Alumni Profile: Porter Ellett...

May 2017 Baylor Sport Management graduate from Loa, Utah.

Why Baylor?
I actually read Art Briles’ book, “Beating Goliath.” I kind of thought, man, Waco sounds like a cool place. It sounds interesting and I kind of like Texas, the culture, the people, they seem awesome. So I went out to visit and I met Dr. Peterson and I came back and told my wife, “I think we need to be there.” She was like, “Yeah, I think so too.” So we, at first, didn’t want to go. We always said we’re going to go to San Francisco, but we prayed about it and it just felt right and we’re super glad that we went to Baylor.

What is your job titled and can you describe your position?
I work for the Kansas City Chiefs. My official title is Senior Assistant to the Head Coach. It’s not a quality control position, but it’s more of a – I do whatever the head coach needs. Which is a lot of play scripts, the practice scripts or office stuff. And then I help in a lot of game planning. I do everything there. And just basically whatever he asks from me. I get to sit in on a lot of the football stuff and get to be with the players and work with them and learn how to coach. It’s an interesting position because you do a lot of the both personnel stuff, so like front office stuff, GM things, and then you also get to do some coaching things, so it’s a great position to see which direction you want to go and you can kind of go from there.

How did the Sport Management Program at Baylor help to prepare you for this position?
The think that everything went in together, like every little activity – it’s very well rounded. I think my internship prepared me really well. I learned to be detail-oriented and get jobs done and still balance my schoolwork. So I think it was a lot of everything. But one of my favorite things about Baylor was how personal it was. There’s Dr. Magnusen and Dr. Petersen. It just felt like I was friends with them. I think I went to a lunch with at least one of them every week.

What would you say was your best experience while at Baylor?
I think if you had to pick one experience, when we worked together for college game day. I think it was really cool because it was everybody apart of our program and we don’t know each other and worked together. So that was a cool experience for me.

What advice would you give to future grad students going through the program?
Enjoy being there, enjoy the people you interact with because the people in Waco and at Baylor are really, really great people. Capitalize on the relationships you’re able to build with people. Take the lessons and the assignments and personalize them. Make it exciting for you and make them personalized so that you can grow individually from whatever assignments they give you.