

What Our Grads Have To Say

Bryant Vander Weerd, Class of 2006

Ball State University / Telecommunications (TV production/digital media)

Full time freelance, own my own creative agency focused on craft beverage industry

"The skills I learned in StuPub when it comes to storytelling and effective video production have carried into college and every job I've held since! Storytelling is now at the heart of what I do as a business owner of Full Pour Media."

Danielle Slauter, Class of 2012

University of Missouri-Kansas City / English Literature and Creative Writing

Social Media & Content Executive for Student Beans

"Being a staff writer and eventually an editor for The Image are some of my fondest memories at Lafayette. Creating the paper every month from start to finish was such a great experience, and I'm still friends with members of the staff 10 years later!"

Saria Peterson, Class of 2017

University of Kansas / Journalism (Strategic Communications)

Marketing Coordinator for PaulsCorp in Denver

"I truly don't know where I would be today without yearbook. If I could write a whole essay on how this program changed my life, I would! To keep it short, I truly found my life passion while sitting in Room 137A. I am forever indebted to Mrs. Smith and everything she taught me that I've literally carried to my real-life career (like seriously; my job is being on InDesign all day long, and I've never been happier!)"

Christine Jackson, Class of 2012

Mizzou / Bachelor of Journalism (Magazine, Arts and Culture emphasis), BA Art History and Archaeology
MA in Journalism

Managing editor of St. Louis Magazine

"I'm still using skills I first developed working on the Image every day, but my biggest takeaway from the program was that making a newspaper or magazine and telling stories are about the most fun you can have. I decided back then that I never wanted to be without a publication to work on and a great staff to work with. I've been lucky to have both ever since."

Matthew Hibbard, Class of 2007

Mizzou / Journalism

Social Media Strategist, Ameren Missouri

"The chance to be a part of the Lancer newsroom set the foundation for me to test and learn the art of captive storytelling. It was here that I failed, persevered, failed again and ultimately grew into the passion I carry out today."

Lindsay Aromando Poepsel, Class of 2001

Mizzou / Bachelor of Journalism (emphasis in Strategic Communication)

Project Manager at MilliporeSigma (Life Science business of Merck Group)

"The journalism program at Lafayette allowed me to discover my passion for writing, gain perspectives and experiences, and travel to national conferences all while surrounded by unforgettable friends and a supportive teacher. My time on the Image Staff prepared me for college and helped me develop a level of confidence I still carry with me today."

Alex and Melina Loggia Davis, Class of 2009

Alex: Mizzou / BA English Language & Literature, Washington University / MA Business

Melina: Mizzou / Bachelor of Journalism (Strategic Communications emphasis) & B.S. Textile & Apparel Mgmt, St. Louis University School of Law / J.D.

Alex: Co-Founder and owner of Madrinas

Melina: Frank Productions Marketing Manager for The Blue Note & Rose Music Hall

Melina: *"Being on the LHS Student Publications team taught me the design and writing skills that were the foundation for my college education and ultimately my career. Learning about key First Amendment cases (and having to memorize it) is even what sparked my interest in law school. LHS Student Publications taught me to think from different perspectives, to dream big, and completely altered my future (and not just because that's where I met my husband)."*

Jared Anderson, Class of 2009

Mizzou / Accounting

Works in corporate finance

"LHS publications was a tight-knit group I could really be myself in and speak freely in."

Jack Weaver, Class of 2020

Attending University of Kentucky / Managing editor and photo editor for Kentucky Kernel

"Being on student publications not only gave me the best memories from high school, but it allowed me to develop professional experience that I still use every day. No matter what you plan to do in the future, joining student publications will help you become better at communication and creativity."

Garrett Tripp, Class of 2009

Missouri State University / Electronic Arts: Video Studies

Production Coordinator at Legendary Studios

"This program puts a camera in your hands and pushes you to tell stories every day."

Jessica Huang, Class of 2005

Northwestern University / Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Art Director for John Brown Media

"I once took a design industry survey, where one of the multiple choice answers to 'What made you interested in being a graphic designer?' was 'I was involved in high school yearbook.' If that doesn't tell you how many people get into magazine/marketing design from there, I don't know what will!"

Hannah May, Class of 2016

Mizzou / Bachelor of Journalism (Strategic Communications emphasis)

Marketing Communications Associate Planet Hunger

"Yearbook can open the door for so many opportunities - it's more than taking photos, writing captions, and putting a book together. If I had not joined the yearbook team, I wouldn't be where I am today."