

# JOHN WESLEY HONORS COLLEGE

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**What is your hometown?**

Shipshewana, IN

**What is your favorite Scriptural passage?**

Philippians 4: 6-9: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or Praiseworthy — think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

**What was your major? Your final thesis topic?**

Major: Accounting, Finance, and Economics

Thesis Topic: “Christianity’s Influence on the Accounting Professional”

**What is your current career/vocation?**

Staff Accountant at BKD, LLP (public accounting firm in downtown Indianapolis)

**In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now, professionally and personally?**

I see that JWHC really pushed me to succeed on a higher level and stretched me to go beyond what I thought my abilities were. JWHC made me realize that I was capable of much, much more than I ever thought possible — and I have taken that knowledge into my professional career, which has helped me to work harder and be more positive.

**If you could give one piece of advice to students who are now in the Honors College, what would it be?**

Perseverance! So many of my friends and fellow undergraduate students dropped out of JWHC when it got hard. Just take one step at a time (no matter how hard it seems) and you will reach your goal — this is true for any difficult situation in life.

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