The Class of 2013 is off to Great Places

**Tiffany Almeida**: I will be attending the University of Connecticut's TCPCG Program starting June 3rd. Through this program, I receive my Masters in Education and a certification for secondary education in the sciences.

**Olivia Abare-Brown**: I am hoping to get a teaching job.

**Jillian Barry**: I wish I knew! I've only gotten as far as being accepted into a summer graduate program called the Connecticut Writing Project at UConn. It is a four week intensive program helping teachers become better writers and better teachers of writing. Beyond that, I have applied for jobs all over and can only hope that I will have my own classroom by September 2013.

**Kimberly Buonaiuto**: I will be attending the University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine in the fall for a Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine. Upon completion of this program, I plan to attend a Midwifery certification program.

**Emma Dulz**: My plans after graduation is to go to SUNY Binghamton (In New York) to get a PhD in History.

**Patricia Goodman**: I will be working as a Residential Counselor at the Mental Health Association of Connecticut, and attending graduate school at the UCONN School of Social Work as an advanced standing student.

**Justine Hayes**: After graduation, I will be working as a staff accountant for Forensic Accounting Services LLC of Glastonbury.

**Carla Montrond-Correia**: After graduation, I have interviews at New England School Of Acupuncture (for my masters in acupuncture) and University of Bridgeport (Naturopathic program to become a naturopathic doctor). Still waiting to here back from georgetown university (they are my top choice) for a masters in Complementary medicine. So it all depends where I get into.

**Amber Newman**: I graduated in December 2012, and since graduation I have been working full time at LPL Financial, an investment firm in downtown Hartford; For graduate school: I have been accepted into both Master’s of Public Administration at UCONN and a Master’s of Science in Applied Psychology (with a focus on Industrial and Organizational Psych) at Sacred Heart University. I will be deciding which one to enroll in as a part time graduate student for the Fall while still working full time.

**Anna Slupecki**: I am going to UConn Pharmacy School to get my PharmD.

**Vicki Stuart**: After graduation I'm hoping to spend the summer taking small trips, visiting new places, going to museums, and volunteering at historical societies. I'm also going to England/Scotland/Ireland for a week with my aunt! That's the thing I'm most excited for. Hopefully I'll keep working at the Jewish Historical Society, and then just lounge around at home by the pool with friends in our down time.

**Katie Vandrilla**: I plan on teaching high school chemistry.

**Breanna Vessichio**: Since I graduated, I have been working as an assistant clerk and aide to Rep. Urban, chair of the Committee on Children. In the fall I will be going to law school. I have not made a definite decision yet on where I will be going. Possibly UCONN or Catholic University. This summer I will be taking a trip with friends to celebrate our graduation.
What Will the Class of 2013 Miss Most about USJ?

“I'll miss the community at USJ. The professors are all incredible and have pushed me to achieve things I didn't realize I was capable of. I will forever be grateful for the opportunities I was presented with at USJ.”

Jillian Barry

“I will miss being in the classroom with great professors who love to teach.”

Justine Hayes

“I'll miss the community of awesome girls, small class rooms and supportive faculty!”

Emma Dulz

“I'll definitely miss the people the most. The friends I have made along the way, the professors that have supported me, and the faculty that really made this place special. The people were what I noticed when I first came to SJC and they are what I will miss most about USJ.”

Tiffany Almeida

“I'll miss being in a supportive community with all of my friends, and being in the West Hartford area and having everything conveniently located nearby.”

Carla Montrond-Correia

“I'll miss being in close proximity to my friends. I think I'll also miss learning (not the homework) and being able to study things that suit my fancy. And being in the Honors Lounge too- I have some great memories of making some of my best friends there.”

Vicki Stuart

“I am going to miss all my favorite teachers from the Chem and Bio Department, Dr. V, Dr. Curry, and all my Bio juniors!”

Anna Slupecki

“I will miss the supportive and close feeling of our small community.”

Kimberly Buonaiuto

“I'll miss the friends I've made, and the feeling of a close community.”

Katie Vandrilla

“Thank you for being an amazing Peer Leader Vicki. We will miss you, as well as, all the fun ideas and suggestions you brought to the Honors program. We look forward to your visits next year. All the best to you as you begin this next chapter in your life.”

Breana Vessichio


**Words of Wisdom and Advice to Current Honors Students:**

- **“Seize the day! Grab hold of all the opportunities that come your way.”** Patricia Goodman
- **“Always remember that you are amazing women! You are capable of great things, and I look forward to seeing your names pop up in Outlook Magazine, academic journals, newspapers, etc! Best of luck to you all.”** Jillian Barry
- **“Study Abroad. Do it. Make the time, find the funds, rearrange your courses, and go for it! Studying even for the summer in another country was amazing, and gives you such a better perspective on life and the world. Get your passport, and pack your bags!”** Katie Vandrilla
- **“Take part in an Independent Study and take every opportunity to present at Symposium Day, regional Honors conferences, or hold your own presentation seminar on campus, like I once did. It gives you presentation experience and looks great to potential graduate schools.”** Amber Newman
- **“I am terrible at advice... But a really good quote that motivates me is "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game" said by Babe Ruth (but more importantly was in the chick flick A Cinderella Story).”** Anna Slupecki
- **“My advice is just to enjoy every moment. Don't rush to graduation. Truly enjoy every part of your undergraduate experience.”** Emma Dulz
- **“Enjoy your time at USJ it flies by. And always believe in yourself. Here are a few great quotes with advice: ‘Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.’ -Helen Keller ‘Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.’ -O. Mandino”** Carla Montrond-Correia
- **“My best advice would be to enjoy your time here and to learn as much as possible from the professors.”** Justine Hayes
- **“To take advantage of the accessibility of professors and seek advice to really hone on your personal areas of weakness like writing. USJ offers many opportunities to improve the skills needed to be successful in future and upcoming students are wise to take advantage of those chances!”** Breana Vessichio
- **“Feeling like you're stumbling around is okay. Nothing is impossible, it all always works out, but sometimes you have no idea how. Be confident in yourself, and trust yourself!! It'll be okay!”** Vicki Stuart
- **“I would tell upcoming students to take all the opportunities you can and to actively search out new ones. DONT BE LAZY! The only person that will help you find your passionate is yourself and no one is going to spoon-feed you experience, you have to go find it. Lastly, It’s never too early to start gaining experience and knowledge about what you love.”** Kimberly Buonaiuto
- **“Freshmen: Take advantage of being new. Try new things. Ask people questions. Start new friendships. Sophomores: Talk to juniors about the honors independent study and why they tried theirs. Take advantage of the information people have. Juniors: Do not stress. Junior year can be very overwhelming. Believe in yourself. Seniors: Don't be afraid of making new friendships. It's sometimes the ones you make this year that will become the most worthwhile in the future.”** Tiffany Almeida