



Jenny Shulkin

Sage Class Year: 2005

College/Grad Year: Savannah College of Art and Design, 2013

Major/Minor: Fibers, Design for Sustainability

Current Internship: Brighter Day Natural Foods
(Savannah, GA)

Hobbies: Horseback riding, arts and crafts, guitar, bicycling, photography, cooking and gardening

Career Goals: I never quite know what to say when someone asks me this question. The topic is simply too broad! I am certainly interested in further developing the naturally colored cotton crop but thanks to my academic major, I have a wide range of opportunities including the textile, fine art, environmental and fashion industries. Designing for companies like Free People and Anthropologie would be exciting.

What You Love About Your Studies/Work: I love that I followed my heart down the artistic route and I am thankful for where it has led me. The freedom of being able to design and create on a daily basis has helped me grow as a critical and creative thinker as well as a person. I love that I can simply pick up my work and head to the beach for a new perspective; I can bike down the historic streets of Savannah and find fresh inspiration for my next project. It allows me to experience college, explore this part of the country, and enjoy my years as a young adult. I even love my job at the health food store! I've learned so much about sustainable living. I definitely advise pursuing something that interests you and use it as a learning opportunity.

Biggest Challenge in College: Fortunately, time and money management were never major challenges for me as they were for many of my peers. Personally, my biggest challenge boiled down to the social component of college; you really have to throw yourself out there and meet a lot of people in order to maximize your college experience. I've found that I connect with the friends I've made in college on a deeply personal level. We've really learned to depend on and help each other. Reaching outside my comfort zone has always been a challenge for me, but I've come to realize that many of my greatest friends and experiences have been a result of extending myself.

What skills did Sage help you develop the most? I learned the fundamentals of using my voice in a powerful yet appropriate and honest manner –which is critical for my creative, free-spirited perspective. Though this skill naturally gets stronger as we mature, Sage helped me realize speaking my mind is one of the strongest means of self-expression.

Fondest Sage Memory: Those stick forts we had in the woods were just plain magical in my eyes. Perhaps it's just the artist side of me speaking, but for a bunch of fifth grade architects we did one heck of a job!

Words of Advice for 8th Graders Preparing for the Next Step: As Robert Frost informed my 8th grade Humanities class, taking the road less traveled will make all the difference. Don't forget that there is a whole world out there beyond the classroom for you to explore!

Shout-outs: Yo! Class of '05, we had some good times and it looks like we're all in great places!