## **Elder Ripper**

## Bachelor in Science in Business Administration with a Major in Finance Innovation Fellows Program - University of Florida Warrington College of Business

Elder Ripper is a Junior at the University of Florida's Heavener School of Business, graduating with an undergraduate degree in Finance.

Throughout his time at UF, Elder has maintained a rigorous degree of involvement in on-campus activities. Focusing on involvement in leadership, entrepreneurship, professional development, mentorship, and community service he has been involved with over 15 various student organizations during his time at UF. Elder has served as the President of his Area Government overseeing a team of 7 individuals and a budget of 1325 dollars over two years. He is a brother of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity where he has held positions as a Professional Advisor and Director of Rush Events. As a Professional Advisor Elder worked with more than 6 companies to coordinate networking and professional development



opportunities with over 100 individuals in his Fraternity. Other experiences Elder has had included being a volunteer for Enactus, a charity consulting club, receiving an invitation to an entrepreneurship organization called LaunchPad Scholars, Participating in the Consulting Club, and being a member of the entrepreneurship club. Elder has also dedicated himself to learning French and Mandarin, with a novice level proficiency in either language.

Elder has worked as a Resident Assistant, where he enabled the development of a unique and supportive resident community by designing inclusive and diverse events to meet the needs of 60 on-campus residents while operating within a budget of \$60 per semester. He has interned for Senator Marco Rubio working to develop a comprehensive dataset of Florida charities, while adhering to office deadlines and staff schedules, to help the State of Florida's underprivileged citizens gain access to vital community resources. Elder further worked for Helping Hand Lawn Care LLC where he managed company financial and cost systems which directed funds totaling \$150,000 in billings and \$40,000 in costs.

As Elder continues to expound upon his experiences and areas of excellence, he has developed a passion for entrepreneurship. He has determined that working to serve others and his community in a dedicated fashion is, above all else, a thing he strives for in life.

Elder will earn his bachelor's degree in 2022 in Finance. He will subsequently continue with his current aims to further his education upon graduation with a Masters in Science of Finance at the University of Florida.