

## Numbers & Analytics

### Ryan Hoadwonic

*Associate Director, Institutional Research*  
University of California, Irvine

#### Education Background:

I have a Master's degree in Anthropology, with concentrations in socio-cultural and biological anthropology, and a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, with a focus on logic and analytical philosophy. I also took a lot of research methods and statistics courses as a graduate student.

#### Current Job Tasks:

I am a generalist at work; I do anything from responding to survey and ad hoc data requests to assessing student success or employee diversity.

#### Favorite Thing About Their Job:

The ability to make a difference that goes beyond "the numbers." Seeing the results of your work used to make decisions that ultimately affect the health of the university is very rewarding; knowing that what you do actually makes a difference in people's lives and impacts students' education keeps me motivated.

#### Piece of Advice:

Try to understand the company or the institution for which you work holistically. Getting a handle of policies, principles, and political landscapes will help you to understand your data as well as aid senior leadership in making informed decisions. Data doesn't exist in a vacuum, particularly data about people, and as such, those data are best understood within a particular context. Knowing this should help you answer the inevitable question: "But what does this mean?"

### William Park

*Manager, Treasury Planning & Strategy*  
Hyundai Capital America

#### Education Background:

UC Irvine—B.A. in Business Economics

#### Current Job Tasks:

Debt capital markets, Rate and FX hedging, market risk management.

#### Favorite Thing About Their Job:

Broad exposure to financial markets.

#### Piece of Advice:

Be active.



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### Bellal Labanieh

*Senior Data Analyst*  
LiveNation/Ticketmaster

**Education Background:**

UCI Class of '13 - Econ / Poli Sci

**Current Job Tasks:**

- Data Science / Analytics

**Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

- Mining data to help clients understand their fans and make more tailored targeting

**Piece of Advice:**

- Be creative / think outside the box / understand how and when to use data vs. intuition for decision-making / pick up SQL / R / other programming languages.

### Denise Zhu

*Senior Analyst*  
PAAMCO

**Education Background:**

UC Irvine—B.A. in Business Economics

**Current Job Tasks:**

- Portfolio Analysis—Hedge Funds
- Investor Relations—Public and Corporate Pension Plans
- Business Development—Marketing

**Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

Working with senior investment professionals and large institutional investors.

**Piece of Advice:**

Be proactive.

