

ZAG ALUMNI
& FRIENDS

Alumni Success Report

2025





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The greatest measure of success isn't found in titles or accolade – it's in the living bridge we create together. A bridge we build so that Zags can lead and succeed.

Dear Zag family,

It brings me such joy to welcome you to this special Alumni Success Report—an inspiring collection of stories that celebrate the power and purpose of our Zag alumni community.

With more than 73,000 living alumni across the globe, our network is nothing short of extraordinary. Every story featured here—whether it's a professional achievement, a life of service, or gift of mentorship—reminds us of the heart and grit that defines Gonzaga education.

This report is more than a reflection of success; it's a reflection of you, Zags! Our alumni continue to lead, to serve, and to support one another. And we are deeply grateful—for your generous support of our students, for the example you set, and for the way you show up for each other.

Thank you for being the living proof of what it means to be a Zag for life.



With heartfelt gratitude,
Kara Hertz ('01)

AVP for Alumni and External Relations

Zag Career Network



94%

of graduates from the class of '24 are employed, continuing their education, participating in a post-graduate service program or serving in the military

the overall average salary for the class of 2024, undergraduate and graduate



\$82,400



Boeing and Microsoft are among Gonzaga's top employers.

Alumni Mentoring Program: ZagsConnect

2,900

mentors are currently on the platform eager to support students and alumni in career development and networking

mentor/mentee connections were made via ZagsConnect in the '24-'25 academic year

192

1,573

organizations represented on the ZagsConnect platform



Top Employers



Providence Health Services



Gonzaga University



Deloitte



University of Washington



Moss Adams



Boeing



Microsoft



KPMG

Success Rates



2,360

Career coaching appointments were held throughout the '24-'25 year for GU students



\$107,000

The average salary for the class of '24 from our graduate and doctoral programs



\$71,000

The average salary for the class of '24 undergraduates

ZAGS LEAD

Two Gonzaga Alumni Now Lead the 3rd Ranger Battalion

In a historic first for Gonzaga University, two alumni now serve side-by-side at the helm of the U.S. Army's elite 3rd Ranger Battalion.



Lieutenant Colonel Jon Peterson ('05) (pictured above) commands the battalion, while **Major Brian Slamkowski ('10)** serves as his executive officer.

Remarkably, both were also battalion commanders in Gonzaga's ROTC program during their time on campus.

Peterson has led airborne infantry across the globe, including at the Pentagon and in Alaska. Slamkowski, a business graduate, is a decorated Ranger with deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the Indo-Pacific, and was selected as a Downing Scholar at Stanford.

Both credit their time at GU—and its values of critical thinking, compassion, and service—for preparing them to lead in one of the military's most demanding environments.

THE WAY

Peterson and Slamkowski are also family men, each married to fellow Zags and raising children rooted in the same community that shaped their own callings.



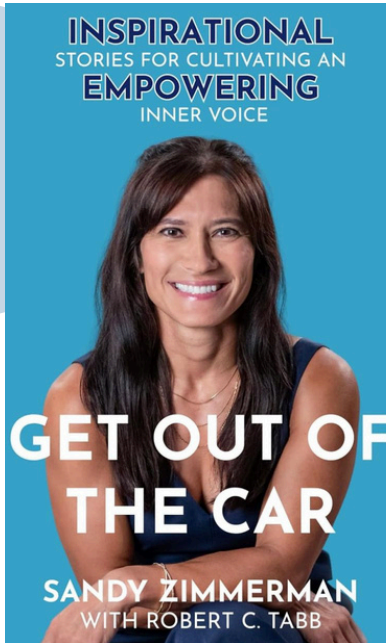
Brian Slamkowski ('10), left, and Jon Peterson ('05), right, with their families.



**Read the
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here:**



Alumni Authors

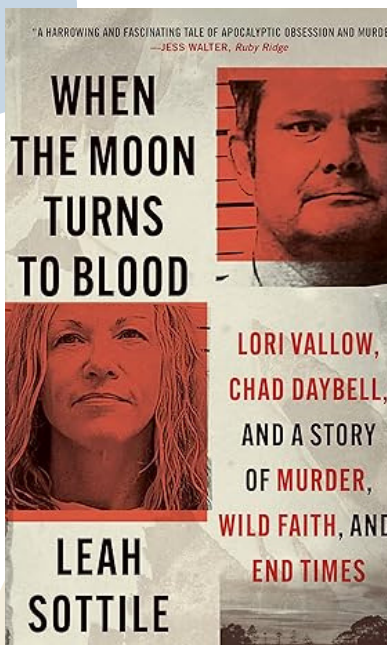
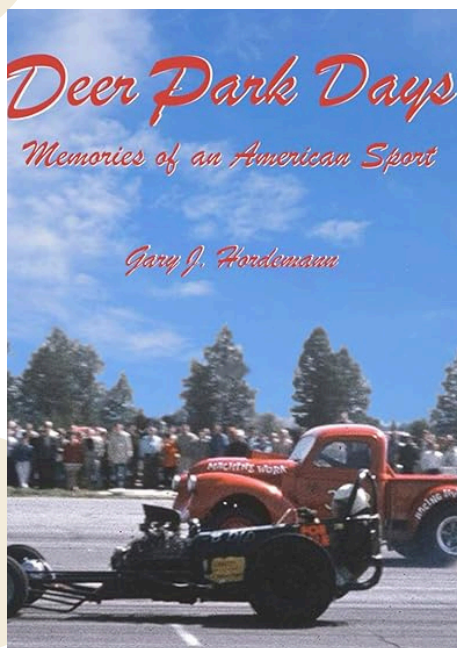


**Sandy (Gere)
Zimmerman ('99)**
"Get Out of the
Car: Inspirational
Stories for
Cultivating an
Empowering Inner
Voice"

**Sarah Lorraine
Small ('99)**
released a memoir
entitled "A Sea of
Lego and
Lavender"



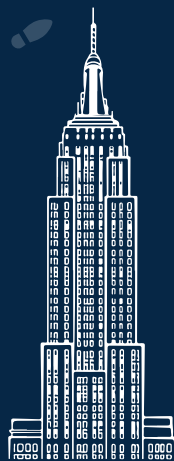
Gary Hordemann ('60) published two new books: "Deer Park Days: Memories of an American Sport" and "Stories My Brother Told Me."



Leah Sottile ('03) published "When the Moon Turns to Blood," an exciting tale of apocalyptic obsession and murder.

What are Gonzaga Career Treks?

Career Treks are unforgettable adventures where Zags explore top organizations in cities like London, NYC, Seattle, and more—hosted by our generous alumni and friends!



Gonzaga Alumni & Friends



in partnership with

Gonzaga Career & Professional Development (CPD)



The Alumni & Friends team works hard to connect students to alumni and friends in the powerful Zag career network.

Offering:

- career fairs
- career treks
- mock interviews
- info sessions
- on-campus interviewing
- networking socials
- alumni classroom presentations

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offers treks in the following cities:

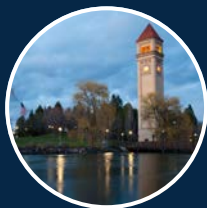
Seattle



NYC



Spokane



London



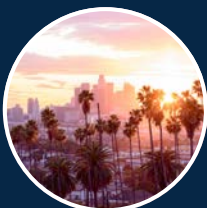
Bay Area



Portland



Los Angeles



Denver



Career Readiness

Fun Facts



46

organizations hosted educational and networking excursions for Gonzaga Students

286

students participated in Career Treks last year

413

organizations recruited students for fulltime jobs and internships at Career Fairs

376

alumni professionals supported students' professional development through the Career Treks and Career Fairs

Brought to you by the

ZAG ALUMNI **& FRIENDS**

team:

Over 100 regional events for alumni and friends across the country each year ranging from athletic-focused to career networking and student recruitment!



52 Regional Alumni & Friends chapters

5 Affinity Communities for alumni and friends



Alumni & Student Career Assistance for a Lifetime

Opportunities to support student scholarships with Zags Give Day, Gonzaga Day and more!





WCC in Vegas



Zagapalooza



Zags Give Day

CHAPTERS



52

Chapters world-wide

including:

- Florence, Italy
- Hawaii
- Japan

Join your
local
chapter:



COMMUNITIES



**Military Service
Community**



**Alumni of
Color Community**



**Lavender
Community**



**Native Alumni
Community**



**Gonzaga in
Florence
Community**

**Find your
community:**



**ZAG ALUMNI
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Alumni Spotlights



Mandi Price ('14)

**Emmy Nominated
Hollywood Producer**



**Heather
Rosentrater ('99)**

**CEO of Avista, the first woman to
lead the utility in its 135-year
history**



Tim Healy ('01)

**FBI, Supervisory Special
Agent and GU ROTC
graduate.**

Sarah Draper ('19)

**Founder of Leading Well
Strategies, Retired FBI
Supervisory Special Agent**



Graham Sabin ('24)

**Co-founder of CopyCat, an
AI company**



Janice Brown ('83 JD)

**Trial lawyer and Founder of
Beyond Law**



Christopher Dorrigan ('98)

**Head of the Montana
Department of Transportation**



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95%

**of alumni say their
decision to attend GU
was either "good" or
"great"**

**Alumni say
Gonzaga
prepared them
best for:**

- **Career readiness**
- **Contributing to their
community**
- **Continued education**



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Friends on LinkedIn:**



ZAG FOR LIFE

The Zag Alumni & Friends team hosts over 100 events each year!



Follow us on instagram to stay up to date on events near you!



Zags @ Velocity



Alumni Scholarship Benefit



Zags @ Spokane Indians



Easter Egg Hunt

Get Involved



Attend Zag events



Join your local chapter or community



chapters



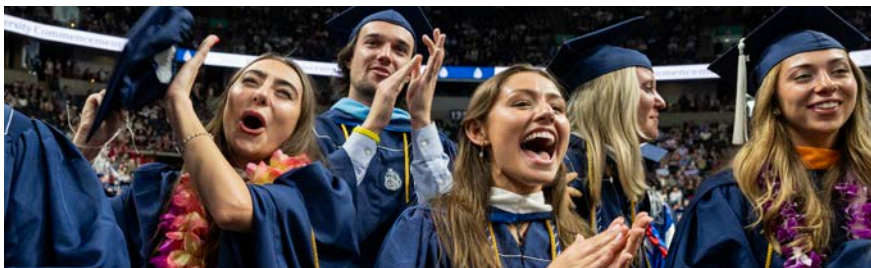
communities



Become a mentor



Alumni Fee Waiver



Donate to GU



Ben Joyce ('01)

Bring Gonzaga Home With You

Renowned artist and GU alumnus Ben Joyce ('01) has created "The University Collection" featuring Gonzaga University.

The original hangs in the Hemmingson Center, and now alumni and friends can own their own edition.

With every purchase, 25% supports GU student scholarships.



Learn
more
about
Ben's art:



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