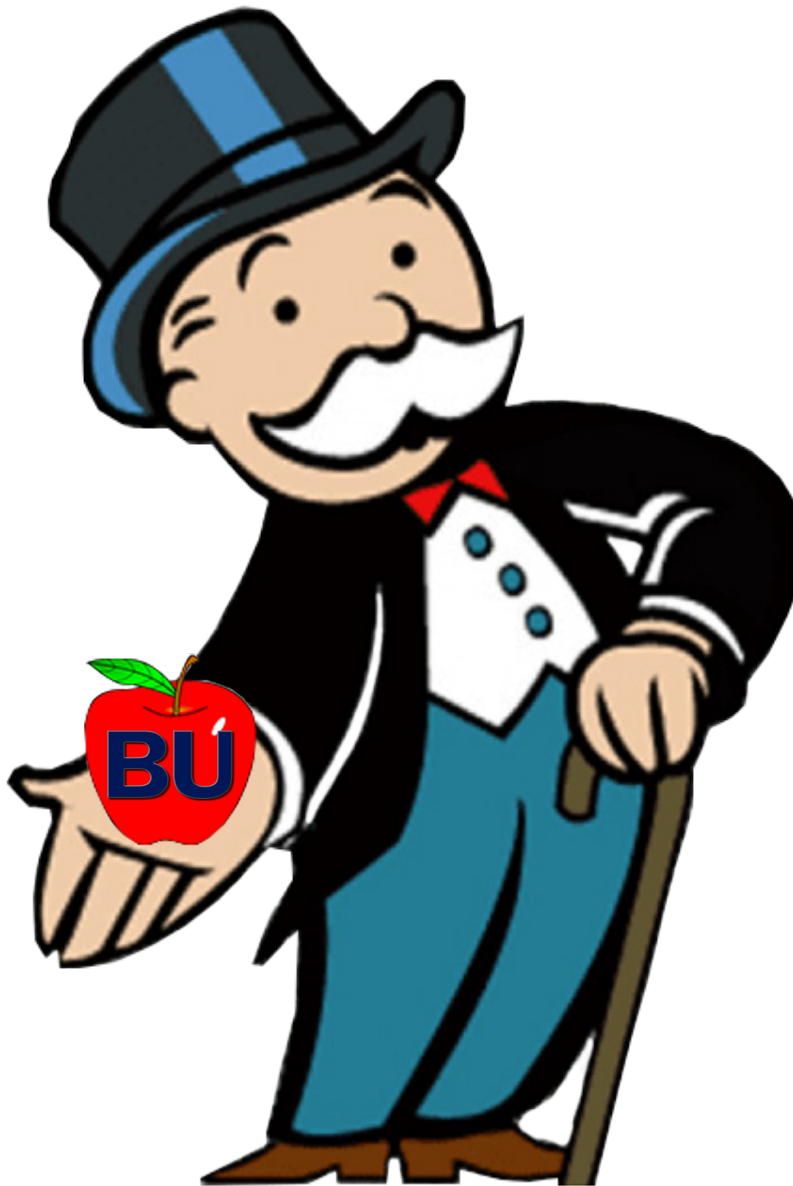


Bankers University



Competitive Monopoly 2021

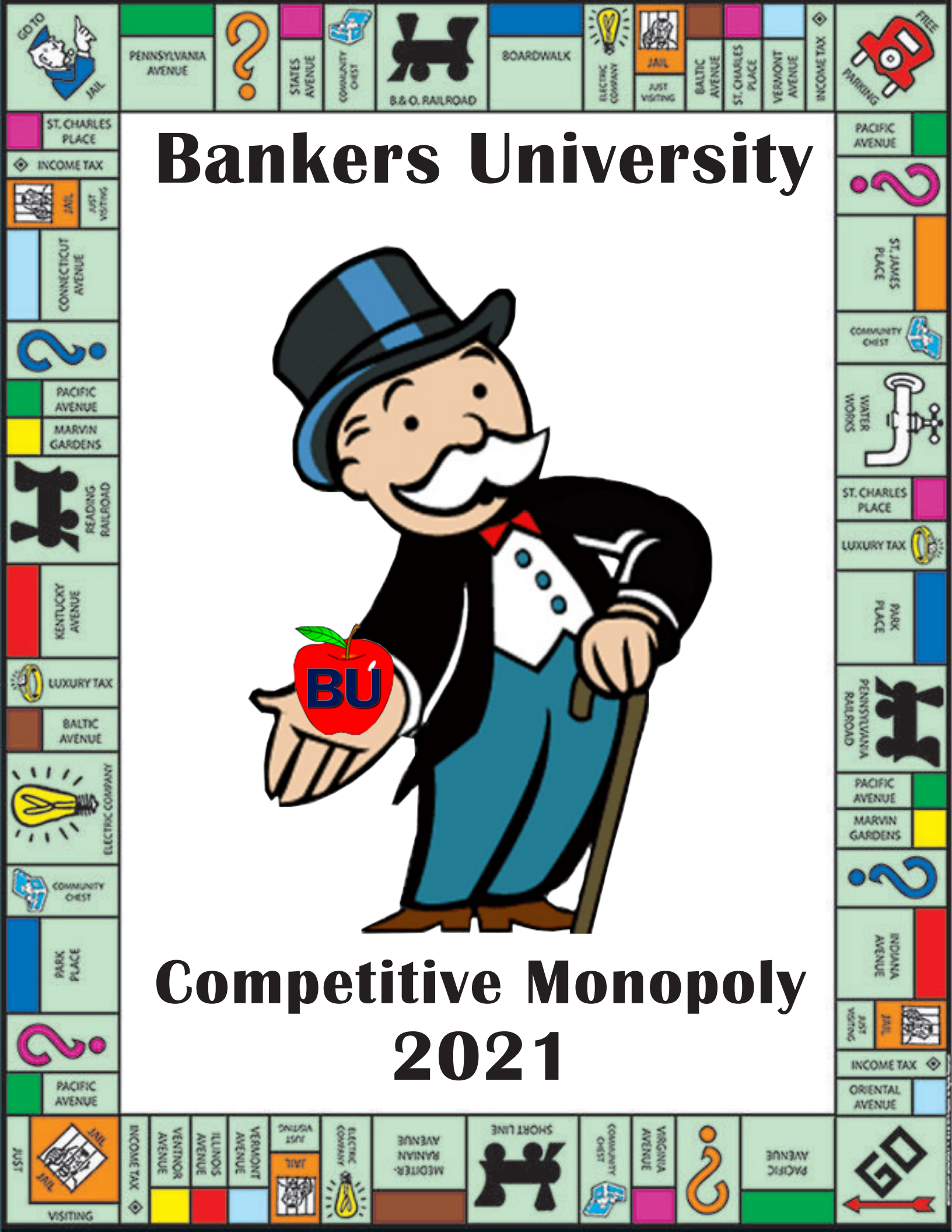


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Quick Facts

Location: New York City
Enrollment: 10521
Founded: 1930
Founder: Benjamin Graham
Colors: Blue, Grey
Nickname: Pennybags
Mascot: Monopoly Man

All time record- 2156-344 (.862)
NCAA Tournament Appearances- 25
NCAA Tournament Record 78-17 (.821)
16 conference championships
8 NCAA championships
12 NCAA Championship Appearances

Administration

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(Harvard, '71)
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Background

Located in the heart of New York City, Bankers University is home to one of the highest-ranked business and real estate programs in the nation. Founded in 1930 by Benjamin Graham, Bankers University offers students a unique college experience through instruction from professionals in the fields of business, real estate, and finance. Bankers University is committed to providing students with a small-town environment in one of the largest cities in the United States. With just over 8,000 students and an 8:1 student to faculty ratio, students receive a personalized education that equips them with the necessary tools to be successful in their future careers. Being in a large city might feel overwhelming, but Bankers University is the right place for personalized teaching from professionals, which helps provide students guidance as they develop their path toward a successful and very promising career.

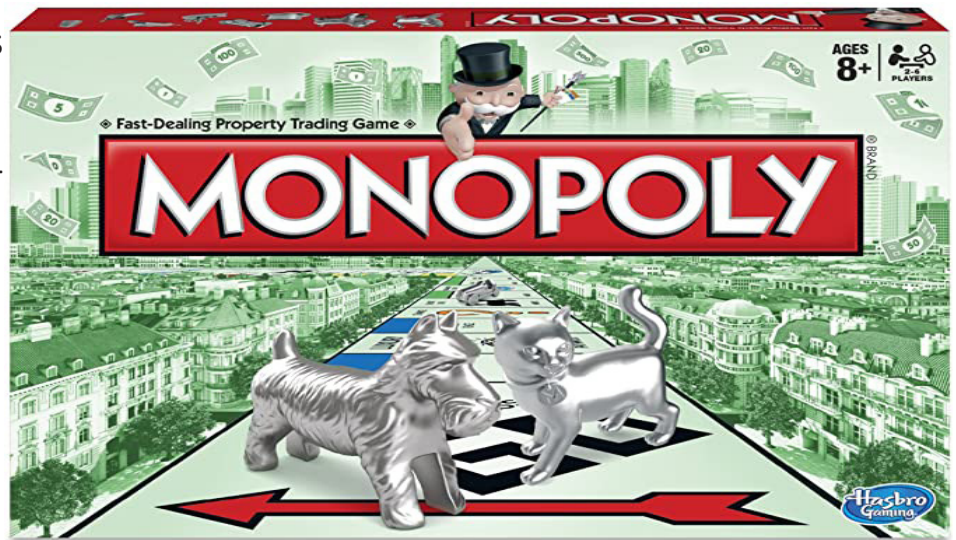


Bankers University was founded during the Great Depression. Students were eager to learn and practice their business and real estate skills. However, the economic climate of the time did not provide enough opportunities for students to begin their careers and start new ventures. During the first few years, a group of students came together to create a way to practice both their business and real estate skills despite limited opportunities and resources in the real world. Led by Lizzie Magie and Charles Darrow, the students created the game Monopoly. The game received immediate attention and put Bankers University on the map. Since then, the university has been used as a common and positive example for many universities who viewed Bankers University as an inspiration point to follow. However, Bankers University is not one of many other universities, as it has its own unique and distinctive character which supports its originality and flair of success. Application rates are high, and only the best of the best can get the chance of chasing their dreams at one of the top-ranked universities in the country.

Competitive Monopoly is the staple of Bankers University and one of the main sports within the university. After becoming an official Division III sport in 1994, Bankers Uni-



versity has led the way with its competitive spirit and intricate strategy. Within the last 20 years, Bankers University has won 16 conference championships and eight NCAA championships in competitive Monopoly. Bankers University leads the nation in recruiting for competitive Monopoly, as well as competitive Scrabble and competitive Catan. Competitive Monopoly is a sport offered for both men and women and represents a strong, competitive environment for all students. Recruits of the Bankers University come from all over the world, representing multiple international countries, as well as a wide variety of states within the United States of America. Therefore, recruits from Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, and Africa are able to show and expand their talent and knowledge with the help of the great program, and also provide cultural diversity and experience within the university.



Therefore, Bankers University has achieved national recognition, as well as global recognition, including most recently by the U.S. News & World Report, which allows them



to be among the top-ranked universities in the country and all over the world. Those rankings are especially showing the major importance of specific programs, including business, public affairs, finance, and many others. Forbes published its 2021 list, which shows America's Top Colleges on a national level, and Bankers University has been recognized as one of them. Ranked as number

20 of America's top colleges, Bankers University is among the likes of Harvard, Duke, Stanford, and other prestigious universities. Its success and achievements rely on its specialized programs, as the university itself is smaller than others. The well rounded and specialized environment of Bankers University helps to maintain and establish its power alongside the other top universities.



The athletic achievements are only one part of what makes Bankers University special. Besides the athletic achievements, the student-athletes also earned multiple medals of honor for academic accomplishments, which makes the program one of the best and outstanding programs within the United States of America. Bankers University benefits from its location in New York City, which is known to be one of the most populous cities in the United States, and one of the most famous cities in the world. New York's infrastructure, technological advances, and accomplishments over the past years have been tremendous and helped many firms, organizations, and sectors grow and expand worldwide. Based on its attractions and beauty, the city is a boat ride away from the Statue of Liberty, one of the most iconic landmarks in the entire country. As a student, you have the ability to explore one of the oldest cities in America, rich in history and entertainment options and at the same time be part of the best program nationwide. Whether you want to study in the library and academic center, located in between huge skyscrapers and monumental buildings, or you want to enjoy the green scenery of Central Park or other parks with friends, New York City provides a huge variety for every student as they embark on a new adventure. The location of Bankers University allows students to expand their horizons and be exposed to various cultures and points of view. Bankers University is committed to providing students with opportunities for personal and professional growth, which will be beneficial to the longevity and success of their careers.

Top 5 Places to Visit in NYC



1. Statue of Liberty
(pictured left)

2. Empire State Building
(pictured right)

3. Times Square

4. Central Park

5. Rockefeller Center



2021 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 10-12	Penn State, Harvard (Exh.)**	New York City, NY	9 am
Sept. 4	Columbia University	New York City, NY	11 am
Sept. 11	John Hopkins University	Baltimore, MD	10 am
Sept. 18	Princeton University	New York City, NY	9 am
Sept. 25	Brown University	New York City, NY	9 am
Oct. 9	Yale University	New Haven, CT	10 am
Oct. 16	Harvard University	Cambridge, MA	11 am
Oct. 23	Cornell University	New York City, NY	9 am
Oct. 30	Dartmouth College	Hanover, NH	10 am
Nov. 6	University of Pennsylvania*	New York City, NY	9 am
Nov. 20-21	NCAA Tournament	Boston, MA	TBA

*Senior Night

**Big Apple Showdown

BOLD= Home Games

Home Arena- Graham Arena (Capacity: 22000)

Address: 28 Wall Street, New York City, NY 10005



2021 Roster

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	James Simons	Fr.	6-1	160	Grand Island, NY/ Grand Island
3	Ling Chan	So.	5-5	125	Tokyo, Japan/ Hibiya
6	Enrique Salamanca	Sr.	6-2	170	Tijuana Mexico/ West Mesa
10	Kristen Peterson	So.	5-9	145	Detroit, MI/ Central
15	Ray Dalio	Fr.	5-10	155	Grand Island, NY/ Grand Island
23	Andrew Jones	Sr.	6-1	210	Las Vegas, NV/ Palo Verde

Alphabetical Roster

3 Ling Chan
 15 Ray Dalio
 23 Andrew Jones
 10 Kristen Peterson
 6 Enrique Salamanca
 1 James Simons

Pronunciation Guide

Ling..... Leeng
 Chan..... Ch-ann
 Dalio..... Dah-lee-oh
 Enrique..... Ehn-ree-kay
 Salamanca.....Sah-la-mahn-ka



#1- James Simons



Freshman, 6-1, 160 lbs from Grand Island, NY/ Grand Island

Major: Business Administration and Management

Favorite Monopoly Piece: Top Hat

Simons created a strong bond with Monopoly at a young age. Together with his high school friend and teammate, Ray Dalio, he committed to Bankers University in the early signing period, after dreaming about being and becoming part of the program for so long. Both Simons and Dalio were ranked highly, and Simons was a tremendous leader, guiding his team to several accomplishments during his high school career. Together with Dalio, he helped to secure participation in two national championship appearances. His skill and experience is tremendously strong and valuable, which makes coaches excited to welcome him to the team. The staff sees him as a huge part of the team's future.

#3- Ling Chan

Sophomore, 5-5, 125 lbs from Tokyo, Japan/Hibiya

Major: Business

Minor: Mathematics and Statistics

Favorite Monopoly Piece: Racing Car

Ling Chan is one of our two players who are not from the states. Her different experience really helps the team in more ways than one. She is able to provide insight about the game that none of her teammates would be aware of otherwise. The game is played differently everywhere you go with different strategies, tendencies, game plans, etc. Ling gives us a competitive edge on those wildcard teams. She shows and represents an elite power presence during all the Monopoly games Any move has shown the chance to become a game-changing step, which shows her tremendous success. Right now, Ling Chan ranks ninth among all active Monopoly players, which also underlines the fact that she won 12 games in a row. Coming to a new country and learning and adapting to new cultures does not seem to limit her abilities in her early career for the Pennybags. Her coaches and teammates are sure that she will be a helpful player when it comes to competing for a championship.



#6- Enrique Salamanca



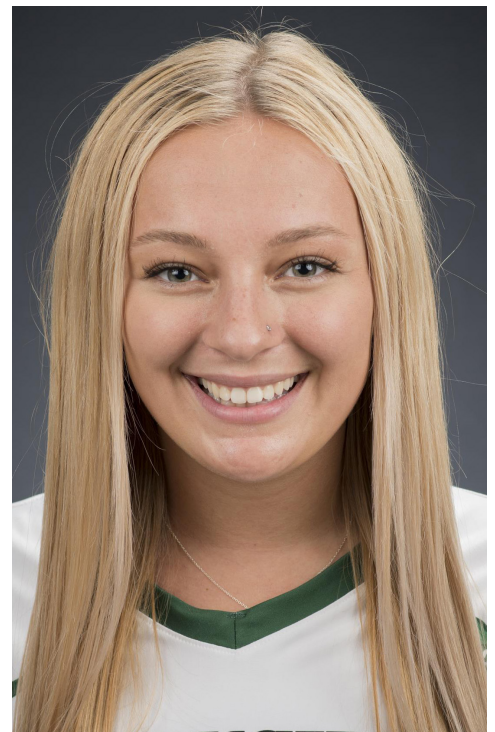
Senior, 6-2, 170 lbs from Tijuana, Mexico/ West Mesa
Major: Neuroscience
Favorite Monopoly Piece: Horse and Rider

Salamanca is a versatile utility player who has shown tremendous growth over several years. His movements during Monopoly scrimmages and championships have secured the one or other title of the Bankers within their conference. Enrique is known for his calm movements and character, by using his routine and experience he gained over several years before and during college. Besides his outstanding performance in the sport of Monopoly, Enrique also provides tremendous accomplishments in the Science Department at Bankers University. Nominated for a research award in the department of Neuroscience, he accomplished several other honors over the past several years. After graduating from Bankers University in the fall semester of 2021, he will become one of three scientific research graduate students at Johns Hopkins University. This opportunity will help him to continue to work on a world changing project within the world of Neuroscience.

#10- Kristen Peterson

Sophomore, 5-9, 145 lbs from Detroit, MI/ Central
Major: Management
Minor: International Relationships
Favorite Monopoly Piece: Battleship

Peterson is a multi-dimensional talent who is a valuable team member and on top of the lineup. Growing into her power, she developed her capabilities from season to season since she arrived at Bankers University. She came in as an experienced rookie but grew and developed her individual strength to another level. She learned and adapted to new strategies, and showed tremendous growth and strength on game days and during practices. Coaches and teammates describe her as a determined and hard-working player who is willing to learn new strategies at all times. During the 2020 season, she was part of the conference and NCAA championship team.



#15- Ray Dalio



Freshman, 5-10, 155 lbs from Grand Island, NY/ Grand Island

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Favorite Monopoly Piece: Boot

Dalio started the game of Monopoly at a really young age. His family history shows various successful and influential names within their family tree line. Dalio's grandfather, Matthew Dalio, was known to be one of the best Monopoly players in the country, and all over the world. Passing on the tradition and talent, Ray Dalio wants to write history and become part of the Monopoly Hall of Fame to step into his grandfather's footsteps. Having a family member teach Dalio how to play since he was young helped create a strong bond to the game of Monopoly. Dalilo himself shared that he got his first Monopoly board game when he was four years old for his birthday, which made his parents realize that he would be more likely to follow his grandfather's path.

Together with his high school friend and teammate, James Simons, he committed to Bankers University in the early signing period, sharing a similar dream and the desire to be part of one of the best programs in the country. Dalilo's high school team was ranked high, and Dalilo himself was recognized to be one of the major leaders within his team, leading his team to qualify for several award nominations and championships.

#23- Andrew Jones

Senior, 6-1, 210 lbs from Las Vegas, NV/ Palo Verde

Major: Exercise & Sport Science

Favorite Monopoly Piece: Thimble

Team Captain

Andrew Jones is one of the best Monopoly players in the country and was graded as the highest recruit the sport has ever seen coming out of high school. His success in Monopoly is something that we have all grown to expect after his four years at Bankers University. His leadership as team captain has undoubtedly contributed to the development of the younger players as well.



TV/Radio Information

Every Bankers University match is televised on either ESPN2 or CBS New York. For the rivalry or highly anticipated matches, you will find us airing on ESPN2 for everyone to tune in. For the nonrivalry or less anticipated matches, you will find us on the local news channel CBS New York.



If you can't get to a TV or if you are in your car listening to the radio, you can tune into our matches on WFAN Sports Radio 101.9 FM. They broadcast New York sports teams such as the Yankees, Mets, Giants, Knicks and more, and recently added Bankers University to the broadcast. Check out our website, www.bankersathletics.com, for the schedule and date times.



Senior Spotlight: Andrew Jones

Everything was dark. Night and day blended together. Images that once appeared sharp were black. In a matter of 24 hours, life as Andrew Jones knew it drastically changed. Despite going blind at the age of 12, Andrew Jones did not give up on his competitive Monopoly dreams.

Jones began playing competitive Monopoly when he was eight years old. His parents and older siblings played Monopoly, and it became a family tradition to play once or twice a week. His passion and family ties to the game encouraged Jones to choose competitive Monopoly over other sports. “Monopoly is such a controversial game. Some love it and some hate it, but for me, it’s always been my true passion to play the game. The reason I chose it over anything else is because of what it meant to my family,” Jones said.

Jones’ love for the game started at home and has stayed with him now in college. When Jones began playing as a kid, he did not have any problems with his vision. Yet, one day, as Jones got up to prepare for school, everything was black. After 12 years with sight, adjusting to everyday life without sight was difficult for Jones. “Whether it be walking to the bathroom or making something to eat, everything was very different, and it took a lot of hard work to be able to function completely normally as I am today,” Jones said.



Jones explained how difficult it was to learn the game in a new way and overcome the adversity he faced to keep playing the game he loves. Despite the challenge, he persevered and continued his passion for the game. The response to adversity is something that Jones modeled for all athletes, not just competitive Monopoly players. If Jones can come back from his visual impairment, then many other players will not have valid excuses for not working hard.

To adapt the game, Jones memorized the property locations and which bills were worth which value. With Jones having such great success on the high school Monopoly scene, leading his school to three national championships, a braille version was developed. Jones is owed most, if not all, the credit for this feat. Once Jones began to use the braille version of Monopoly, the game became easier for him. “The braille version is something that I am very proud of. Being able to help blind people play Monopoly without having to have the repetition or dedication to making a system or memorizing everything allows for more people to enjoy the game,” Jones said.

For Jones, the decision to attend Bankers University and play competitive Monopoly was influenced by Bankers University’s willingness to accommodate his visual needs. “The biggest reason



I chose this school is because of how they told me they would accommodate me and the reason I have stayed is because of the way they help me be able to participate in everything that every other student does," said Jones.

Given the nature of who is in charge of Bankers University and the massive success that they have in athletics and academics, it is possible to fund and face challenges like this. Having a visual impairment or disability can be hard on so many people, whether it is physically or mentally. Many athletes who went through life-challenging experiences similar to Jones ended up dropping out of the sport they formerly desired and loved. Jones himself struggled personally with the drastic change and thought that giving up would be the only option, but soon realized that there can be so many more options to still be successful. Right after Jones' incident, he had nearly given up the game of Monopoly.

"Yeah, right after it all happened, I didn't play for around a year. I didn't think I would ever play again honestly. But my family had noticed how different I had been acting and how much I lacked a hobby/extracurricular. So they sat and helped me figure out how to play the game without sight. Obviously, everything became easier once the braille version came out, but I am completely capable of playing the game without the braille," Jones said. Jones made it clear that it's hard to achieve your dreams without the greatest amount of support and having a strong foundation of people you can rely on throughout your life.

Bankers University is one of the only universities representing an inclusive support system for athletes like Jones. Their work, structure, and foundation for the past several years has shown that challenges and disabilities can be faced and overcome, and Jones himself played a huge and crucial role to determine their success.

When thinking about advice he would give to others, Jones said, "The biggest thing I have learned from my experience is that the only thing that's going to stop you is yourself. There are no limits to what you can accomplish. I would advise anyone who has any interest in playing sports or doing anything in life to chase their goals."

Inspiration, a good attitude, and a supportive environment are crucial to every path to success. Jones, as well as Bankers University, have shown and are setting an example of how it can be done. From doing his favorite hobby to overcoming intense adversity, Andrew Jones is an inspiration to all Monopoly players from all walks of life. His dedication and willingness to adapt has promoted these same traits to all athletes of Bankers University, making them a powerhouse in all sports.

Andrew Jones is much more than an athlete. He is a true testament to how a disability does not control your life; it is merely another obstacle on the way to success.



Head Coach: Barbara Corcoran

After founding the Corcoran Group Real Estate Brokerage in 1973, Barbara Corcoran sold the group for \$66 million and began coaching the Bankers University Monopoly team in 2001. In addition to being one of the most prominent real estate brokers in the world, she has also been awarded Monopoly coach of the year in 11 of her 19 years coaching for Bankers University. Head Coach Barbara Corcoran implemented the skills she learned playing Monopoly as a kid into her career. She took these valuable lessons learned from the most strategic board game and built a bankroll that not many people are able to say they have done. Corcoran's success in the real estate scene provided her with a philosophy and strategy that is unmatched by any other potential Monopoly coach in the country.



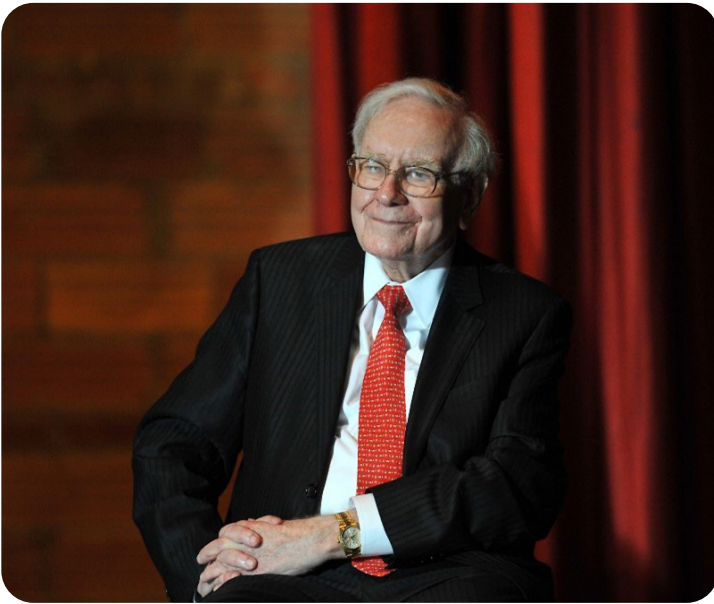
The list of personal achievements for Corcoran is endless but the achievements and recognition she has earned from coaching the Bankers University Monopoly team blow these out of the water. The team's winning percentage has grown from near 50 percent every year before her arrival. Now, with Corcoran, Bankers University holds an 85 percent winning percentage over the last 19 years.

Corcoran has not only had a great impact on the program, but she has set a positive example for other coaches by representing the university's message of caring about student-athletes and treating them as people rather than assets. Corcoran makes it clear that each athlete is valued and cared about on a personal level. The development of personal connections helps create a strong team bond within the sports environment. The way Corcoran operates and instills her philosophy within athletes is one of the most important things about her and what makes her such a phenomenal leader. She invests in each student's future, supporting them during both their athletic and professional careers. She is not just known for being an amazing coach and leader, but also a great teacher and educator to her athletes.

Corcoran is married to her husband Bill and has two children, Katie and Tom.

Athletic Director: Warren Buffett

Warren Buffett was hired at Bankers University after previously holding a role as the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, which is currently the nation's largest real estate firm. Since taking over the position, Buffett has turned the Monop-



oly team into a juggernaut with the hiring of our now 11-time coach of the year. By hiring Barbara Corcoran, Buffett helped bring countless championships to the university. His current duties as our Athletic Director are to oversee the program, including the hiring of coaches, scheduling, budget preparation, promotion, and facility management. He aims to continue his success here at Bankers University by keeping programs such as the Competitive Monopoly team at the top, keep-

ing an environment that high-level recruits will want to be a part of and compete for National Championships.

At the young age of 19, Buffett graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska. From there, he went on to earn his Master of Science degree in Economics from Columbia University in 1951. Growing up, Buffett was much different than most kids his age. When he was five years old, he started his own business selling packs of gum around the neighborhood for a nickel. At the age of 11, Buffett purchased his first stock, Cities Service Preferred, at \$38 a share. A year after receiving his master's degree, Warren got married to Susan Buffett, and they later went on to have three children named Susie, Howard, and Peter. Warren has many hobbies, one of which is playing the ukulele. He has been seen performing at charity events all over the U.S. Warren Buffett is currently worth \$85 billion, making him one of the most successful investors in the world.

Pennybags on the Map



Michigan (1)

Kristen Peterson- Detroit

New York (2)

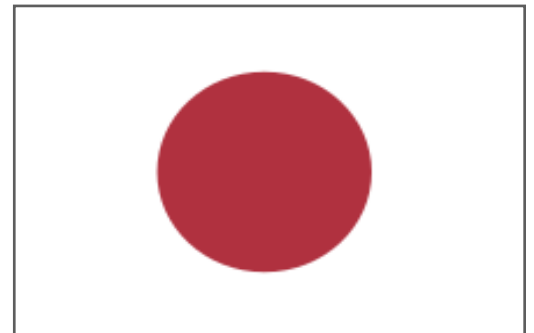
Ray Dalio- Grand Island
James Simons- Grand Island

Nevada (1)

Andrew Jones- Las Vegas



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