

Ana Legaspi – Class of 2018

Describe your college experience; Where you attended; Your major(s) both undergrad and graduate; A couple of your favorite things about your college experience.

I would describe my college experience thus far as unexpected. I went into my freshman year at Haverford College as a member of the track team and prospective physics major. I am now a music major (with a concentration in vocal performance) looking to transfer to a new school and plan to graduate in 2022. Additionally, I have traded in my athletic commitments for acting opportunities and a spot on the theater club's board. All of these big changes stemmed from the realization that there is no universally ideal college experience. I now know that it is okay (and often necessary) to seek out change and not get things "right" on the first try.

What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

As I am still in school, that is my primary focus, but I have been working jobs in hotels and restaurants for the past couple of years. I made the decision to be a music major out of my love for music, rather than for my professional aspirations, so I would be happy to work in the hospitality industry after graduation and continue to pursue music on my own time.

What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

I really love home improvement projects, a hobby which quarantine lent itself to very nicely. I also spend a lot of time drawing and composing (outside of school projects).

How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

Saint Joe's taught me a lot about hard work and leadership. The necessity for diverse talent and interest that being at such a small school provided has given me confidence in both my studies and my jobs. I feel equipped to take charge when necessary, and this skill has helped me greatly with management promotions and public speaking. Saint Joe's also gave me the somewhat unique experience of spending many formative years in a faith-based community. After entering college, it has become progressively harder to find such a community, so I definitely appreciate the foundation that Saint Joe's gave me.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my artistic pursuits and learning, but if the recent world changes have taught me anything, it is that nothing is more important than making sure the people close to you know how much they matter.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

The Bible verse to which I consistently turn is Isaiah 41:10. "Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."



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