



John Cabot University

ALUMNI PROFILE



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What was your career path after graduating from JCU?

After graduation, I worked at HarperCollins in London, within the Rights/Copyright Department. I then transitioned into a career as a trader in the energy sector. I worked as a Junior Trader and Trading Analyst for Biodiesel Energy Trading, Ltd. in London, where I set up the trading desk for the company. I then moved to Dubai, where I am now embarking on a new career as a trader at O.W. Bunker, focusing on the shipping and bunkering industry.

Tell us a little about your current position.

My business depends on the shipping market, which, like all markets, is extremely volatile. But I enjoy the extremes of this position and the volatility. Every day, you have the chance to handle different unexpected challenges.

What is it like living in Dubai?

Distracting! But, still, if I could live anywhere in the world, this would be it. I accept Dubai the way it is, with its defects and advantages.

Where will you take your next vacation?

I plan to go to the Maldives, just for a change.

What are you reading these days?

Hmm... the Financial Times?! I also spend a lot of time on www.bloomberg.com.

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

The day I decided to become independent, living on my own and taking care of myself. It was a great feeling.

Which of your JCU courses or experiences have been the most valuable in your professional life?

My internship at the Fulbright Commission gave me an amazing networking opportunity, and I was able to acquire working skills which I've found extremely useful in my current industry.

What was your favorite extra-curricular activity during your college days?

I enjoyed contributing as a co-editor and writer for the Culture and Arts section of the school newspaper, *The Matthew*.

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

Now you study; later you enjoy life.