

At a Glance**Current Titles**

- Senior Business Analyst
- Assistant Coach of Women's Track Team

Employers

- Information Services Partners, Incorporated
- Haverford College

Major

Economics

Immediate Post-Grad Pursuit

Operations Management Training Program

Sample Entry-Level Positions

- Executive-in-Training
- Merchandising or Operations Management Trainee
- Vendor Liaison

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Straddling Two Careers In the Office and On the Track with Doug Mason '81

When discussing a typical day at work, Doug Mason's thoughts dart between his full time job as a business analyst and his position as assistant coach of Haverford's Women's Track Team. He expresses enthusiasm for both commitments, "I think my career path has shown it's possible to have a steady profession alongside a passion."



As a wide-eyed graduate, Mason secured a job with an insurance company as an operations management trainee. Although he started at the bottom, he fondly recalls the usefulness of such positions, "They prepared you for the next step in your career path by pairing you with a Senior Business Analyst mentor who acted as your guide in the business office." As Mason discovered, advancement in this field is gradual but nearly certain.

Now that he is a veteran of the workforce, Mason empathizes with current students planning their life after Haverford, "When I graduated, a lot of students

were wondering how they could use their degree in the real world." Mason's success is testimony to the steady and stable career path that awaits any ambitious and self-motivated student.

After eight years of working as an insurance company operations manager, Mason decided to leave his stable profession after a phone call from Tom Donnelly, his former track coach at Haverford, "He asked me to re-join the dynamic program that had made a lasting impression on my life. With nowhere but up to go, I decided to pack-up and head back." Following the move, he also found employment with General Action Insurance as a systems developer.

As a result of such risk taking, Mason has risen to the rank of Senior Business Analyst at Information Services Partners, Incorporated, a computer consulting firm. At this high profile job, his primary client is the City of Philadelphia Department of Revenues. In this capacity, he determines business requirements, prepares their design and documentation, acts as liaison between the business and technical divisions, coordinates estimates, conducts planning and analysis in collaboration with Software Development, supports Sales Managers, plans market strategies, closes deals, creates sales presentations, and formulates business development plans. On top of this, Mason finds time to attend track practices and meet. In spite of his many responsibilities, he insists, "My daily duties are demanding, but that doesn't mean my job is dull."

Mason's coaching confirmed for him that Haverford students continue to be resourceful, dedicated, and driven. He remains confident that they will continue to find success because the innovative thinking he developed here has certainly served him well in his career.

~ Nalini Singh '04