

JOHN WESLEY HONORS COLLEGE

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What is your hometown?
Cleveland, OH

What was your major? Your favorite Honors College course?
Major: International Relations
Favorite Honors College course: Philosophy 180 with Steve Horst!

What is your current career/vocation?
Currently, I am a volunteer with the United States Peace Corps. I teach English as a second language in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now, professionally and personally?
My Honors College experience prepared me for my current life by teaching me how to challenge myself. It has given me the perspective to measure my success not by looking to the accomplishments of others, but to my own potential. God has gifted me in a particular way and to be anything less than my best would be a disservice. I view my vocation as service. It is an opportunity to use the gifts that I have been given to help my fellow man.

What has been your best experience since graduating from IWU?
My best experience since graduating from IWU has been a road trip that I undertook with two close friends. We drove from Marion, IN, to Alaska and back. It was a great time of roughing it in the wild, eating bad food, and communing with nature. Despite a few close calls and roadside bear sightings, it was the best three weeks of my life!

If you could give one piece of advice to students who are now in the Honors College, what would it be?
I would encourage all JWHC students to cultivate the relationships that they have with their fellow students at IWU, both inside and outside of the JWHC. Learning is best done in community, and it never hurts to hear a new perspective. Classroom learning is important too, but never forget the great life moments that happen in less structured environments.