



John Cabot University

ALUMNI PROFILE



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Why did you choose to study at John Cabot?

I heard about JCU from Study Abroad Italy and my undergraduate university, The University of Florida. I decided to enroll because JCU offered all of the classes I needed in order to keep me on track to graduate on time. JCU also provided many extracurricular activities, so I knew that I would get the most out of my study abroad experience.

Who were your mentors on campus?

Ms. Capoferri was a great teacher of the Italian language, and she also provided insight on things to do

in and around Rome. My finance teacher, Prof. Marshall Langer, also helped me adjust to life in Italy by providing first hand knowledge of how he was able to get accustomed to living in a new country and speaking a new language. This was very helpful, as my study abroad experience was the longest time I had ever spent overseas.

What's your favorite landmark in Rome and why?

The Colosseum. Prior to arriving in Rome, this was the landmark I was most looking forward to seeing because of all the history that took place inside. Upon arrival, I found out my apartment would be located directly behind the Colosseum. This was an amazing experience because I was able to go to my rooftop anytime and enjoy the view of the Colosseum. I never would have imagined being so close to this piece of history!

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

Take full advantage of the long weekends and travel across Europe as much as you are able. When I attended JCU, the curriculum was formatted where we attended classes on Monday through Thursday only. This allowed my roommates and me to travel all over Italy and beyond. Oddly enough, I have been more places in the country of Italy than in my home state of Michigan.

What was your career path after graduating from JCU?

After attending JCU in Spring 2005, I returned to the University of Florida where I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I then attended Wayne State University Law School, in Detroit, Michigan, where I recently graduated (May 2009) with a Juris Doctor degree. I soon will move to New York to prepare for the New York and New Jersey state bar examinations. After finishing with the Bar, I hope to find a position in the Federal Government, working on business and corporate law issues, or a clerkship in the Federal Judiciary.

What honors have you received since graduation?

Recently I was awarded a scholarship from the Association of Corporate Counsel for academic excellence in business law related coursework.

If you could relive any time in your life, what would it be?

Over John Cabot's spring break, one of my roommates and I decided to visit 16 cities in 10 days. We traveled all across Italy, including Sicily, and managed to include a few cities along the French Riviera. This was an adventure that I will never forget. We planned everything perfectly, and it was a time in my life I would love to relive. For me, those 10 days embodied what life is all about: experiencing new things every day and living life to its fullest.