

The Spot - Commencement Edition

IUPUI Commencement 2008

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Transcript

[K. Christopher] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher, and this is the Commencement Special Edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

Over 5600 students were eligible to go through Commencement this Mother's Day. The IUPUI and school ceremonies were held in the Indiana Convention Center, and The Spot was there and spoke with graduates about IUPUI and their future plans.

[J. Lund] My sister was attending IUPUI and I just felt like it was a good opportunity for me to be in a big city, in Indianapolis, and to meet such a diverse crowd. That's been a dream of mine, just to be in Indy, so I've enjoyed it, every bit of it, and I'm looking forward to the next steps.

IUPUI has been an enormous help because I've always worked on campus, and I've really enjoyed that. Ever since my freshman summer I was on the orientation team and I met a lot of great people and I got to learn about the university. I've really grown as a person because of that experience. I'm also working in the Admissions Center right now so I really enjoy that as well and it's nice to see the prospective students coming in and just telling them about my experience.

[C. LaRoche] I actually went to Purdue University, the main campus up in West Lafayette, for a couple years. I wasn't liking the degree, decided to leave, take a break. Looked at IUPUI and said "I could get the same exact degree, you know, no difference, stay at home, save money, work full time." So I got Dean's List first semester I was here, met a lot of really great people, had a really good time. I've worked almost fulltime the entire time I've been here, but the professors and staff have been great. All the night classes allow you to really just stay on your degree track and get done in a timely manner.

[K. Keller] I chose to attend IUPUI because I wanted to stay close to home, close to my parents. In my experiences at IUPUI, I have had a lot of great professors and I've made a lot of great friends. Plans after graduation will include moving to Chicago to be with my fiance, and hopefully get a job and make my political science degree useful.

[Q. Anwar] First of all, I got a full ride scholarship through 21st Century Scholars at IUPUI, so I had a full ride here, and I was going to get the same degree as IU Bloomington, so I was just like "Why not?" It's close to home and it's cheaper and it ended up being a really good bargain for me. I am applying for jobs, mostly in California and New York, for brand management and marketing, for international marketing, for any company like IBM or--I'm applying to a bunch of entertainment industries--so it depends on how that goes. I did apply for grad school in Europe for international relations, and that I'm going to defer for a year and pretty much try to find a job in the time being. So, pretty much trying to get into the real world and make some money.

[J. Richardson] I am graduating just to come back again in August. I'm going to be in the IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences going for physical therapy, class of 2011. So I'm graduating just to come back.

I chose to attend IUPUI because it was close to home, I could still live at home, save some money, all of that, and it was also a very highly recommended school.

I've actually met my best friend here and just had some really good times. I like it being a commuter campus, you meet a very wide range of people.

[K. Rickard] I came here from Jamaica and I decided--I was looking for a school I wanted to go to, and I came down to Indianapolis--and I said "Well this looks like a nice school." I did some research on it, and it just seemed like the best fit for me.

I came here and I lived on campus for two years and it's been just one of the best experiences. Volunteer work: I had a chance to go with the campus on some trips down to Mississippi to help out with the whole Katrina thing that went on, so I did that for two years--two spring breaks--and that's just been an awesome experience. School wise, that's been great too. Did a lot of great classes--network security, forensics, just all these different classes that have really grown me as an individual and I'm sure it's going to help me out in a career.

My plans after graduation: Well, interestingly enough, in a few weeks, I'm going to be deployed, so I'll be headed over to Afghanistan for a little bit and when I come back, hopefully I can start my professional career then.

[K. Christopher] Congratulations to everyone who graduated. That's The Spot for this semester. Check us out next fall on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. See you later!