

# Riley Haris – Class of 2015

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**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 attended Syracuse University and graduated in 2019. I have my Bachelors in Policy Studies with an emphasis in health, education, and social services. I also have a minor in Asian/Asian American Studies. I was a member/captain of the nationally ranked mock trial team, a sister of Alpha Chi Omega, and I studied abroad in Hong Kong which has been the most incredible experience of my life!

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

I currently work at the University of Lynchburg as a Directing Admissions Counselor for International Recruitment. I also work with students from Pennsylvania, New York & New Jersey as they apply and transition to the school! Along with work, I'm a full-time graduate student at Lynchburg as well. I'm getting my MEd in Educational Leadership and Student Affairs.

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

I love kombucha, but now I don't have to buy it at the store because I brew my own! My dog Beau, who I got in high school, now lives with me full time so we embrace everything that Southwest Virginia has to offer in terms of the outdoors. I'm also obsessed with hot yoga, so I spend four mornings a week doing yoga in 100-degree heat before work!

**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 to be bold in my aspirations. When I started, I was there the first year it was open and that came with a lot of growing and learning opportunities. It takes special people to go to a brand new school and my classmates and I embraced it! I'm now always seeking out new opportunities to grow and experience new things! My two best friends also went to Saint Joe's so the relationships you create in high school can last far beyond those four years.

**What are you passionate about?**

The years following high school have been a challenge. I've experienced a lot of growth and learned to tap into the support system around me even though I did not always want to. Those experiences not only opened me up to pursuing a career in higher education to impact other college students, but I love supporting others as they experience the challenges life throws at them. My family and friends will always be the number one most important thing in my life besides my relationship with the Lord, and I'm so passionate about being a part of other's support systems.

**One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:**

Hebrews 6:19! "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain," This verse never fails to put things into perspective.

