



Meet Harry!

Harry was enrolled in the Taylor MBA program – Indianapolis

Graduated when?

December 2010

What do you do?

I am one of the team managers for ADT in the ITS department. We set up the information that is loaded to the different security panels.

What was your undergraduate degree and where did you study?

My undergraduate degree was in Healthcare Administration from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

Why the Taylor MBA?

We had a continuing education day at ADT and there were different schools there that had representatives, and I had the opportunity to talk to Beth (Beth Kinney, Research

and Marketing Coordinator for the Taylor MBA) and she was the most personable person there. I spoke with other representatives, but I didn't receive the same feel that I received when I talked with Beth. I researched the program further, and I liked the way Taylor would let me have the freedom to go to work, and then complete my studies before or after work. It's 95% online and 5% classroom, but you can still build a bond with professors and cohorts with the residential classes and the global business tour.

What did you take away from the European Global Business Tour that you can apply to your job?

Taking this trip was a benefit because we all should have the opportunity to stretch ourselves and try something different. It was my first time to travel overseas. So, I had the opportunity to experience things that I had not previously experienced. Europe has a different culture, and with the different site visits, it was interesting to observe the different infrastructure. Europeans seem to be more relaxed in their culture. The design of the cities allows for a healthier lifestyle – they don't have to take a car. You can walk or take a bike. Frontline associates seem to like this culture because it is more laid back and relaxed. As I apply these concepts to my job, I can see that, beyond making sure the business is profitable and sustained, we can make sure the environment isn't uptight, but more relaxed so people aren't as stressed.

How do you see yourself using your MBA?

Obviously in my work at ADT I can use this knowledge, but I have also thought about starting a non-profit for kids who struggle with knowing how to make it in the workforce. I am interested in starting a non-profit organization aimed at giving every inner-city child access to programs that will ensure their success in life. I have found that most kids take a wrong turn in life, because they did not have the proper guidance. I was blessed to have a loving mother and father; however, I know kids that were not as fortunate. In addition, some of those same kids' parents did not know what educational direction to send their kids because of their lack of knowledge. The organization that I want to start will give inner-city kids the tools to compete in our ever changing job market.