



Megan Ilievski, Class of 2018

CB: *What do you miss most about attending Caldwell University?*

MI: Since this is my first year post graduation, there have been so many things I've missed about Caldwell. I would definitely have to say reading books for English classes and discussing them in- depth. It was always so much fun to attend class and hear the many interpretations of the professors and students on certain literary works. What I've also missed during my time away from Caldwell is seeing my favorite professors on a daily basis, and attend their classes. However, ultimately, I just miss the

environment of Caldwell and not being able to call myself a student of the college.

CB: *After graduating from Caldwell, did you consider attending graduate school? If you are attending graduate school, which school do you attend and what is your coursework like?*

MI: Since I've graduated Caldwell, I'd focused on getting a full-time job, however, I still have thoughts about attending Journalism school in the near future.

CB: *What skills that you gained as an English major at Caldwell have you been able to apply in your career?*

MI: I am so extremely thankful for going forth with getting a degree in English. In my opinion, majoring in English is one of the best majors to receive a degree in because of the many paths you could take in regard to your career, and also because of the many skills you perfect when taking classes and reading the best literary works in the world. I have applied not only my writing skills to my current job, but also critical thinking skills, as well. Being an English major taught me how to read between the lines, as well, and that can easily be applied to daily life, as well. However, considering I've read many literary works, including Shakespeare, I've caught myself having discussions about literature with political guests who come into the studio.

CB: *What is your current position and what are your responsibilities in this position?*

MI: I am currently a Guest Coordinator at the FOX Business Network. I work with bookers and producers of various teams to make sure all guests are in studio on time and ready to go for their segments for eight live shows of FOX Business.

CB: *What, if any, works are you currently reading?*

MI: I am currently reading a novel called *Coco Chanel: An Intimate Life* by Lisa Chaney.

CB: *What was the interview process like for you while searching for a job after graduation?*

MI: Once I graduated in May, the very next week, I began interviewing for jobs. It took many "no's" throughout the summer until I got that first yes in late August. I could not be happier because I know that wherever I go, it is meant to be.

CB: *What advice do you have for current Caldwell English majors/minors in regards to attending school and finding a career after graduation?*

MI: I would definitely say to be persistent and ambitious. Yes, you may have your family or friends encouraging you, however, if you do not have that inner drive, passion, and determination to follow what you want or where you see yourself in the near future, then it cannot work out. No matter what your dreams or goals are, it requires hard work. Early on in my college career, I would write for websites and magazines unpaid, just so I could have various things on my resume. I went from writing for the #1 Manchester United fan site, to a magazine all about EDM music. Always keep active and constantly do things that would build your resume and expertise in what you would potentially want to pursue as a career. Take advantage of opportunities as being a student of Caldwell. The student newspaper faded out about five or six years prior to me being a student at Caldwell. During my second semester of my freshman year, I started the student newspaper at Caldwell, The Caldwell Courier, and was the President

and Head Editor of it until I graduated. Just always look for opportunities to grow and build your resume. Internships are extremely important, as well. Once you have a great resume as a college student, once you graduate, it will benefit your job search. Things will not easily come to you; you have to go out and look for them.

CB: *If you had chosen to double major at Caldwell with English, what other major would have piqued your interest?*

MI: During my time at Caldwell, I was a double major in English and Communication and Media Studies. I decided to do so because I was always very, very interested in literature and writing, yet wanted to incorporate my love for journalism into the mix.

CB: *Do you do any writing in your free time?*

MI: Since graduating, I unfortunately need to get back into the groove of writing short stories. I've always enjoyed doing that, even in my high school years. So, short stories will be coming soon!

CB: *Have you been successful in publishing any original work? If you were to be published, what type of genre would you choose to write in?*

MI: If I were to publish an original work, it would most likely be a tragedy. I was always intrigued and inspired by Shakespeare's tragedies, so I would definitely want to write one of my own someday.

CB: *Do you have any plans or interests in perhaps teaching one day?*

MI: Yes! I eventually want to go back to school to get a teaching degree because I was always interested in doing so.

CB: *Is there one professor or faculty member from Caldwell that especially inspired you? Why?*

MI: The English department is the best department at Caldwell, certainly because each professor excels exceptionally not only in the field they teach in, but as a person, as well. I've had great experiences with each and every professor in the department, however, considering Dr. Mary Lindroth had been part of my college years since my very first semester, I would have to choose her. I remember walking into Dr. Lindroth's office during the spring semester of freshman year because I was super nervous about taking a Shakespeare course as my first English course. I remember asking her if it was too soon to take a 400 level course as a freshman, especially being one to only briefly read two Shakespeare plays all my life. I remember her saying, "Don't drop the class. You'll be fine." I walked out of that class with an A and a huge love for Shakespeare. Thank you, Dr. Lindroth.

CB: *How do your plans for your future as a freshman English major compare with where you currently are in your career? What changed and why?*

MI: My future plans as a freshman consisted of becoming a writer and journalist. I still strive to be that, and each experience that I take on is so I can become that!

CB: *Who is your favorite author, and what makes them so notable?*

MI: No one compares to Shakespeare, however, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Edgar Allen Poe have been my favorite authors since I was in middle school. Just reading their works bring a smile to my face because

they are not only amazing and legendary, but because it brings back significant memories of my English classes in middle school, where I knew that English was my favorite subject and something I wanted to 100% pursue in the future. Middle school is where I not only fell in love with those authors, but fell in love with literature itself.