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Alumni Bulletin



MARILYN ADAMS

Class of 2009

Marilyn creates meaningful opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to learn, work, and thrive. At the David Posnack JCC in Davie, she leads the HIRE-Ability vocational training program, where participants earn ServSafe certification and develop valuable workforce skills. She also oversees The Square Bowl food truck, an extension of the program that brings handcrafted beverages, baked goods, and café-style favorites to the community, prepared and served by those she mentors. Through her leadership, Marilyn helps individuals build independence, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging. Beyond her professional role, she is a proud mom to Kennedy Lauren and wife to Ryan Adams, Esq.



LIAM ASAYAG

Class of 2020

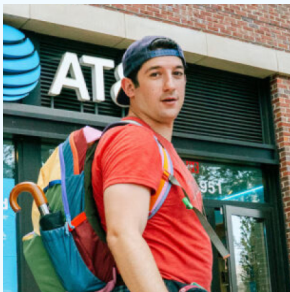
As an undergraduate engineering student at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Liam designed drones for delivering medical supplies and traveled to Ukraine to personally deliver them. After graduating last year, Liam began pursuing a master's degree in mechanical engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Most recently, he joined the world-renowned robotics company Boston Dynamics, a global leader in robotics innovation.



CHAMPE BARTON

Class of 2014

Champe Barton is an investigative reporter at The Trace, a nonprofit newsroom covering guns and gun violence in the United States. He focuses on firearm manufacturers and, more recently, on the lack of consumer product safety regulation in the industry. His reporting on allegedly defective firearms has spurred investigations and litigation by state attorneys general and prompted reforms at dozens of police departments nationwide. His work has also appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and *The Guardian*, among other outlets.



GRANT BESNER

Class of 2015

Grant has made it his mission to put so-called “dumb” phones back into your smart hands. Through his company, Month Offline, he invites participants to trade their smartphones for a flip phone for 30 days, joining a cohort of neighbors for weekly meetups, creative challenges, and shared encouragement along the way. His work has drawn national attention, with features in *Time*, *The Washington Post*, *Dazed*, and *Vox*.



HAYLEY BROOKS

Class of 2010

Hayley Brooks is the founder of Your Storyline, a consultancy that helps clients strengthen their personal brands by offering services such as professional resume writing, LinkedIn profile optimization, personal statement editing, and college application essay assistance. Her work was recently featured in the *Daily Memphian*. After spending several years working in the entertainment industry in New York City, she now lives in Memphis, Tennessee with her husband and son.



RUSSELL KOTCH

Class of 2008

Russell Kotch is a dentist in private practice at Kotch Dental. He recently completed a major expansion and renovation of his office, more than doubling its original size, and has launched a new venture, Pines Dental Lab. Russell also serves as the team dentist for the Miami Dolphins, Miami Marlins, and InterMiami CF. He and his wife live in South Florida with their three daughters, one of whom is a kindergartener in Ms. Mendelson's class, bringing Russell full circle, as he was once a student in her classroom years ago.



JONAH LUBIN

Class of 2021

Jonah recently graduated from Rice University with a double major in Sports Analytics and Sports Management, with a concentration in law. During his time at Rice, he completed internships with the Houston Texans, Wasserman Agency, Rice Football, and Rice Baseball. He now works full-time with the Las Vegas Raiders as a Football Data Science Assistant, where he focuses on player evaluation and analyzes performance data on both professional and collegiate athletes.



ELLICE MARTINEZ

Class of 1999

Ellice Martinez serves as Executive Director for the American Heart Association in Broward County. In this position, she leads strategic initiatives to advance the Association's mission of building healthier lives free from cardiovascular disease and stroke, while fostering partnerships that drive meaningful community health outcomes. Prior to joining the American Heart Association, Ellice served as Assistant Vice President of Community Engagement for HCA Florida Healthcare's East Florida Division.



JORDAN POLIAKOFF

Class of 2023

Jordan Poliakoff currently resides in Los Angeles, where he works for Doug Robinson Productions, an affiliate of Sony Pictures. He takes evening classes and will complete his undergraduate degree in Television, Radio, and Film at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications this fall. In recognition of his academic excellence, Syracuse awarded Jordan a scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Advanced Media Management, where he will focus on the business side of studio operations. If you are visiting Los Angeles this summer, reach out to Jordan for a tour of the Sony lot!



STEFEN SMITH

Class of 2011

An alumnus of Emory University School of Law, Stefan is now the co-founder, managing member, and a legal recruiter at The Standard Legal Recruiting. Through his leadership at the firm, he partners with law firms and in-house legal departments to identify and place top legal talent across a range of practice areas and experience levels.



MATT STEINER

Class of 2017

Matt recently joined the team at Fanatics, a leading sports merchandising and collectibles platform. As a Senior Manager of Social Media, Matt's role centers on growing their sports and entertainment channels and developing new ways to showcase trading cards, collectors, and the culture driving the hobby forward. Through his work, Matt connects collectors with unique opportunities while expanding the reach of the hobby across today's fastest-growing social platforms.

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