

MASON BENNETT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Master of Science in Finance graduate (4.0/4.0 GPA, conferred May 2026) seeking corporate finance / Financial Analyst role. Built three-statement operating projections, scenario and sensitivity analyses, and quantitative forecasting models — including a 0.9931 ROC-AUC ML credit-default classifier and a \$55B three-case projection. Strong in Excel-based financial modeling, Python data workflows, KPI dashboards, and BI visualization. Bloomberg Market Concepts certified; FINRA SIE in progress.

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business — Fayetteville, AR May 2026
Master of Science in Finance | GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Coursework: Advanced Financial Modeling, Advanced Corporate Finance, Alternative Investments, New Venture (Private Equity), Financial Data Analytics II, Shollmier Investment Fund (\$700K+ fixed-income portfolio)

University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business — Fayetteville, AR May 2024
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Business Economics | GPA: 3.62 / 4.0 | Dean's List (5 semesters)

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) (April 2026) | **FINRA Securities Industry Essentials (SIE)** (exam scheduled June 2026)
| **CFA Level I** (planned)

SELECTED FINANCE PROJECTS

Project Madden — Take-Private LBO of Electronic Arts Inc. (NASDAQ: EA) April 2026

- Led graduate deal team building a 38-page financial-analysis memorandum and 12-tab Excel three-statement operating model — sourced from primary SEC filings (DEFM14A, 10-K, 8-K) — driving three-case operating projections over a 5-year forecast horizon
- Modeled revenue, EBITDA, FCF, working-capital, and capex schedules; built scenario/sensitivity matrices on margin compression, growth, and exit-multiple inputs; selected by course faculty as the reference standard for future iterations

Project Forever Games — Sponsor-to-Sponsor LBO of Jagex Limited April 2026

- Led graduate deal team building a 10-tab Excel three-statement operating model and 26-page memorandum on a £900M / \$1,136M cross-border investment; sourced from Companies House Tier-1 audited accounts, SEC EDGAR, BoE MPC minutes, and Damodaran datasets
- Built CAPM-derived WACC (~10%), three-method cross-check (CCA, PTA, DCF), and an EBITDA add-back / quality-of-earnings bridge identifying \$18.6M of normalizations from \$56.4M reported to \$75M pro-forma

Garrison Financial Institute Stock Pitch Competition — HCA Healthcare (NYSE: HCA) October 2025

- Invited as one of only four graduate teams to present a buy recommendation to the GFI Advisory Board of industry practitioners; built financial projections and pitch deck, defended thesis in live Q&A

Quantitative Finance Projects — Python Spring 2026

- *Portfolio Optimization Engine*: Built a Markowitz mean-variance optimization engine — GMV and tangency portfolios via `scipy.optimize`, 80-point efficient frontier, CAPM beta/alpha, risk contribution decomposition; deployed as a Streamlit web app with `yfinance` data and Plotly dashboards
- *ML Credit Default Classifier*: Engineered a 60-seed bagged tanh-MLP ensemble with LightGBM feature selection on a 70,000-observation near-prime loan dataset; achieved 0.9931 leaderboard ROC-AUC vs. 0.58 baseline via pairwise-interaction features, PCA, and stratified-fold ensembling

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Funded 100% of undergraduate education through service-industry work while maintaining Dean's List standing
- Directed weekend operations at Venue on Spring Creek (2016–2020) for 75+ weddings and corporate events of up to 100+ guests; supervised a four-person staff and coordinated vendor logistics with 95%+ client satisfaction
- Served 50–250 guests per shift across fine-dining restaurants, regulated casino, and high-volume entertainment venues; processed high-volume POS transactions and reconciled cash with 100% accuracy

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Financial Modeling & Forecasting: Three-statement modeling, DCF, Monte Carlo simulation, budgeting and forecasting, working-capital and capex modeling, CAPM/WACC build, EBITDA normalization. **Tools**: Excel (advanced — pivot tables, scenario manager), Bloomberg, PitchBook, SEC EDGAR; Python (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, Streamlit), Stata, R/RStudio