



John Cabot University **ALUMNI PROFILE**



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What was your career path after graduating from JCU?

First, I helped my husband open an Italian Café in my hometown of Los Angeles. Second, I joined WGI, Inc., which makes high precision aerospace parts for commercial and military jet engines. It's a 3rd generation family business, and I am proud to be a part of that tradition. The central office is located in Massachusetts, but I am in charge of relations with customers on the West Coast and work from my home in Los Angeles.

What has been the most challenging project you've undertaken at your job?

I helped my father re-negotiate a contract with the world's biggest manufacturer of jet engines, who is also our biggest customer. It was very interesting and challenging to bring together a huge company such as theirs with a small company like ours.

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

I helped student government organize entertainment events – it was great to be involved in bringing students together. Outside of JCU, I regularly went salsa dancing and visited my favorite spots in Rome, the Pantheon and Piazza Rotunda. I also took “late night rides” on my motorino with friends to see Rome at night when it was empty and lit up beautifully.

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

It would have to be when I lived in Milan with my husband for a few months in the beginning of our relationship (before we married). It was a blissful, magical time, and Italy was so new to me. It made me feel like I was living a fairytale.

What are your plans for the future?

I am seven months pregnant, so I am very excited to be a mother for the first time! I plan on continuing my work since I am able to work from home. I also plan to continue my bi-annual trips to Rome to visit my husband's family and the friends I made while studying at JCU.

What's your favorite website?

It may seem juvenile, but I have to say Facebook, because it keeps me in touch with all of my JCU friends around the world. Without it, so many of us would have lost touch by now.

How have you given back to your alma mater?

I am serving on the Committee to plan JCU's first Alumni Reunion for October 2009.

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

Take advantage of your time in Rome – whether you're there for one semester or four years, it is easy to get caught up in only socializing with students from your home country or to put off seeing and experiencing the true spirit of Rome because you feel you have plenty of time ahead of you. It goes by so fast!