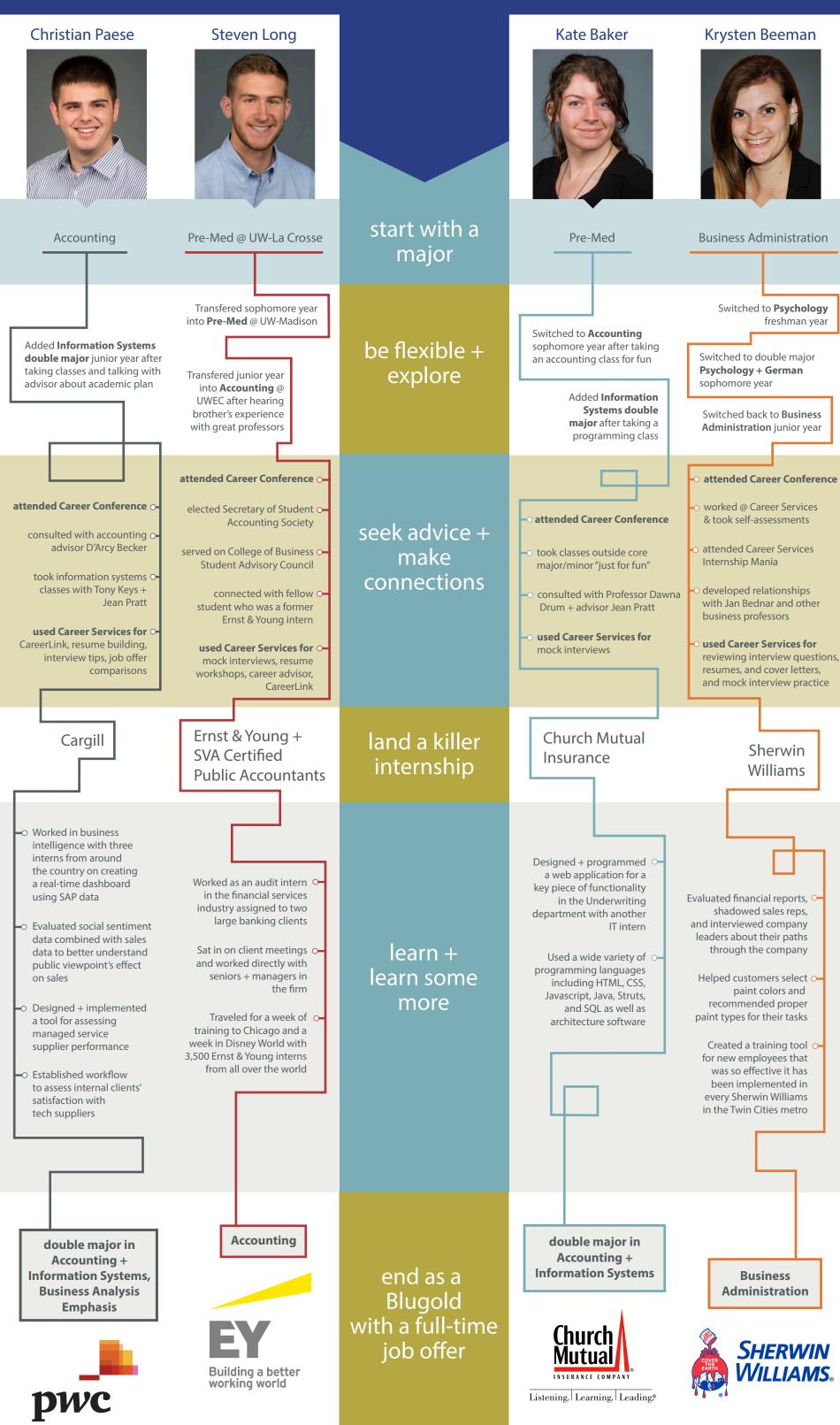
How to find that not-so-direct path to success

HINT: You don't have to have it all figured out right away!



"The biggest piece of advice I'd give underclassmen is find something you are passionate about and get involved. These experiences are the things that both Cargill and PwC wanted to hear about. Be open to new experiences that you may not have considered before. Finally, network, network, network. Talk to as many people as you can, find mentors that you can get advice from and learn from. Since I had a relationship with Dr. Drum and had gone to her office a couple of times, she was able to connect me with the right people. Without Dr. Drum's help I don't think I would have even considered PwC."

"My best advice for underclassmen is to go to Career Conference before you're looking for an internship so that the next time you go, when it really matters, the butterflies will be a little more manageable. Also, utilize resources like the career advisors, workshops, and mock interviews put on by Career Services. Interviewing is such an important life skill and practicing it early on gives you more time to get comfortable with it for when it really matters."

give wisdom to current and future Blugolds "Apply to many places and keep an open mind. You learn more in an internship than you do in an entire year of school and you do so in a stress-free environment. I soon realized that an internship was basically like school without the tests and homework. So the fun part — learning!"

"Go to Internship Mania and Career Conference. Reach out to employers. Ask questions. The interview is as much a chance for employers to get to know you, as it is for you to get to know them. Use Career Services; the whole point of them being there is to help you get a job; they want you to succeed. Internships are a great way to gain experience in your field that make you a stronger candidate against the rest when you apply for jobs after graduation!"

