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Samuel Lindquist, a junior in accounting and club hockey player recently began an internship with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in Washington D.C. He is one of three interns selected from the around the world in the Office of Research and Analysis at the PCAOB. Interns are selected based on a competitive process that includes several interviews. This department supports the PCAOB Inspections and Enforcement Departments in their goal to oversee audits of public companies, protect the interest of investors and further the public interest of informative, accurate and independent audit reports.

When talking about the internship, Sam said, "I'm looking forward to this opportunity to intern with the PCAOB. I believe this will give me a conceptual understanding of the importance of how accounting-related services should build trust between the many participators on the market. This is also an opportunity to represent the School of Accountancy here at USU. This will hopefully bring more interest to our program and our great students! "

After having worked at the PCAOB for a few weeks, Sam shared a brief report on his experiences so far. "I have such a privilege here to be a part of a very honorable global organization that works to increase trust and integrity in the global economy, especially with financial information preparers. It's awesome to be able to be around, go out to lunch with, and talk to many different people with different backgrounds. Just a few weeks in, I have been able to get to know former member of the Senate and Congress, executives from the SEC, some of the PCAOB Board members who were appointed by the SEC, former FBI forensic accountants and many more. I've had the opportunity to sit down and talk to people who helped draft and write the original Sarbanes-Oxley Act."

Because of Sam's hard work, initiative and his proactive attitude, USU is now represented at the PCAOB among some of the top schools in the nation.