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### **JENNY HWA**

Founder, CEO and Designer of loyale, a women's apparel company

Jenny has parlayed her Dominican major in International Business and her undergraduate internships with the Bay Area's top fashion entrepreneurs into her own successful

women's clothing line. She offers fashion-forward but practical designs that feature caring execution and are carried by some 30 stores in the US and around the world. But Jenny's line, loyale, has something extra going for it, something beyond the company's success in a highly competitive field. loyale uniquely benefits from Jenny's holistic vision, as she tracks every aspect of the company's production, from source material to labor and trade practices, in an effort to create an apparel company with a conscience.



Jenny credits the breadth of her studies at Dominican for raising her awareness of the universal struggle for a dignified way of life. Her teachers challenged her to take responsibility for her work, to consider the lives, cultures and resources that would be touched by her product. Jenny recognized that the mechanics of the conventional business model do not necessarily align with the interests of the green movement or compassionate labor practices. She also detected an unfulfilled need in the women's apparel world: consumers were being forced to choose between desirable fashion or green-friendly clothing. So, in 2005, loyale was born.

The loyale line is undeniably stylish, but it is also designed and executed in accordance with a green and conscious mission: only sustainable fabrics and local labor are employed, and her look books and hangtags are generated from recycled paper. Jenny contributes time and a portion of her profits to Green Corps, a non-profit organization dedicated to training the next generation of eco-activists. As consumers become more judicious, loyale has hopes of expanding to men's, maternity, bridal and home lines.



Principal, Venetia Valley School, Grades K-8

Pepe entered Dominican with a clear vision of his future: he saw himself working with kids as a teacher or coach, and he wanted to get there quickly. Pepe made full use of the flexibility and potential of Dominican's accelerated Blended Liberal Studies Program, attaining his Teaching Credential while he worked on his BA. He fulfilled his student teaching obligation as an undergraduate intern, nailed both diplomas, and entered the job market as a credentialed teacher in just four years.

"The Blended Liberal Studies Program gave me the tools I needed to jump into a classroom and teach at 22," says Pepe.

During his internship, Pepe gained essential hands-on teaching experience at Venetia Valley. The school board liked what it saw and offered Pepe a position upon his graduation. He's been at WS for seven years now, starting out as a fifth-grade teacher, and rising to Principal two years ago. He credits the support, talent, and closeness of the Dominican community for bringing his goals within his reach.





# MARCUS WILLIAMS MD Candidate, UC Irvine Medical School

While starring on the varsity basketball team during all four of his undergraduate years at Dominican, Marcus Williams helped lead the Penguins to three Cal Pac Conference titles. Among his many distinctions as a student, he interned for a year-and-a-half at

Marin Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and graduated with a Pre-Med / Biology major and an invitation to UC Irvine's Medical School. He is now an MD candidate at UCI and volunteers at Oakland-area hospitals and clinics.

Talented, gregarious, and generous, as an undergraduate at Dominican, Marcus was the embodiment of the student-athlete ideal. It may be hard to imagine that someone who has attained his current level of academic accomplishment could have arrived at Dominican without a clear sense of his destination, but Marcus originally envisioned himself as a business major. Not long after sitting in on an introductory biology class, Marcus changed his direction.

Marcus credits Dominican for much of his success. He believes that the small class sizes ensure a high level of student participation and intense interaction; that Dominican's teachers are particularly receptive and connected to real-world opportunities for internship and volunteering; that classmates support and inspire each other to work to a higher standard, and that the University actively pursues the most desirable degree programs and career placement for its graduates. Soon-to-be-Doctor Williams is living proof of the solidity and support that is to be found in a Dominican education.



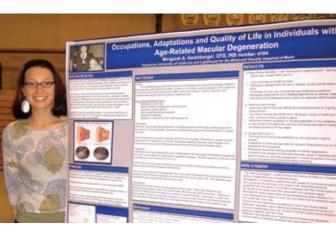


### ANNIE HARSHBARGER

Occupational Therapist

As an incoming freshman, Annie Harshbarger brought passion, ability and a desire to serve the community to Dominican. She just didn't know which major to pursue.

As Annie progressed through her undergraduate years, her friendships flourished and her vision sharpened. She became involved in social and service opportunities, both on campus and in the local community. Her classwork revealed a talent for the life sciences and, working closely with her advisor, she recognized the many opportunities she would have to directly serve those in need if she were to choose the field of health science.



As part of the five year health science/pre-occupational therapy program she earned her BS and MS in five years, specializing in rehabilitation. As part of her training, her extensive internships have taken her from in-home health care with the Sutter Visiting Nurses Association, to the acute inpatient rehabilitation wards of the Stanford Hospital and Clinics, to working with acute psychiatric inpatients at the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. Annie is currently gaining field experience as an OT at a skilled nursing facility in San Rafael and considering the possibility of returning to school for her doctorate.



Fourth Grade Teacher Coleman Elementary School

Chelsea Weighall has a passion for teaching elementary school. Both of her parents were teachers, and by the time she had reached sixth grade, Chelsea knew that she, too, was destined to be an elementary school teacher. In her own words: "Teaching is in my blood, and it's what I was born to do... I never considered anything else."

One of the things that attracted Chelsea to Dominican is the school's Teacher Education Program. She was able to earn her BA, fulfill her classroom student-teaching hours during her internship, and gain a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, all within her four years at Dominican.

Even with an accelerated degree schedule, Chelsea was able to fully enjoy campus life as a student at Dominican. She excelled as a student-athlete and her teammates on the school's outstanding soccer and basketball teams have become her life-long friends.

Chelsea's Dominican internship was dedicated to student teaching at a local school, Coleman Elementary. Clearly this was a good fit. Upon graduating, she was offered a full-time position at Coleman, and that's where you'll find Chelsea today, with Dominican's penguin mascot, Chilly, featured prominently in her fourth-grade classroom.





## HARASYN SANDELL

Lead Generation Team Member, Eccogen

Harasyn Sandell dreams big — she wants to join the FBI's Art Crime Team and play a role in detecting art fraud, determining provenance, and tracking down stolen treasures.

Fortunately, Harasyn and her dream came to Dominican and met Dr. Leslie Ross, her faculty advisor. Dr. Ross encouraged her

ambitions and collaborated with her in developing a full honors courseload and internships that would bring her experience closer to her vision. The school's distinguished Art History Department attracted and nurtured Harasyn, and is where she ultimately majored at Dominican; she beefed up that discipline with a Communications minor, in part, because the classes "seemed really fun."

Close faculty mentoring, supportive classroom and social environments, and career-related internships reinforced Harasyn's belief in herself. She also credits the many leadership opportunities afforded by Dominican as contributing to her maturation and resolve – she enjoyed being a resident advisor in the dorms and held down part-time jobs while studying subjects she remains passionate about.

After a summer of intensive coursework in Italy, Harasyn is currently finishing up her Master's dissertation in international art crime and eying the LSAT and law school in the near future.





KAT SKILES Scheduler, Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Kat Skiles comes by her political activism honestly. Through a lifetime of boisterous kitchen-table debates; through three generations of her forefathers' service in the US Army; through recounted tales of her great-grand-dad's fiery tenure as a liberal Justice on the Utah State Supreme Court during that state's infancy, her family's voluble strain of Irish Catholic Democrats has been quick to combat injustice and defend the interests of the common man.

These are the democratic ideals that motivate Kat. At Dominican, Kat found a school that values reflection and service to the community and cultivates depth of character and personal responsibility. The Dominican ideals resonated with her own, and she flourished at the University. Of course, she chose to major in Political Science, with minors in Religion and Pre-Law. She found the Political Science Department to be intellectually both diverse and rigorous, and she formed deep and lasting relationships with her professors.

As a natural leader and an outstanding student, Kat was awarded Dominican's prestigious Panetta Internship: she was given the opportunity to travel to Washington and contribute to both the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and the office of her hometown Representative.

After graduating, Kat worked as a field director for Congresswoman Jackie Speier's election effort, and has since joined the congresswoman's full-time staff as her Scheduler – coordinating her calendar, refining her agenda and talking points, serving her constituents, and doing policy work on Human Rights issues.

### SAL CRIVELLO

Senior Tax Consultant, Deloitte Tax LLP

You might say that his Dominican years transformed Sal Crivello. As he looked to the future after graduating from



high school, Sal didn't see a picture as rosy as he would have liked. He was given to moments of doubt. But Sal seized his opportunity at Dominican and applied himself as he never had before, and the University answered with progressively greater challenges. Sal is now enjoying his career as a licensed Certified Public Accountant at one of the Big Four accounting firms.

Sal's faculty mentors worked closely with him as he pursued his degree in International Management with a concentration in Accounting. They took an interest in his personal as well as his intellectual growth, advising him academically and ethically, and pushing him to excel beyond his expectations.



Dominican's emphasis on liberal arts ensured that Sal was able to bring a full skill set and fresh perspectives to his work, and to present himself at his best in the business world. While going to school as an undergraduate, Sal interned at Deloitte and was offered a position as a Senior Tax Consultant after earning his degree.

Sal has achieved success in the social and professional arena. He feels he can credit his Dominican experience for instilling the knowledge, values, and confidence he needed to ascend in today's competitive marketplace. Sal still nurtures the dream of one day returning to the classroom, this time as a teacher, because teachers change lives. Just ask Sal Crivello.

### Career and Internship Services Four Year Planner

As a student at Dominican University of California, each year you can take steps that will enable you to make a smooth transition from college to professional work or graduate school. Dominican's Career and Internship Services provides extraordinary opportunities for students to gain real-world knowledge and experience. Through the internship program, students work alongside leaders in their chosen field to make valuable contributions to their field of interest. Students gain a deeper understanding of the field they love and form relationships that will serve them well in their post-graduate lives. At Dominican, we don't believe our obligation to our students ends at the classroom door: we want to prepare them to be competent, fulfilled leaders in society.

#### Freshman Year: Know Yourself

Meet with your career counselor to identify and clarify your interests, skills, and values and to understand how to find a good career fit. We offer online self-assessment exercises. Visit the student section of the Career Services website at www.dominican.edu/careerservices to find interesting occupations on the link "What can I do with this Major?". While there, register on the Dominican Career Network to learn about job and internship opportunities and Career Services workshops and events. Actively sound out friends, family, and acquaintances about the interesting places they work and jobs they hold. Brush up on your technique with the Informational Interviewing handout at the Career Services office or on the website.

#### Sophomore Year: Explore What's Out There

Career Services offers counseling and information on exploring and researching careers. Reflect on those courses you have really enjoyed and the career opportunities related to them. Learn more about your field of interest by contacting alumni in your field and requesting informational interviews. Conduct a number of informational interviews and shadow professionals in their jobs. Attend internship and career fairs to meet with employers to gain occupational information and contacts. Become involved in campus activities to gain leadership experience. Volunteer for community service hours or register for Service Learning.

#### Junior Year: Get Experience

Use the list of internship sites at Career Services to locate an internship. Your career counselor can assist you in selecting and registering for an internship. Learn how to put your best foot forward in the Résumé Writing and Interviewing Skills workshops. Have your résumé reviewed and practice mock interviewing with your career counselor. Continue to research potential employers and meet with and talk to people who work there: network, network, network! You might want to attend the Graduate School Workshop to learn about graduate school options. Connect with employers at campus Career/Internship Fairs to explore career opportunities. Consider an on-campus or part-time job to develop workplace skills.

#### Senior Year: Search and Transition

This is when things start to get serious! Register for an internship or round out your experience. Join at least one professional organization to make contacts with people in your field. Attend the Job Search Seminar — a must for all seniors. Attend career fairs to meet with employers recruiting on campus (yes, they'll come to you!). Attend the Professional Etiquette in the Workplace Dinner. Update your résumé and obtain faculty letters of recommendation. You can always check the job listings on the Career Services website. Now apply for those jobs or graduate school, and wherever you go, continue to network!



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