

Yanzhi Zhou

MAcc Alumna

"I want to express how grateful I am for the opportunity to study at Gonzaga and for my advisor, two of the best things to happen in my life. Attending Gonzaga proved to be invaluable."

Yanzhi (Chloe) Zhou graduated with her Master of Accountancy (MAcc) degree from Gonzaga in May 2017. After graduating, Chloe passed all four sections of the CPA exam and received her employment authorization documentation, which allows her to work in the United States without sponsorship. With her employment authorization, she landed a job at L.E.A.F. Pharmaceuticals as a staff accountant in 2018.

We invite you to learn more about Chloe's experience at Gonzaga in her own words...

Why did you decide to pursue a Master of Accountancy degree?

I decided to pursue a MAcc degree because I have always been passionate about accounting, a profession that is challenging but highly rewarding. The MAcc program helped me to deepen my knowledge of accounting principles, enhance my analytical skills, and expand my career options. Furthermore, the MAcc curriculum integrated material covered on the CPA exam, which greatly helped me pass all four sections of the exam.

How would you describe the Gonzaga community and network?

While at Gonzaga, I had opportunities to experience accounting career fairs, information sessions hosted

by various accounting firms, and an external internship. Networking with campus recruiters, staff, professors, and my classmates enriched my life. Being in Gonzaga's program not only allowed me to gain professional information and advice, but also to build lifelong friendships.

What did you appreciate most about your classes in the MAcc program?

My professors at Gonzaga were amazing. They were knowledgeable and always willing to help me, whether during their office hours or by replying to emails quickly. Many of my classmates had rewarding internship experiences and were more than happy to share stories of their journeys in preparing for the CPA exam and in the overall recruiting process.

What would you say to someone concerned about the investment in the MAcc tuition?

Gonzaga offers an international student scholarship, which covers up to half of the tuition for international students like myself. I also received a graduate assistantship in the School of Business Administration. Studying accounting is proving to be a promising career field for international students. I can tell other students who are concerned about the investment in the MAcc tuition, you will get a return on your investment in the near future and your hard work will be rewarded!