

Alumni Profiles

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1) Briefly tell us about your current job.

The director of development services. Supervises prospect research, proposal writing, and stewardship and donor relations/recognition. This is at Colonial Williamsburg, the nation's largest living history museum. I also do some major gift work.

2) Briefly tell us about your career path.

I was previously a secondary school history and English and language teacher and a school librarian and worked at our public library and did free lance writing at the local paper. I also wrote a little guidebook for families visiting Colonial Williamsburg and sold two editions.

3) What were some of your activities at DePauw?

Dorm Staff, Mortar Board, President of AWS, Alpha Phi officer, Mission Trip to Texas.

4) How has DePauw influenced your career (and perhaps, life)?

Friendships, the "rush" experience and group living has been very helpful in development, leadership experiences were helpful in gaining confidence

5) What is the best career advice you would give students today?

Take a job – all will help you understand what you like and don't and you can continue to "sift" and determine what your next job will include

6) What city and state do you call home?

Williamsburg, VA

7) What do you do in your free time?

Read, cook, garden, travel, family.

8) Where have you traveled in the past 5 years?

Northern CA, Berlin, Dresden, Germany, Hawaii, London, Jackson, WY, Yellowstone, Ireland