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Samuel Macaraeg

2021 Drew Young Scholarship Recipient

Samuel Macaraeg is a rising senior at the University of North Texas pursuing a degree in Organizational Behavior and Human Resources. He is the Director of Corporate Relations for the UNT chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and is committed to invest in himself through professional involvement and he also makes serving others a priority.

Currently, he works as a full-time HR intern at Mavenir in Richardson. A series of articles Sam wrote on LinkedIn in the spring highlight his strong initiative and passion for applying what he learns to make real change. What started as a simple assignment to interview one person regarding his desired career evolved into interviews with 5 other HR professionals/administrators, including the Chief Human Capital Officer at UNT and even an interview with the UNT President Neal Smatresk. Insights from these interviews were compiled to share hope with other students and encourage them to learn from the difficulties of the Covid pandemic to prepare themselves for success in the workplace.

Outside of professional extracurriculars, Sam served as president of Catholic Campus Ministries at UNT this last academic year, bolstering online presence and reorganizing events to be executed virtually or in a socially-distant setting. In his free time, he spends time playing spikeball and ultimate frisbee with friends, leading bible studies, and serving as a wedding pianist at his church.

After graduation, Sam aspires to work for organizations that emphasize improving family life through ministry and formation for parents. Through his professional career, Sam hopes to bring the efficiency of the American workplace to nonprofits to make real changes in the world.