

Undergrad, MBA student receive FWSF scholarships

The opportunity to earn and receive multiple scholarships enticed both Kristen Cepriano and Jennifer Chappell to enroll as business students at Dominican. That attraction has paid off.

Kristen, an incoming senior business administration major with a dual concentration in accounting and finance in the [Barowsky School of Business](#), and Jennifer, a graduate student pursuing her [MBA](#), were presented [Financial Women of San Francisco](#) (FWSF) scholarships on June 2 at that organization's awards program and luncheon held at the City Club.

Jennifer plans to utilize her \$10,000 grant in part to fund her BSB grad student consulting project to Beijing, China this summer. She graduated Cum Laude from Dominican in 2015 with B.A. degrees in history and political science, yet some undergrad business classes inspired her to return.

"When I got into the business school, at first I was hesitant because I wondered how I would be accepted with my background (in history and political science)," Jennifer says. "Everyone has been amazing. I love the professors and the program. I've found that business is where I'm supposed to be. It was something that clicked -- if I could be in business the rest of my life, I would love it."

Jennifer's concentration is in strategic leadership. Her goal is to be a C-Level executive in the financial industry. She also hopes to someday start a non-profit organization that assists disadvantaged young women.

"No matter where you come from and what you want to do, you can achieve it," Jennifer says. "It just takes one person to believe in you to make a difference and I want to be that one person for someone else, just as I had my mother in my life."

Kristen wants to have an impact, too. The recipient of a \$5,000 grant from FWSF helps her goal of becoming a financial planner with a focus on helping low and middle income families.

Like Jennifer, Kristen is appreciative of the support she has received from faculty and advisers at Dominican. She is on track to graduate a semester early in pursuit of her MBA in BSB's 4 + 1 program.

"I like the feeling that the faculty are looking out for me," Kristin says. "I've been more introverted in the past and the one-on-one interaction with my professors helped me learn better."

Kristen relishes mentorship. She has been a youth ministry leader for her church and appreciates the mentoring she has received at Dominican.

"For both women, this scholarship is a great opportunity. What's more important than the monetary reward is that the scholarship gives them the opportunity to be mentored by FWSF members and attend their events," says their instructor, Ashilan Korkmaz, Assistant Professor of Accounting at Dominican, who notes that only 11 students from Bay Area colleges received scholarships. "This is a great success for us."

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