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# Confident Graduates

**I finished my Spanish minor by studying abroad in Chile over the summer. It didn't occur to me that it was abnormal for a first-year college student to finish a minor or study abroad.**

Over the last few months, I reached out to the last three years of SGS graduates to hear their so-called "abnormal" experiences. After receiving the first response, I knew that

there were many Dragons out there with incredible stories of their own, of much greater magnitude than simply studying abroad. After I gathered their various stories, I picked up on one important theme: focus on what fills you with joy and pursue it with confidence.

Please enjoy reading the following stories of Dragon alumni. It fills me with pride to help share these experiences and know that the most recent graduates have been making an impact on communities far beyond Saint George's.

— Alyson Galow '17

## The Internet of Things

At the forefront of technology, Brooke Martin worked for the Vice President of Internet of Things for T-Mobile in Bellevue, Washington over the summer in between her freshman and sophomore years at Stanford University. Over the course of 12 weeks, Martin developed long-term business strategies, marketing and distribution plans, and new product concepts while working on key corporate partnerships.

As an intern for the Internet of Things, every task Martin worked on was in some way related to the growing network of connected devices – physical objects with digital connectivity and integration to other devices. "This is the technology that drives the concept of Smart Homes and Smart Cities, improves supply chain efficiency and

insight, and enables heightened personal awareness through smart wearables."

Throughout her time as an intern, she was able to use her knowledge from creating her own product iCPooch, a device that "served to improve the relationship that people have with their pets by allowing owners to video chat with and deliver treats to their dogs through a mobile application." Her prior experience of leading and developing a start-up helped her to think of ways to make the creation of Internet of Things devices more feasible and accessible for innovators and developers.

For Martin, it was an incredible experience to work for a large, technology company. The experience did not come without challenges though. Since she had never experienced this specific

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**Brooke Martin, SGS Class of 2017 2nd year student at Stanford University in Stanford, CA studying Management Science, Engineering, Spanish**

# Outdoor Adventure

Michael Thew, an active outdoorsman, developed his passion for nature in his first years of high school. “The SGS Outdoor Club trips gave me great opportunities to learn and challenge myself in the outdoor arena.” After experiencing the University of Chicago’s Outdoor Adventure Club, he decided the club needed to become more popular and less of a cliquey, climbing group. Thew was selected as the club’s president his sophomore year and has since accomplished many of his original goals, including the addition of a pre-orientation outdoor program for incoming freshmen.

The Outdoor Adventure Club “strives to generate excitement about the outdoors” despite the urban campus and topographically limited Midwest

environment. The club runs weekend trips throughout the year. “We also host one-day events including bonfires at The Point (a lakeshore beach), slacklining and hammocking on the quad, and day trips to the Indiana Dunes.” The main focus is to include all students, whether they have a background in the outdoors or not. With this wider emphasis on participation, Thew has brought over 200 students into the club’s activities.

Thew’s greatest goal will be reached this upcoming summer under the title “Phoenix Outdoor Program,”

a pre-orientation trip for incoming freshman. When Thew was looking at different universities and colleges in high school, he noticed that many had this sort of option for incoming freshman while UC did not. Once he was president, the Dean expressed the University’s interest in expanding the school’s welcome to new students. With support from the University, Thew and the Outdoor Adventure Club will be hosting a National Outdoor Leadership School Wilderness First Aid course throughout the summer for trip leaders as preparation for a total of five pre-orientation trips to Phoenix, Arizona for incoming freshman.

Growing this urban yet outdoorsy club is only one of Thew’s goals. He also hopes to work in the aerospace

**Michael Thew, SGS Class of 2016  
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Computational and Applied  
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**“I am passionate about sharing my knowledge and experience with others in hopes of sparking and expanding their appreciation for the outdoors.”**

industry, “ideally as an astronaut,” while keeping his love of the outdoors alive.

“My lifetime goal is to complete the Seven Summits. Kind of a lofty goal, I know, but that’s how I motivate myself.”

industry before, especially at the corporate level, learning the vocabulary took a couple of weeks of studying a working list of terms and acronyms. One of her first challenges was “differentiating between cellular networks such as CAT-M, CAT-1, NB, and LTE, as well as understanding the way that each network operates and the use cases that it serves.”

By the end of the experience, it became evident to Martin that she would one day like to be the CEO of a “company engrained in the innovative technology ecosystem,” whether it is her own company or an existing one. Her passion for integrating technology with community is evident in her belief that “it is crucial to ensure that technology is utilized to strengthen, rather than detract from, our relationships with each other and our surroundings.”