



CANTERBURY CORE

MAKING CONNECTIONS. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.



Keith Angell '75



Alex Luo '19

Canterbury Core Success Story

Keith Angell '75 has been a C-Level executive and board director at 12 venture capital/private equity-backed, high-growth tech companies. As CEO of Pythian Services, Keith directs the leading cloud, data, and analytics global company. Pythian is a premier Google partner with eight specializations in cloud migration, data management, IoT, machine learning, and analytics. Keith is an experienced CEO, board director, and leader who optimizes enterprise value for customers, employees, and stakeholders. He earned his B.S. in engineering from Duke University, NC, his M.S. in engineering (operations research/decision analysis) from Northeastern University, MA, and his M.B.A. in finance from Louisiana State University, LA. Keith has been a member of the Canterbury Board of Trustees since 2015.

Alex Luo '19 is currently studying Political Economy and Computer Science at Georgetown University, D.C. After college, he hopes to go into investment banking for a couple of years to gain technical business skills and experience. Afterward, he is interested in pursuing venture capitalism or corporate development at a tech firm or start-up. During his time at Canterbury, Alex was a Head Proctor, member of the Varsity Squash and Cross Country teams, the Honor Society, and performed in theater productions. He was also a recipient of the esteemed Richard L. and Mary Catharine Farrelly Award for his quiet but thorough leadership.

Alex reached out to Keith '75 using Canterbury Core to gain insight into the finance industry and foster a connection within the field. The result was an impactful relationship that has been reaffirming for both alumni.

Why did you sign up for Canterbury Core?

Keith '75: I have always believed in “paying it forward” and giving back to the communities that helped me as a young person. I also get such joy in assisting young people in their career growth and staying connected to young alumni. This is the ultimate win-win!

Alex '19: I signed up for Canterbury Core because I recognize the incredible value of creating alumni connections. As Canterbury alumni, we have the unique opportunity to share and bond over our experiences at Canterbury. Although no two experiences on the hilltop are the same, the connection is real.

What has your experience been using the platform?

Keith: Canterbury's Advancement team and the platform have made it very easy to register as a mentor and engage with our great young community.

Alex: I'm currently seeking summer internships and having this amazing network of Saints is definitely a bonus. Even though the platform is quite new, I

have been impressed with the connections I have made so far and can see myself using this resource throughout my career, no matter the stage.

How did you get connected with your mentor/mentee?

Keith: Alex reached out through the platform, and we scheduled our first call in the fall of 2020. Super simple and easy!

Alex: I reached out to Keith because I saw that he was willing to help and has incredible experience in the finance industry (one of my top industry choices). I shot him a message that quickly introduced myself and asked to chat, and he responded within a day. As someone who has reached out to many people, many of whom never respond, I was surprised by and grateful for Keith's prompt reply. I guess it just goes to show that Canterbury alumni really are willing to help.

What has it been like for you to be a mentor for another Canterbury alumnus?

Keith: I'm so appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Canterbury community in any way I can.

Staying connected through Canterbury Core is an honor.

What has it been like to have a Canterbury alumnus as a mentor in the field you wish to pursue?

Alex: Incredibly helpful! Not only do I have access to someone with robust business experience, but I also have a new personal connection. Keith is someone whose advice is incredibly insightful, and I have truly enjoyed looking up to a fellow Saint.

What was the outcome of this relationship, and how has this connection helped you?

Keith: We are still connected and working together as Alex continues his journey.

Alex: It was great just chatting with Keith, and I know that I will always be able to reach out to him. I also look forward to using Canterbury Core to create other meaningful professional relationships.

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