



## **JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY**

### **Marija Govedarica Memorial Scholarship**

Marija Govedarica, '03 was a beautiful woman, friend, confidante, and inspiration to so many of us. Her life was cruelly cut short in early July 2017 at barely 36, but we are so grateful for the chance we had to have her in our lives. She was an example of what you can accomplish with unwavering passion and persistence, whether you want to be a scholar in a faraway country, a citizen, spiritually aware or brave beyond measure.

This memorial scholarship is in her name as Marija always said that when she had money one day she would make a contribution to John Cabot, which she felt was an institution that opened her mind to the world at a tender age when she was just a young girl from Serbia just beginning to understand the possibilities of her life.

Therefore, Marija's friends, namely Jacqueline Carpenter, along with Marija's parents have established and financed the memorial scholarship in her name to perpetuate Marija Govedarica's memory and to promote the study of International Affairs and Political Science.

#### **Marija's Story:**

Marija grew up in Belgrade and was passionate not only about seeing the world, but about changing it. From the time she was young through her adulthood, she believed in the ability of education to do this first and foremost. She set about educating herself from a young age with her characteristic persistence in the face of every obstacle - whether it be language, money or distance. She learned English, worked hard in school, saved money with zeal, and went to school abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. She earned her B.A. from JCU in International affairs in 2003 and it fueled her life - international jobs and extensive travel that took her around the world and ultimately brought her to the United States to attend the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York, from which she proudly graduated in 2008.

Marija worked so hard, yet lived life so fully. She loved those in her life completely, and had an easy intimacy with colleagues and friends. Although private, she did share her struggles, and we all knew that her victories were very hard-won. She lived very frugally to accomplish her goals, foregoing so many things that many of us would not, sometimes living on her passion alone! She was elated when she started her job with the International Institute for Education in 2014, where she was able to do every day what she so deeply believed in - linking students in different countries with educational opportunities.

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*APPLICATION DEADLINES: Fall: July 1<sup>st</sup> / Spring: November 15<sup>th</sup>*

**General Student Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major at JCU: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester you are applying for: Fall/ Spring: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay**

***In what ways does Marija's story motivate you to pursue your studies at John Cabot University?***

Submit this page and a minimum 250 word, double-spaced essay to [financialaid@johncabot.edu](mailto:financialaid@johncabot.edu).  
Please note the essay will be shared with the family of Marija Govedarica.

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