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Comments from the University Community

Can You Guess My Major?

Last fall, the Office of Career Services, with the support of the Office of Alumni Relations, launched a new social media campaign, "What I did with my major," to connect young alumni with current students for career advice and networking. More than 100 alumni responded, and many returned to campus for an evening kickoff event at the start of the spring semester. Meet some of them at right, and see if you can guess their major. (Answers are at the bottom of the page.)

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SOPHIA PEABODY (2011)
TEAM LEAD AT ALETHIX, LLC
"I am a government consultant with the Department of Homeland Security, working with technical and operational data engineers to create, improve, and manage the data framework information sharing service office. The ability to apply unique perspectives learned in my major and minor has set me apart as an outside thinker, creating new approaches and opportunities for success."

2

BERNADETTE POERIO (2014)
CAREER PATHWAYS COORDINATOR AT PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"I coordinate career and technical education pathways for high school students in Charlottesville, Va. My major introduced me to the concepts of privilege, oppression, and inequality. This cultivated an interest in diversity and education."

3

DAVID RICE (2009)
DISABILITY PROGRAM MANAGER, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
"I advance diversity and inclusion at NIH and ensure that the civil rights of all employees are protected. At Catholic, I took an interest in getting educated in the 'disability world,' particularly regarding the social stigmas of people with intellectual disabilities."

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MEGAN MOONEY (2005, 2012)
EDUCATION COORDINATOR, WOMEN'S SERVICES AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
"My major is versatile, allowing for many career options. It combines the science of anatomy and physiology and the art of taking care of other people."

5

AMANDA PELLEGRINO (2014)
WRITER'S ASSISTANT AT HULU, *THE LOOMING TOWER*
"I'm in charge of taking notes in the writers' room, pitching story ideas, and writing scenes for the show. My major taught me a lot about how to analyze plot and character development, both important parts of writing for television."

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BRETT KLEIN (2011)
MANAGER, TRUST AND SAFETY AT GOOGLE
"I manage a team of analysts whose jobs are to ensure user safety … and lead global strategy initiatives, including vision setting, project execution, and resource allocation. Reading comprehension and writing — so critical in my major — are critical to the work I do on a daily basis."

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1. Philosophy (minor: anthropology) **2.** Sociology (minor: peace and justice studies) **3.** Psychology **4.** Nursing (B.A. and M.S.N.) **5.** English (minor: philosophy) **6.** History (minor: philosophy)