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My name is Kyle Bowman from Brecksville, Ohio, and my major is Sports Management.

My name is Melissa DeGrate and I am from Amarillo, Texas, and my major is Sports Administration.

I'm Armon Gates from Chicago, Illinois and my major is Sports Administration.

I'm Pat Fitzgerald, Vice President of operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers quicken and loans arena, Cleveland, Ohio.

Hi, my name is Kristin Reed and I'm an academic counselor in the athletic department at Kent State University.

Being an athlete all through high school I knew I wanted to do something in sports, I wanted to stay in sports.

I originally came to Kent state to play soccer, I received a soccer scholarship and I decided to major in recreation sports management because I wanted to stay in sports.

I've always been involved in sports and wanted to do something that I liked to do and I'm not going to be bored with.

After I graduate I want to go work with a professional team or a minor league team.

I want to get into either coaching or an athletic director.

Eventually I would like to become a sports agent or sport lawyer.

In my major there is a required internship and I decided to do my internship here at Kent State with the athletic department. I'm going to be working with the compliance director and also faculties and operations, I'm also going to be working the ticket office. I'm getting a wide variety of what goes on in an athletic department and I think I'm going to enjoy that very much.

I hope to get an internship with the Cleveland Browns, that's basically where I want to start off to get my foot in the door, working with professional sports

Next spring I plan on doing an intern ship up in Cleveland at the Q or work for the Akron Arrows. There are a lot of people from Kent state that go up and work for the Cleveland Cavilers.

All aspects, every area that we touch, students have the opportunity to do. We like to have the students involved in the leadership. They will be the point person or the contact person with an outside production company that's coming here for an event so that they understand all the I's that have to be dotted or the T's that need to be crossed.

The job market is very broad; you can go into the professional side of sports where there are minor leagues, professional leagues, and also college athletics. There are a lot of sport marketing industries that are coming up and firms that are coming up in that area so there is a lot of variety in this field.

I had some great experience with the Kent State students. One of the gentlemen found out that he kind of enjoyed the sales area rather than operations or behind the house and he's now working in the sales and services area.

Professors are just great people, it's a great program.

There are many opportunities to do undergrad research with the facility, they're really getting the students outside of the classroom, outside of the books, and learning real life experiences.

It's an ever changing field, every day you're seeing new things encountering new challenges and it's very exciting because you're working with people who really enjoy what they are doing.

I love my job, I never get tired of it, and the best part about it is every day is different. That was one of the draws for me to sports that I knew every day was going to be different and that's something I wanted.

Kent State University is a great environment and a great home, the faculty is there for you and you meet a lot of good friends. I've met a lot of good people that when I need them they'll be there for me and I'll be there for them.

Come to Kent State.

Kent State is the Place to be.