

## FUTURE FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE | Ian Ellis-Jones

# College senior ready to make the leap from Albany to the financial capital

very spring, reality hits college seniors as they begin the big job hunt, hoping for a promising start to their careers.

But University at Albany senior Ian Ellis-Jones already has a job offer in hand seven months before graduation. Next year, he'll begin his career with Goldman Sachs in Manhattan, where he'll work as an investment banking analyst.

"This is one of the few careers with so much responsibility given in the first couple of years," said Ellis-Jones, 21.

He always envisioned himself starting his career in New York. It's the financial center of the world, but he was also drawn to it after living in Union Square this summer while interning at Goldman.

He says he's excited to start the job in Manhattan, but he also sees an MBA in his future, after which he'd like to take a more entrepreneurial role in his career.

"The allure of being your own boss, making your own

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award is given annually to a Capital Region college student — graduate or undergraduate. The award goes to a promising student interested in a career in finance.

opportunities and controlling your own fate appeals to me," he said.

Ellis-Jones grew up in Red Hook, a small town about 55 miles south of Albany, before coming to the Capital Region to study at UAlbany.

He balanced a double major with three years as a Division I cross-country and track-and-field athlete, training 70 miles per week. He was also active as a volunteer.

This year Ellis-Jones is co-president of UAlbany's prestigious Financial Analyst Honors Program, which is often described as a "crash course for Wall Street."

And what does Ellis-Jones think is the key to making or breaking one's career? "Attitude is everything," he says.

—Kimberly Carroccia



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### Ian Ellis-Jones

**Award:** Future Financial Executive

**Age:** 21

**Major:** Dual major, business administration and accounting

**Degree:** Bachelor's expected May 2012

**Hometown:** Red Hook, New York  
**Work Experience:** Internships at Goldman Sachs, New York; C. King & Associates, Albany; T. Ayco Co., Albany.

**Future:** Accepted a full-time position at Goldman Sachs in Manhattan after graduation in May. "I intend to return to school and work towards an MBA," Ellis-Jones says, "I would like to pursue an entrepreneurial route."

**Other Background:** Member of the professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi and UAlbany School of Business Investment Group. Community service record with Ronald McDonald House Relay for Life, and Goldman Sachs Teamwork Event.

**Notable:** Ellis-Jones maintains a 3.92 GPA