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I am currently an Operating Partner in the North American Private Equity group at Bain Capital. In my role, I work closely with the CEOs and management teams of the companies we invest in, and often serve on the Boards. My involvement spans the companies' strategy, operations, organization, M&A, and capital structure. I came to this role through several other steps. After graduating from Williams with an Econ major, I won the Herchel Smith fellowship to study Economics in Cambridge, England. From there, I went to McKinsey doing consulting, and then joined Honeywell and ended up running a ~2B business there before coming to Bain Capital. My economics courses at Williams have been incredibly useful in all these steps. For example, in my companies, we discuss issues that deal with microeconomics, such as pricing or incentives or supply/demand. And, I often think about strategy in my companies through a macro-lens on topics such as growth, inflation, and trade. Most of all, the tools of economics around structured thinking and problem solving are fundamental to all of business. I am very grateful for the incredible professors at Williams for everything they have taught me.