



# JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY



**NAME\***: Alexandra

**LASTNAME\***: BARTHOLOMEW

**CLASS OF\***: Study Abroad, Summer 2008

**MAJOR\***: Psychology, Minor Gender and Health

**NOW I AM\***: Working as a Special Education Teacher in Chicago for Teach for America

*\* What brought you to John Cabot University?*

I wanted an interactive study abroad experience that incorporated the history and culture of the location where I was studying. I was curious about Italy, Rome, and Renaissance Art, and this combination resulted in me taking a class during a summer term entitled The History of Roman Renaissance Art. I was motivated to study a subject I had no experience with at my home university, but that would fully encapsulate the place I was immersed in along with its history.

*\* What was your career path after graduation?*

After leaving John Cabot, I finished my last two years at the University of Michigan, graduating in May 2010. During my senior year, I was hired by Teach for America as Special Education Teacher in Chicago, IL. This new journey will begin in June 2010.

*\* What about your time at John Cabot shaped you most?*

My study abroad experience with John Cabot was my first time in Europe. It shaped my desire to pursue the combination of travel and education, prompting me to participate in Semester at Sea through the University of Virginia during the Spring 2009 voyage around the world.

● *What are you working on now?*

The fields/questions with the red star (\*) are compulsory for the completion of your profile



## JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

I am preparing to begin my two year commitment with Teach for America in Chicago as a Special Education Teacher. I will receive my teaching certification as well as a Master's degree in Special Education. I plan on traveling again after this two year commitment.

PICK AT LEAST TWO OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW

*What's your next project?* My next project will be successfully educating children for at least two years in the Chicago Public Schools as a Special Education Teacher with Teach for America.

*How did you and your husband or wife meet?* N/A

*What do you miss most about Rome?* I miss the food and culture of Roman streets as well as being forced to discover and use public transportation. I also miss exploring the many beaches outside of Rome.

*Did your dreams change from your time as a student to now? How?* N/A

*If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be?* If I could live anywhere in the world, it would be in Cape Town, South Africa.

*What is the best experience that John Cabot provided you with?* John Cabot provided me with an introduction to the endless possibilities that the combination of travel and education have to offer.

*What is your favourite John Cabot memory?* My favorite John Cabot memory is going to the local Panini sandwich shop next to John Cabot's campus after class with all my classmates. We would plan what we were going to do for the rest of the afternoon, as well as organize weekend trips we took together throughout Italy.

*If you had the power to change something in the world, what would it be?* I would make clean water and affordable and healthy food available to every human being.

The fields/questions with the red star (\*) are compulsory for the completion of your profile