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Serving as an Alan Smith Visiting Executive Program coordinator was one of the most rewarding experiences during my two years at Tuck. Having spent the best part of my twenties taking professional classes and exams for my chartered accountancy certification, I was looking for a different way to develop and broaden my horizons beyond the in-class learning experience. This program provided the perfect opportunity as I was able to meet a multitude of prominent business leaders - ranging from CEOs, CFOs to corporate development officers, and found that the opportunity to discuss key issues related to their industry and business on a one-to-one basis was invaluable. As an example, I was lucky enough to spend some time with Jack Byrne (former CEO of GEICO) and Frank Herringer T'65 (former chairman Transamerica Corporation) and to help organize their day at Tuck.

I would avidly recommend the VE program to all Tuck students. Firstly, it is well organized, and a lot of thought is put into which executive is invited to Tuck. Secondly, a considerable portion of the VEs are either alumni or have been coming to Tuck for several years and truly enjoy the close interaction with Tuck students. Both factors, I believe, contribute to the success of the program.

I now work in the Investment Banking division at Morgan Stanley, helping the firm to provide mergers and acquisitions, strategic and financing advice to companies in the Basic Materials industry. My decision to join an investment bank post-business school was the same for wanting to join the VE program. Both provide a wonderful learning platform, an opportunity to meet and interact with senior executives and to develop a professional network that could be used as a springboard in the future. Ultimately, for me, great choices that I hope will continue to facilitate the achievement of my long-term career goals.