

**Student Profile**

**Chelsea Hinkson – Master of Finance Program**



**Your Time at UCI**

What made you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

*It's something I have always strived for, and I think especially as a woman in business today, it is important to have a higher education in order to be competitive.*

Why did you choose to come to UCI?

*I grew up in Irvine and I always knew what a great school it was, so it's somewhere I always had hopes to attend.*

What are your hobbies/passions outside of research?

*Travelling, being outdoors, music, and calligraphy.*

**Reflections**

What are you most proud of accomplishing (so far) in your graduate program?

*I am most proud of how much I have learned, considering I had no finance background at all before this program.*

What is your most memorable moment/experience at UCI to date?

*I don't have a specific moment, but overall the most memorable part of being in this program is the relationships I have formed. The people I have met helped me so much academically, but have also turned into friendships I really cherish.*

What advice do you have for a new graduate student in your program?

*Come into this program with an open mind. Get to know as many people as you can, and branch out as much as you can both academically and personally.*

**Career**

How do you hope to make a difference?

*I hope to make a difference by helping people utilize their money in a beneficial way. I want to educate people on how to be smart with their money so that money can be a positive thing, and not always a source of stress. I would also like to donate a lot when I, myself, am financially stable.*