Julia is a Junior from Niles, IL pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and a minor in Economics. Julia spent the Fall 2025 semester studying abroad at Maastricht University, in the Netherlands, where she learned about globalization, brand management, and the interdependence of global supply chains. She is eager to explore international career opportunities and observe St. Louis's role in global markets.







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**Name:** Sam Hinton

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