

Richard A. Mayo Center

2025-26 ACTIVITY REPORT

Engagement

>150
Guest Speakers

Mayo-Center Affiliated Thought Leaders Who Engaged with Students

- 19** | Traditional Asset Management
- 34** | Private Equity
- 41** | Venture Capital
- 65** | Real Estate



>450
Alumni

Engaged through Mayo Center Events & Activities



Student Support & Career Development

Darden Capital Management

28 Full Time MBAs Manage 6 Investment Portfolios for the Darden School Foundation, ~\$38 million AUM

Darden Executive Fund

13 Pro-Degree MBAs Manage One Investment Portfolio for the Darden School Foundation, ~\$130k AUM

Mayo Center Clubs

Darden Capital Management
Darden Executive Fund
Darden Private Equity
Entrepreneurship & Venture Capital
Real Estate



“Being part of the first PE Trek to New York was an incredible experience. It broadened my understanding of private equity and the many paths into the industry, while also connecting with alumni and classmates in an energizing environment.” -Sam Cancienne (MBA '26)



JOB TREKS

- Fall NYC Private Equity Trek
- Fall Week on Wall Street Trek
- Spring Richmond Real Estate Trek



PITCHES

- Cornell Competition for Family Ownership
- Darden Virginia Investment Challenge
- Turner MIINT Impact Competition
- UNC Real Estate Challenge
- UT-Austin Real Estate Challenge
- Venture Capital Investment Competition
- Wharton MBA Buyout Case Competition



TRAININGS

- Argus Training
- Berkshire Hathaway Meeting
- CFA Exam
- Onefinnet Training
- Pitchbook Training
- Preqin Training
- REFM

Faculty & Thought Leadership



Congratulations!

Mayo Center Executive Directors Ian Appel and Elena Loutskina were awarded the 2026 Wells Fargo Award for Excellence in Course Materials by the Research and Course Development Committee at UVA Darden.



Ian Appel

Upstart's Upshot: Is Fintech Lending Fair?



Elena Loutskina

A Case Series and Technical Notes on Private Equity



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Research Papers

Papers in leading journals and publications produced by Mayo Center leadership & affiliates

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Ideas to Action

Thought Leadership Articles produced by Mayo Center leadership & affiliates

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Media Spotlights

Media including podcasts, articles, news releases and more produced by Mayo Center leadership & affiliates

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\$70k
Research Support

Academic Workshops
Case Writers
Research Assistants
Data & Software
Professional Memberships

Curriculum & Experiential Learning



Experiential Learning

Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting
Darden Capital Management
Darden Executive MBA Fund
Due Diligence in Seed Funds
UVA LVG Summer Internships



Case Studies

6 Case Studies published by Mayo Center leadership and affiliates.



Alumni Engagement

Conferences
Economic & Market Outlook
Global Networking Events
NYC Financial Panel
Real Estate Reception in DC
Speaker Events



Initiatives

Private Equity
Real Estate
Traditional Asset Management
Venture Capital



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