

2011 YEAR END REVIEW

A brief recap on my recent adventures in Tallahassee.



YEAR ONE AT FSU



My first year at FSU is now behind me. I have one year left until graduation.

I have conquered some big obstacles this year, and I plan to keep up the momentum.

- ✓ MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS) MAJOR
- ✓ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PREREQUISITES COMPLETED
- ✓ ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS (AIS) CHAPTER TREASURER

HIGHLIGHT: HONORARY GUEST PRESENTER

In my spare time I go into random department buildings and introduce myself to any professor with an open door. I do this **every few weeks**.

While doing that I met a professor who asked me to **give a motivational speech to his class on the benefits of entrepreneurship in their field**. My presentation lasted 10 minutes, and I gave it in front of two classes. It was the first time anyone has asked me to speak to an audience. It was a fantastic experience. It will not be the last time.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR

GAZOOGLER

FOCUS GROUP

ISM4113 (Systems Analysis & Design)

THIS PROJECT TAUGHT ME HOW TO:

- RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
- CREATE DATA FLOW DIAGRAMS
- WRITE A DETAILED, TECHNICAL NARRATIVE
- SYSTEMATICALLY DESIGN AND BUILD AN APPLICATION PROTOTYPE

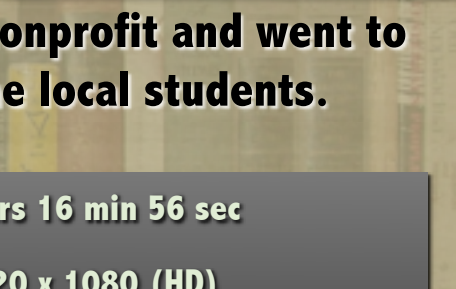
Above and beyond the assignment scope, I created a functional application and compiled it for **Mac** and **Windows**.

I did the work for my group members, but now know that I am capable of performing this job in the real world.



HIGHLIGHT: DOCUMENTARY

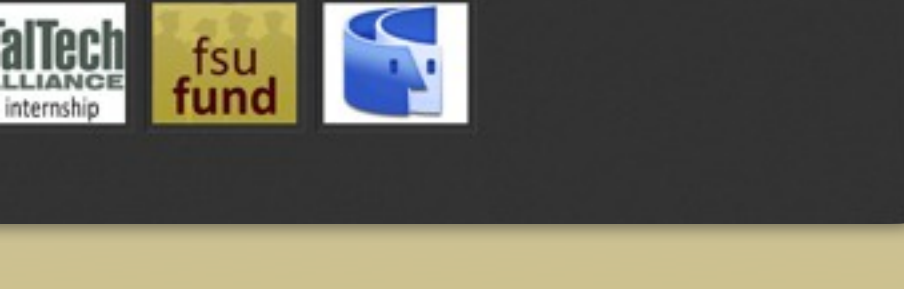
FSU students volunteered in Nicaragua. I edited the documentary of their efforts.



Alicia Barrios is the hero of this project. She created a nonprofit and went to Nicaragua with a team of students to teach english to the local students.

PROJECT LENGTH	59 mins 4 sec	RAW FOOTAGE	8 hrs 16 min 56 sec
NUMBER OF CLIPS	900	RESOLUTION	1920 x 1080 (HD)
NUMBER OF CAPTIONS	343	SOFTWARE	Final Cut Pro X, Photoshop CS5

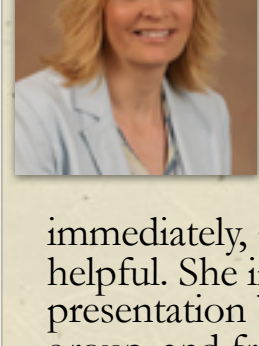
PROFESSIONAL HOMEPAGE



I COMPLETED MY ONLINE BUSINESS PROFILE. IT IS A CONCISE INTRODUCTION TO WHO I AM AND MY VALUES. I NOW USE IT TO EXTEND MY INTRODUCTION WHEN I MEET NEW PEOPLE.

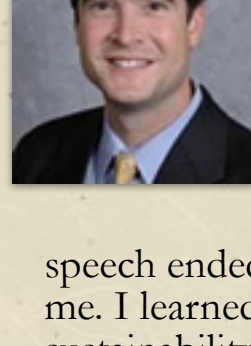
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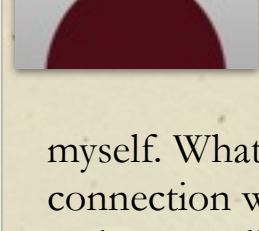
Deb Armstrong
FSU Management Information Systems

I came to FSU as a prospective MIS student. I was directed to Dr. Deb immediately, and she was incredibly helpful. She invited me to sit in on a presentation by her AIS student group, and from that moment I was sold, not just on MIS, but on AIS too, which is why I am now treasurer.



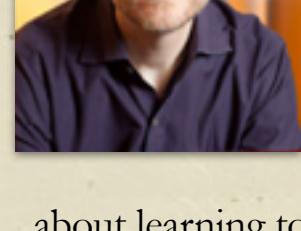
Tim Center
Sustainable FL

Tim was a keynote speaker at TechExpo 2011. I didn't know who he was when he took the stage, but his speech ended up really impacting me. I learned about the concepts of sustainability, and I realized that there are ways to be both green and profitable.



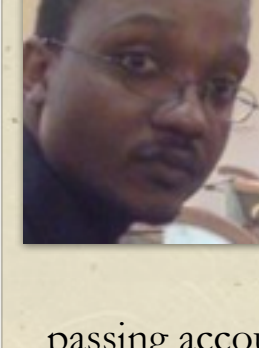
Mark Jowett
FSU Information Sciences

I walked into his office spontaneously and introduced myself. What came out of it was a connection with a great professor and eventually a connection to my business partner for that year, Ted.



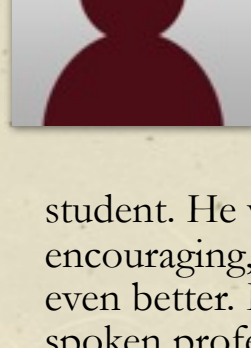
Chris Laping
Red Robin

Chris was a guest speaker at the COB. He was an MIS graduate and he passed on a very important lesson about learning to focus and about finding a company that "fits your script."



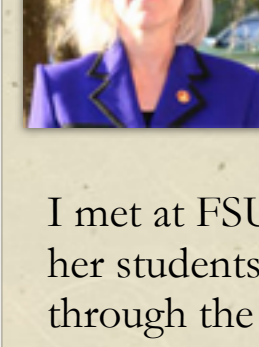
Erdell Maurice
TCC Mathematics

Technically Erdell is my cousin, not my teacher, but without his patience and expertise I would not have had a chance at passing accounting or calculus.



Mac McCorvey
TCC Mathematics

Even in a subject like math I enjoyed being Dr. McCorvey's student. He was warm and encouraging, and it fueled me to do even better. He is also the most well spoken professor I have ever had.



Melissa Raulston
FSU Information Sciences

Melissa was the very first faculty member I met at FSU. Her commitment to her students is outstanding, both through the school and through her non profit. She is a real life superwoman.



James Tillman
TalTech

I met James through Melissa. He is chairman at Taltech, and I became his web intern. He has exposed me to the operational world of nonprofits, and introduced me to many people. The level of confidence he has in me is truly touching.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

- 9:15** THE TIME OF MORNING WHEN A WHITE TOYOTA TUNDRA BACKED INTO MY CAR IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.
- 4** THE NUMBER OF BUSINESS PROJECTS I STARTED THIS YEAR.
- 45** MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS SWEATING REQUIRED TO DESTROY AN IPOD.
- 3** NUMBER OF TELEGRAM SERVICES IN MIAMI WILLING TO DRESS UP AND SING ABBA SONGS.
- 4** THE NUMBER OF HARD DRIVES I KILLED IN 2011.
- 102107** NUMBER OF MILES DRIVEN IN MY CAR.
- 0** NUMBER OF REGRETS I HAVE IN COMING TO TALLAHASSEE.

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

Each new day allows me to add depth to my character. I actively seek out new opportunities to grow, and to improve my qualities as a well-rounded human being. When I reenter the business world it will be with a philosophy substantially different from what I have demonstrated in the past.

I'm just getting started.

