

# **Evan Shirreffs**

## **WIMS Consulting, Business Analyst**

**Age:** 23

### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN?**

Wilmington, DE

### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?**

A little over 2 years

### **TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?**

I grew up in Athens, Georgia playing any and every sport you can think of. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to play quarterback in college for the University of Miami and UNCC. I attended Miami for 3 years, where I completed my undergrad degree in finance with a minor in business law. I immediately moved up to Charlotte to continue my collegiate football career and pursue an MBA at UNCC. I finished my last football season along with the MBA program in December 2019.

Following graduation, I secured a job with WIMS Consulting as a Business Analyst. Instead of starting work in January, I decided to buy a one-way ticket to Australia. For the next 6 weeks, I backpacked around Australia with the goal of recharging and contemplating what I wanted to do with my life after football ended. After returning to Charlotte at the beginning of summer, I have been working, networking, and getting involved with the community in any way possible.

### **DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?**

Last spring, I volunteered for an organization called the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 Foundation which connects athletes with elementary school students to stress the importance of education. Every other week, I would read to the same second grade class at Weddington Hills Elementary. At the end of the year, I met the students at their field day to celebrate the school year. The class made a booklet with pictures and handwritten letters from each student expressing how fun the semester had been with me. I will never forget how that made me feel. I volunteered for them without realizing how much of an impact they would have on me. With everything going on in the world currently, I cannot help but smile thinking about those kids and how the future is in good hands as long as the kids keep those kind and loving spirits as they grow up.

**IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.**

I have been fortunate to have the platform through college football to get involved with the community and strive to make a difference, especially with kids. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 Foundation and Team IMPACT are two organizations that I have enjoyed volunteering for. Before the season got moved to the spring, I also was planning on helping coach football at a local high school to provide guidance and advice to young athletes. I have a few other things in the works that have been curtailed by the pandemic, but I hope to get those back on track as the dust settles.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

Faces of Belk College of Business  
"We Are All Niners" Campaign

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?**

I live for spontaneous adventures to new places. This could be hiking, surfing, skydiving, or anything to get an adrenaline release. I also enjoy socializing at breweries after a day at work. When I have the time, I like to cook and try new recipes. I am also a fan of red wine and enjoy finding new pairings.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?**

"The wise man is the one who knows what he does not know." -Lao Tzu

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?**

I see myself in Charlotte doing exactly what I am doing now, just on a much larger scale to hopefully impact more people in a positive way.

**CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

It is on my bucket list to travel to Jerusalem.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?**

The last time I used my passport was last spring when I travelled to Australia.

**WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?**

I was valedictorian of my high school back in the day.

**WHO IS YOUR HERO?**

Lee Brackman, my best friend.

**WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**

“The Courage to be Disliked” by Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga

**WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?**

La La Land

**WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?**

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