That year is when she first heard about the Baylor Angel Network (BAN). “It became a goal for me. I knew I had to get in,” she said. “Being an analyst is not a normal experience for students in college. I had to have that experience.”

BAN is an investor network that provides early stage capital to entrepreneurs. Angel investors use their own capital to invest in start-up businesses, as well as use their expertise to guide not only the entrepreneurs, but also the student analysts who work with the network.

Each year, six Baylor juniors are chosen to become junior analysts. They spend a semester-long apprenticeship, assisting the students who are senior analysts to run the program, under the guidance of the executive director.

“We are partnered with a senior and an angel, and mentored for each round of funding that first year,” Dickey said. The student analysts do research and interview people who are looking for funding.

“Our angel mentors are there to help us think of things to look for and to teach us how to ask clarifying questions,” Dickey said.

Dickey is looking forward to her turn as a senior analyst this fall, after completing an investment banking internship over the summer. She is eager to get back to the people she is learning with and from.

“Our angels are such great people,” she said. “I think sometimes in business, there is a stereotype that to be successful you can’t be moral or care about people. But these people shatter that stereotype. It makes me hopeful for the businessperson I can become.”

In the spring, when she graduates as a Baylor Business Fellow with a double major in Finance and Accounting, and a minor in Corporate Communication, she will miss her classmates who have grown so close to one another during this process.

“I just love being associated with such amazing people,” she said. “Since everyone has different majors, we bring different things to the group, but we are all exceptionally driven and passionate. The people are the best part!”

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