

A Discussion Between ASA Alumni and Cousins

By Anna Frey



Interviewer Anna Frey graduated from ASA in 2015 and is currently a senior at West Catholic. She spent some time over the holidays talking with Allie Royce, her cousin who graduated from ASA in 2010 and West Catholic in 2014, about what she is doing after college.

What are you doing now?

I am currently working for United Way of St. Joseph County in South Bend, Indiana, as our Communications Associate. We are nonprofit and our mission is to create a long-lasting change in our community by working to collectively reduce poverty and make sure all residents have the building blocks to a better life: education, income, and health. We work with more than 50 local nonprofit partner agencies in order to assist those in need at every layer, providing them with multiple resources to put them on a better path.

How was your college experience, what did you like about it, and what did you study?

I am a 2018 graduate of Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. I majored in communication studies with minors in public relations & advertising and sociology. My time at Saint Mary's was a time of learning and growth. Because of the small size, I was able to take advantage of so many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. Being in a small class setting allowed me to get to know each of my professors personally, participate in class discussions, improve my critical thinking skills, and boost my confidence.

Where did you travel internationally? What did you do there, and what did you like about it?

My sophomore year of college I studied abroad in Maynooth, Ireland. While I was there I lived in my first apartment on campus at Maynooth University. My time abroad was spent drinking a lot of coffee

and eating a lot of scones, traveling, and meeting new people. While I was abroad I also traveled to London, Barcelona, several parts of Scotland, and Amsterdam. Although intimidating, my favorite part of studying abroad was experiencing the new cultures.

Do you have any favorite memories from ASA?

I was only at ASA for two years, but there is one quote that will always bring me back to Mr. Matlak's homeroom in 8th grade. He had a sign with the quote, "All that is necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing." I remember before we left the room Mr. Matlak would say the first half and then we'd yell the second half and hit the sign on our way out. I didn't give it much thought back in 8th grade but I recently came across this quote, or a version of it, and while I was immediately transported back to the ASA, I also realized the truth and importance behind it.