



Garret Statom

UNA Student Employee of the Year



Department: Student Financial Aid

Classification: Senior

Major: Accounting

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Garret is employed as a Student Administrative Assistant in the Office of Student Financial Aid. His supervisor states, he serves as a trusted representative of our office to his peers. He is able to interact with a diverse group of individuals. Whether Garret is speaking with a student or a parent/guardian, Garret provides a calming presence and is always able to find solutions to adequately assist those he is helping. He is respectful, a great listener and problem-solver, and is detail-oriented – all qualities that allow him to excel as a student employee Student Financial Aid.

Garret's campus involvement includes: UNA LaGrange Society, Vice President of External Affairs for Lambda Sigma Phi, Chief Justice of SGA's Judicial Branch, Beta Alpha Psi Member, IPO Shared Governance Committee Member. Garret also served as President for Accounting Scholars, SGA Treasurer, Social Chair & Secretary for Lambda Phi Fraternity just to name a few.

Garret states, "At work, I have gained valuable skills that directly contribute to my development in accounting. Assisting students with filing FAFSAs, learning how to manage their financial aid dashboard, and give insight on how their financial aid works has given me valuable experience that I can directly apply to my future occupation. There is also a sense of reward that I get knowing that I get to help out the student body of a University I love so much. I know that the skills I have developed will pay out in spades in my career choice, it is the connections and bonds I have made with my coworkers and supervisors that have meant the most to me in my work study experience."