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Our second question is geared more towards currents SAF students.

So what advice would you give to someone early on in their career, whether that be to stay relevant, to stand out or to get exposure?

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I think there are a couple things. One, put yourself out there and what I mean by that is a couple of things. Go to the event that the school organizes to learn about different industries that are, like you know, normally that are like sort of more common paths for current students. But also, you know, explore a little bit outside of that. Don't be afraid to adventure out. You know some of the things that are considered normal paths for SAF students today where back in my day, which kind of dates me when they say that you know, out of the norm. If there's, if you have an intuition that there's something that you like, even if that intuition is or the thing that you might like is a little bit different than the things that interest people around you, pursue that interest, you know, go to those events, join those clubs, go to those recruiting events you know, really let yourself explore. I think you know one of the best parts about the Waterloo experience, is the ability to explore through you know, the clubs because the student life you know is really great that sense, people are really dedicated to planning fantastic events and initiatives for other students. But also, through the coop experience, it's like. Now you take for granted at the time how rare it is to be able to just try different things and figure out what you like, and you know if you know trying out one or two things, but you know joining your audit firm as an intermediate instead of a senior is the trade off like it may feel like that that that one year reduction is a big reduction, but you know five or ten years out when you can say like.

Yeah, it cost me one year, but I tried these other things and I and through trying those other things I knew that I liked this thing and I went back. To be able to say that, you'll have a lot more happiness and confidence in the career decisions that you've made and you know you can be able to test different sort of hypotheses about your life and your career so you know, really take advantage of all the other things on campus recruiting and put yourself out there.

And as an extension of that which I kind of let on to a little bit, as you know, don't be afraid to use Co-op as a testing ground as an experimental ground.

I think the engineering students do this really well, and it's something that I think SAF is starting to, SAF students are starting to pick up on, and I know it's looking at, you know LinkedIn profile

today you know, I get really excited and I get a little bit jealous I didn't pursue it as much. I went to two things instead of four, but even the two that I did was double what you know 90% of my peer group at the time and I'm really grateful that I did the two, because it allowed me to identify something new like a new insight that, basically shifted the entire success story of my career in my life.