

Tara Marley

Tara Marley is a second-year MBA student specializing in Strategic Human Resource Management at the Wisconsin School of Business. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. During her time at Saint Joseph's, she worked for two years in a direct care role at the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support, an autism center located on the Saint Joseph's campus. This experience reinforced for her the importance of supporting diversity and inclusion, as well as the meaningful roles that organizations can play in driving social change and fostering engaging and inclusive workplace environments.

After graduating from Saint Joseph's, Tara worked for three years in the human resources department at Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC), an autism nonprofit in her hometown of New York City. Initially, she worked in an office management position, providing administrative support to all teams within the human resources department. This included managing personnel records, handling state audit requests, preparing reports, and completing projects for the Senior HR Director, as well as processing onboarding paperwork and handling reference screening for new hires. After eighteen months, Tara transitioned into a benefits administration position. In this role, she conducted related presentations for new hires during onboarding, and she handled matters related to employee benefits, leaves of absence, and workers' compensation claims. This included responding to employee inquiries, handling leave administration from first contact until the employee's return to work, communicating with third-party adjusters about workers' compensation claims, and preparing state-required data and reports.

Tara seeks to build on her experience in all sectors of the discipline and grow into a broadened role within human resource management. At the Wisconsin School of Business, she hopes to gain more insight into the different aspects of human resources administration, as well as a strong business acumen, both of which she looks to leverage to further her human resources career. Summer 2025, Tara is interning at Alcon.

Beyond her academic and professional goals, Tara is committed to diversity and inclusion and seeks to advocate for workplace cultures that foster these values. She is a fellow of the Forté Foundation and Reaching Out MBA (ROMBA), two organizations that promote inclusive hiring in MBA-level positions.