Real graduates. Real talk. *Major* Impact.

See where economics can really take you.



Rachel Ann Regner

Current Role: Law Clerk
Company: Live Nation Entertainment
School: Seattle Pacific University
Graduation Year: 2021
Major: Economics

Why did you major in economics?

At it's core, it's a study of people and their decisions, incentives, and interactions within systems. It combines analytical thinking with real-world relevance, letting me explore human behavior through both a human and data-driven lens.

Favorite econ class or topic? Why?

Inclusive Financial Services was my favorite class because it showed how financial tools empower underserved communities. Microfinance resonated with me deeply, especially as a Filipina and Chamorro, highlighting how small loans and financial literacy can break cycles of poverty and create dignity and opportunity.

Biggest econ myth you've heard—and why was it wrong?

A common myth is that economics is only for money-obsessed people chasing Wall Street jobs. In reality, economics is about understanding resource allocation, policies, and systems that impact real people. Many economists focus on poverty, inequality, healthcare, and sustainability—not just profits—creating meaningful social impact.

What advice would you give your first year self?

Take classes that genuinely interest you, even if they seem unrelated to your career path. College is the time to explore new ideas, and you never know when knowledge from a random class will prove useful later.

Any fun, unexpected, or relatable story from studying econ?

In law school, my antitrust exam focused on the Live Nation–Ticketmaster merger while I was working for Live Nation. I analyzed market dynamics and anticompetitive effects using economic theory, carefully avoiding insider knowledge. It was surreal and nerve-wracking to study my own employer.

"I almost majored in..." (and why you stuck with econ).

I almost majored in environmental engineering due to my passion for sustainability but found the heavy math requirements weren't the right fit. Economics offered a balance of math and real-world problems, made engaging by incredible professors who made complex topics approachable.

Scan here for more stories from other econ graduates.