



# JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY



**NAME\*:** Matthew

**LASTNAME\*:** Holland

**CLASS OF\*:** 2003

**MAJOR\*:** BA in Political Science

**NOW I AM\*:** Social-entrepreneur

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

A plane. A crazy taxi ride. A brief walk.

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

Business owner turned social-entrepreneur/nonprofit director/ small business consultant

*\* What about your time at John Cabot shaped you most?* Endless pizza shaped me the most, beautiful women and lots of walking trimmed me down.

*\* What are you working on now?*

NonprofitProducts.org is my nonprofit org that takes products made by the poor, sells them and returns to the poor 100% of the profit- it does a few other things, but the main mission is to help poor people realize their inner-entrepreneur through product creation and small business education.

*What's your next project?* HaHa that's funny. I have a list a mile long. But, one of the projects involves buying a river- actually a series of rivers...I'm calling it Freedom Springs- until I find a better name.



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*What do you miss most about Rome?* The weather, the food, the women. The open air museum. Easy access to the rest of Europe. But mostly my friends and the great times we had.

*Did your dreams change from your time as a student to now? How?* I went into Tulane freshman year wanting to be the next Indiana Jones...I left John Cabot senior year as a young international businessman. Now, I run a nonprofit, but don't let the "non" part fool you- I'm in it to make an absolutely gross amount of money for people in need.

*If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be?* ITALY- I'm coming back summer 2011!

*What is the best experience that John Cabot provided you with?* Very unique friendships with people from literally everywhere. It helped open my mind in respects to understanding people/culture, and living a full and eventful life.

*If you had the power to change something in the world, what would it be?*

I do have the power to change the world. Everyone does. Reducing poverty is my mission because it is the root cause of most of the world's major problems.