

DARIO BENES

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Finance student driven by a genuine curiosity for quantitative investing and factor-based strategies. Learns best by building and iterating, thrives in team environments, and is eager to grow under mentors who value intellectual rigor.

EDUCATION

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY: Lutgert College of Business Business GPA: 4.0
Bachelor of Science in Financial Analysis and Management, December 2027
Minor in Economics | CFA Level I Candidate (Nov 2026) | SIE Passed

EXPERIENCE

BIRCH CREEK CAPITAL: Naples, FL July 2026 – Present
Fixed Income Analyst

- Research high-yield bond issuers and evaluate credit quality, covenants, and relative value to source additions to the firm's buy list
- Build and maintain screens to monitor the high-yield universe, surfacing candidates for portfolio inclusion and flagging deteriorating credits
- Streamline research and reporting workflows by integrating AI tools, reducing manual effort on recurring analysis and documentation

EAGLE FUND – STUDENT MANAGED INVESTMENT FUND: Fort Myers, FL Aug 2025 – Present
Senior Portfolio Manager

- Collaborated with a team of analysts to manage a \$1.55M equity portfolio, contributing to 230 bps outperformance of the S&P 500
- Built a quantitative screening framework on Bloomberg Terminal, combining factor signals with fundamental research from team sector leads
- Partnered with teammates to create bottom-up sector weightings that improved Sharpe ratio and risk profile

DB - QUANT: Fort Myers, FL Aug 2024 – Present
Founder

- Designed a multi-factor equity model in Python, studying and implementing signals across value, quality, momentum, and low-volatility factors
- Built end-to-end research and back testing pipeline, iterating on signal weighting and portfolio construction through professor feedback

LEADERSHIP

BUSINESS ETHICS SOCIETY: Fort Myers, FL Aug 2025 – Present
Founder and President

- Founded and grew the organization, building a team that competed at four national case competitions
- Led case analysis across financial, legal, and regulatory issues to develop policy recommendations

ALTERNATIVE INVESTING CLUB: Fort Myers, FL Aug 2026 – Present
Founder and President

- Founded FGCU's first alternatives club, building curriculum on venture capital, private equity, and real assets
- Organized speaker events and workshops connecting students with alternatives professionals

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Bloomberg Terminal, Python, Microsoft Office Suite, Anthropic Claude Certifications (AI for Builders; Claude API)
- Native German Speaker; Former Chess Club President; Poker Player; Violinist and Pianist (Youth Philharmonic); Autodesk Certified; Marathon Runner