Hi! My name is Michael John Poorten and I am a McDonough peer ambassador.

Hometown: Sycamore, IL

Class: 2018

Major: International Business

Extracurricular Activities:
Student Assistant at Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown Knights of Columbus, Georgetown Collegiate Investors

Interesting Fact about Me:
This summer I will be studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador as part of a Spanish immersion program for seven weeks.

What made you choose Georgetown's McDonough School of Business? I’ve been interested in business ever since I was a young lad, and the McDonough School of Business seemed to be by far the best place to pursue that interest. In addition, the school’s prestigious reputation, top-ranked programs, location, and lineage of renowned alumni stimulated my interest and made me want to be a part of it.

What are the best things about being a Hoya? Being a Hoya means you can achieve anything you desire! Our strong community and abundant resources allow everyone to chase their dreams with full support at their backs. One Hoya is strong, but a network of Hoyas is invincible.

Why do you love D.C.? How can you not love D.C.? It is incredible! Everything you could possibly ask for is at your fingertips here in D.C.: endless opportunities and excursions in all seasons, beautiful landscaping and architecture, remarkably diverse and intelligent people. Couldn’t be better. The only issue is finding enough time to seize it all.

Share a defining and/or transformative classroom/educational moment? I had an outstanding Problem of God (a required theology course), Jesuit professor. His course helped shape and change many of my perspectives and philosophies on a number of topics for the better.

What is your advice to incoming Hoyas? It is only natural to feel overwhelmed and disoriented at first, but don’t let that impede you from taking advantage of everything the university and city has to offer! Explore the area and find places and activities you love as soon as possible!