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## Hi, I'm Alim Nigmatjonov

Welcome to my ePortfolio. My name is Alim Nigmatjonov and I am a full-time student at the Minnesota State University, Mankato majoring in Finance - Investment analysis. I chose to pursue Finance because I am going to become a Certified Financial Advisor (CFA) and Asset Manager.

By browsing this portfolio, you will find more information about my experience, career goals, and plans for the future. You will also be able to view assignments and projects I've completed during my studies at MNSU. Thank you for your interest, and please reach out to me if you have any questions.

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## Alim Nigmatjonov

Hello! Thanks for visiting my e-portfolio. My name is Alim Nigmatjonov and I am currently a senior at Minnesota State University, Mankato. My major is Finance - Investment Analysis and my minor is Marketing and Entrepreneurship & Innovation. Also, I am a member of the MSU Honors Program.

I consider myself as a Global Citizen as I love different cultures. I spend lots of time with my friends from different countries. This significantly expands my horizons and helps me to practice cultural empathy. I believe that my field of study and skills will give me access to different parts of the world.

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## My Hobbies



### Investing and Trading

I am passionate about investing in the stock market and trading in the FX. I utilize my knowledge gained from my finance classes to perform fundamental and technical analyses to make investment decisions. I have created my diversified investment portfolio that has been beating the S&P500 index fund. Additionally, I trade currencies and gold when I see the rational technical confirmation.



### Gym and Basketball

To maintain my physical and mental health, I actively go to the gym and play basketball. Doing sports helps me to keep my mood up and stay energized.



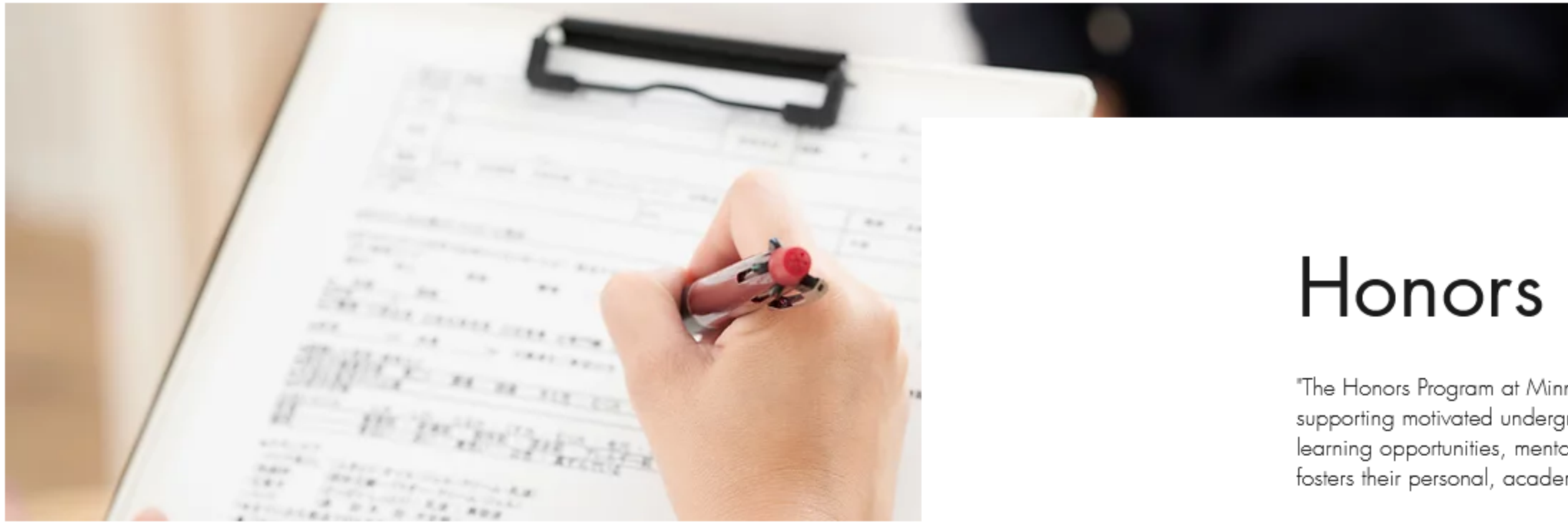
### Volunteering

I believe that volunteering service is a great way to make friends, improve leadership skills, learn something new and enjoy helping others. Therefore, I actively do volunteering service when I have an opportunity. For example, I did volunteering service in places like the Sibley Park, Radio Hispana, Echo Food Shelf, International Kearney Center, and Education Abroad Office.



### Podcasts

I enjoy listening to, watching, and reading Jordan Peterson's and Gary Vee's content in my free time. I like Jordan Peterson's book "12 Rules For Life" because it changed my perspectives and philosophies. Also, I find Gary Vee a great motivational speaker in the business world because he is one of the people who made me believe that I can achieve my long-term entrepreneurial goals.



# Honors Program

"The Honors Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato is committed to supporting motivated undergraduate students by providing them with exceptional learning opportunities, mentoring relationships, and a supportive community that fosters their personal, academic, and professional development."

- MNSU Honors

Department

## Mission Statement

My mission statement is to expand others' financial literacy and help them achieve their financial goals.

## Why Honors

I am in the Honors program because It allows me to think about my academic journey differently. While being part of it, I always ask myself how to improve my leadership and Global citizenship competencies. Asking those questions helped me to gain relevant experiences and be academically successful. In addition to this, being a member helped me get two scholarships for this academic year. While applying for scholarships, I have included my Honors Program membership to excel among other applicants. Finally, I joined this program to get early access to class registration when I was a sophomore. My experience at MNSU allowed me to meet many Honors competencies. I have been working as a Community Advisor for three years in 3 different residential communities and was an Orientation Peer Assistant last summer. In addition to this, I have an opportunity to do many volunteering services. Unfortunately, while having an active academic lifestyle and many volunteering experiences, I could not take advantage of events hosted by Honors Program representatives due to my responsibilities and busy schedule.

I am about to graduate, so at this point, there is not much to get from the program. But I believe that offering scholarships and employment opportunities for Honor Students would help a lot to succeed academically and personally.

I will use my Honors portfolio for the job application as it helps to share my experiences with employers and stand out. Also, I will include Honors Experiences on my resume and LinkedIn profile.

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## Honors Competencies

Leadership

Culture

Research



## Leadership Experiences

When I started my academic journey, I always prioritized personal growth and leadership experiences. Therefore, I have been involved in many volunteering services, employment opportunities, and clubs on campus. And while being in [Honors Program](#), I was able to reflect on my leadership experiences and better understand my leadership philosophy. One main thing I learned was that a solid leader helps their teammate realize their strength and continuously help them grow while working on the same missions and goals.

Before focusing on practical leadership experiences, I took the [GALLUP Strengths Finder](#) assessment to identify areas of leadership that I am strongest. My top 5 strengths were futuristic, relator analytical, consistency, and competition. My results were not a surprise because I can identify experiences in which I have been a leader and recognize these values within those times. Many of my strengths match what I believe to be beneficial for a finance professional to have when leading. Better understanding my strengths allowed me to apply them in my leaderships experiences and attain outstanding results.

In my sophomore year at college, I received an offer for the [Community Advisor \(CA\)](#) position. This experience was crucial in my personal growth because I could apply my strengths and develop my leadership philosophy. Initially, working as a CA was a challenge because I had to work in a big team with many students every day. This experience allowed me to recognize that my leadership philosophy is fundamentally based on the Democratic Leadership style. My philosophy of making decisions as a group through brainstorming benefited the whole team because we could develop diverse ideas and provide each other constructive feedback.

Also, I had an opportunity to work as an [Orientation Peer Assistant](#), where I expanded my leadership philosophy. I learned that when having a team of knowledgeable and competent people, it is reasonable to work individually towards the same goal. As Steve Jobs once said, "The greatest people are self-managed — they don't need to be managed. Once they know what to do, they'll go figure out how to do it — they don't need to be managed at all! What they need is a common vision — and that's what leadership is." However, I also realized that relying on each other's strengths is crucial for the best outcome, but it does not mean that leaders always have to rely on others. Instead, it is better to challenge yourself to overcome weaknesses and gain experience in areas where I do not excel.

With these leadership skills, in five years, I see myself as an asset manager who will assist clients or companies with investment decisions considering the health of the economy, industry preferences, and security analysis. I believe that the leadership philosophy I have developed will allow me to serve my company and clients ethically, competently, and transparently.

[GALLUP Strengths Finder](#)

[Community Advisor \(CA\)](#)

[Orientation Peer Assistant](#)



## Intercultural Engagement

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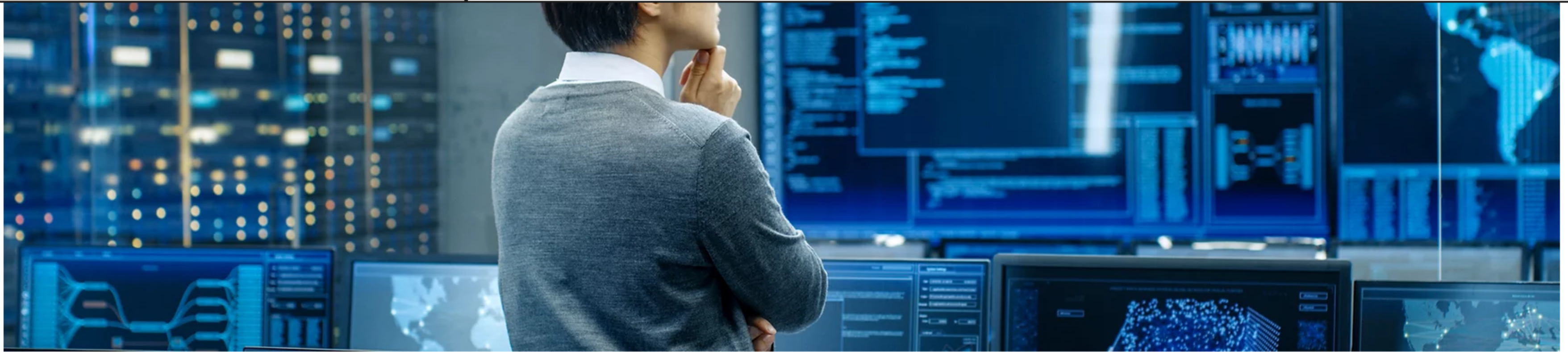
When I was 18, the new chapter of my story began. I came to the US from Uzbekistan, a country located in Central Asia. As a young and open-minded person with confidence in my communication skills, I was not afraid of the new environment and people. As soon as I arrived at the university, I have met incredible people and made many friends. Socializing with diverse people allowed me to expand my cultural understanding and grow as a global resident. My study abroad experiences allowed me to learn and understand real diversity and its value in our society. I gained a solid understanding of different values, cultures, identities, ideas, and backgrounds and learned how to connect, work and compromise with diverse individuals.

Later on, to expand my cultural knowledge and experiences, I became an International Student Orientation Peer Mentor in spring 2019 and 2020, where I worked with first-year students from all over the world. My role was to help new students transition to the MNSU. Precisely, I assisted international students with class registration, hosted a campus tour, helped to open my first bank account in the US, and provided advice on accommodation. This experience was a great opportunity that allowed me to compare and contrast my own culture with other cultures. Also, this role helped me to develop sympathy towards culturally diverse students and learn to communicate with international students more tactfully.

In addition to this, I have multiple jobs on-campus that allowed me to expand my understanding of diversity and prepared me to work with diverse individuals. For example, I served as an Orientation Peer Assistant and was a third-year Community Adviser. In order to succeed in these roles, I have been not only prepared to work with diverse students from different backgrounds, cultures, identities, and values but also was able to apply my knowledge in practice by serving diverse students on campus. I succeeded at my job because I have received valuable training from "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department" representatives who hosted multiple workshops to educate and coach me on engaging with diverse students. I still use and will continue using all of the knowledge shared by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department representative as I believe that diversity awareness is essential in any workplace.

All these experiences expanded my understanding of diversity in different aspects and helped me develop a mindful attitude towards others. So I feel confident in working with a diverse team.

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## Research Experiences

I am a person who believes that numbers tell the story and numbers show the facts. So, to gather and retrieve statistical data, research is crucial. Based on my experience analyzing securities and macroeconomic conditions, I can evaluate what sector and types of securities investors should focus on. This requires an understanding of gathering, synthesizing, and interpreting data from reliable sources. Therefore, while earning my degree in Finance – Investment Analysis, I have leveraged my research experience through writing a research paper, making investment decisions for the MNSU investment portfolio and conducting a financial analysis for a company.

In fall 2021, I conducted research on the "[Macroeconomic Condition of Sweden](#)." To complete my research and back up my findings, I used statistical data published by the Swedish government and Central Bank. As a result, I could gather information about the country's imports and export rates, GDP, interest rates, inflation, unemployment rate, and national income level. I received feedback on my paper from my professor, the Director of Scandinavian Studies at MNSU. Working with my professor helped me add more details and sources to my research paper from reliable resources. The biggest takeaway from this experience was learning how to interpret and read economic indicators and create a bigger picture of the country's economic state. Interpreting economic indicators helped me a lot with investment decisions in the [Maverick Fund project](#).

[The Maverick Fund project](#) is a class where we, as a group of 12 students, worked with a professor to manage the MNSU investment portfolio value of about \$850,000. We had access to the resources and tools that financial institutions and professionals use to manage their money. I analyzed the economy, researched various industries, identified fairly valued stocks, and presented my investment ideas to the faculty and university administrators. Also, we discussed Wall Street Journal articles and Barrons magazine to keep track of recent economic news. I used Morning Star Direct to keep track of financial statements and read analyst reports. All of this allowed me to put myself into the shoes of Asset Managers or CFAs, which was one of my most valuable hands-on experiences during school. I use all the knowledge I learned from this class on my investment portfolio and am undoubtedly willing to assist others with their investments in my professional career.

In addition to this, I participated in [Integrated Business Experience \(IBE\)](#), which was a project that involved a lot of marketing research and business operations, unlike the Maverick Fund project, where I was focusing on macroeconomics and financial data. Integrated Business Experience (IBE) is a combination of a suite of required courses into a semester-long real-world entrepreneurial experience that taught me the process of launching and running the business. My team worked together to apply our knowledge from classes to planning, launching, and operating an actual business. As a result, I gained leadership skills, an entrepreneurial mindset, and hands-on experience. So, down the road, when I establish myself as a financial professional, I will use this knowledge to create my own limited liability company (LLC) with the purpose of assisting my personal clients and allocating personal taxes.

With my research arsenal, I prepared myself to face real-world challenges in my future career. With confidence in my research skills, I will apply my knowledge in the Asset Management position down the road. I will continuously keep growing as a researcher because more and more streams of information and data are being generated, and the ability to distinguish and interpret good quality data is crucial in investment decisions.

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