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Since coming to Dartmouth, I've had a persisting interest in pursuing a career in technology. I'm a mechanical engineering student, and I started out working in R&D at a biomechanics lab in Boston. I realized that researchers spent lots of time fundraising for outside capital to support the lab rather than engaging in scientific work. Thus, I became interested in pivoting to the investing side of engineering and technology. I could have a much larger impact by approaching innovation as an investor rather than an engineer. The Byrne Scholarship was essential in allowing me to pursue these career interests. This past off-term, I worked as a quantitative analyst at a technology-focused private equity firm. The Byrne Scholarship helped support my lodging in New York City and provided me with crucial resources to make the most of this learning experience. While interning, I interfaced with cutting-edge technology companies and worked to enable their future visions with outside capital. I took the initiative to climb the steep learning curve by teaching myself valuation fundamentals, drafting financial models, and calculating key retention/growth metrics all while developing an investor's intuition for good businesses. From sourcing platform companies in fragmented software verticals to recognizing strategic acquisitions, I worked across the whole investment process. I was even able to draw upon my past engineering training to better grasp a product's technical market differentiation while pitching company executives on capital.