

Dominican University of California, located just north of San Francisco in Marin County, provides an ideal blend of extraordinary student support and global vision. With more than 30 undergraduate programs of study, our students work closely with faculty mentors to identify their majors, refining their career paths and gaining hands-on experience in their fields. The opportunity for engaged learning through research, internships, service, leadership and study abroad is everywhere, and our students are prepared for success after graduation.

WE INVITE YOU TO READ ABOUT HOW DOMINICAN HAS SHAPED THREE OUTSTANDING GRADUATES





DR. ROCKY CHAVEZ '05Family Practice, Kern Medical Center

66 Dominican provided classes and research opportunities that were challenging and very insightful. I am proud to have attended Dominican. The education that I received helped me to become a doctor. **22**

Rocky loved studying biology in high school, and his science teacher convinced him he had the talent and drive to become the first member of his family to earn a college degree.

Rocky was attracted to Dominican's intimate campus and the school's emphasis on real-world training. Working closely with his faculty advisor, Rocky found himself motivated to tackle tough problems and to excel as he had never before. His mentor helped shape him not just as a student, but also as a person — and these valuable lessons extended from student life to planning for the future, from the laboratory to exploring the world.

Rocky immersed himself in the study of life sciences at Dominican. He joined the Science Club and performed undergraduate research, including valuable cancer research during his first year; he spent two summers interning at Harvard's School of Public Health; and his dedication was rewarded when he was selected to receive the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. Rocky is convinced that his solid preparation at Dominican, particularly the opportunities to intern as a researcher and the personal guidance provided by the University and his mentor, was instrumental to his placement in the highly competitive UCSD Medical School.

Rocky has moved back to his hometown and is practicing at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, California.



MAJOR GENERAL ANGELA SALINAS '76 United States Marine Corps

Mominican provided me with the environment to develop my leadership skills... discipline, sacrifice, faith, patriotism and commitment are only a few of the intangible qualities that I developed as a student.

You've got to be tough to make it as a Marine: you're challenged daily, and expected to overcome severe physical and mental hardships with unwavering resolve. Imagine the performance it takes to be selected from the enlisted ranks for Marine officer training. Now imagine the dedication required to rise to the rank of Major General. Finally, imagine being one of only six women in U.S. Marine Corps history to achieve the rank of general, and the only one of Latina descent, and you might conjure up someone as singular as Angie Salinas.

When she arrived at Dominican, Angie knew she wanted to excel as a student, as an athlete and as a leader. She majored in history and worked to refine her leadership skills: she was elected first year and sophomore class president, and became captain of the women's basketball team. As her success on campus grew, Angie came to recognize Dominican as an extended family, one which rewarded teamwork and discipline. For role models, she didn't have to look farther than her teachers, who had chosen to selflessly devote their lives to their educational mission. Angie wanted to pay back her community, and her country, for the privileges she enjoyed, and chose to become a Marine Corps Reservist between her sophomore and junior years.

Angie's sense of mission has only grown stronger as she has advanced within the Marine Corps. Today, Major General Angie Salinas is the commander responsible for all Marine recruiting west of the Mississippi River. She serves her country with passion, pride, and gratitude.



PATRICK HANSON '05 MBA '06

Global Geothermal Marketing Representative

If The international demographic at Dominican was incredibly helpful to my career. The unique look into each culture's perspective on the same business case studies was invaluable.

Before starting at Dominican, Patrick visualized several different careers for himself, ranging from business leader to teacher and even basketball coach. Upon settling on a Business Administration major with a concentration in International Business, he quickly found his passion. After graduating in 2005, Patrick went on to complete his MBA in Global Strategic Management one year later.

Patrick credits the influence of two of his professors with bringing out his critical thinking and persuasive public speaking skills. It was their influence, Patrick believes, that allowed him to advance his career in a field with considerably more experienced co-workers.

After receiving his MBA, Patrick moved to Seattle and then eventually settled with the marketing team of a small geothermal drilling company in Northern California. Three years later, he accepted a job in Houston, Texas, working for a large global energy services company as their Global Geothermal Marketing Representative.

Patrick loves that fact that he works for a company with a vested interest in supporting geothermal drilling, a growing renewable energy industry. The travel doesn't hurt either. Patrick travels where volcanic or tectonic activity is abundant, such as Chile, New Zealand, Iceland, Italy, the Western U.S., Asia and Africa.