

When we graduated in May 2010 most of us were moving home. The circumstances were out of our control. We had graduated at the height of the recession. We were nervous. We dreaded that infamous question – “what next?” The truth is, we didn’t know! Today, I look at my classmates and I see resilient individuals who have spent the last five years mastering their passion. I see actors, doctors, environmentalist, filmmakers, lawyers, artist, journalists, engineers, occupational therapists, & teachers. I see coaches & mentors. I see mothers & fathers.

The class of 2010 braved through the worst job market and we emerged on top. We had one thing in common, our Franklin and Marshall education! From the never ending writing assignments - that got the better of us - to working on group projects in the college center. The late night jazzman’s coffee runs and the long hours that followed in Martin. The encouraging words of our house dean or prefect and subtle reality checks from our academic advisors.

Outside the classroom we strived for perfection as we performed in Roschel, Barshinger or the Green Room Theatre. We competed fiercely in white and blue against our sporting rivals. Our coaches nurtured our athletic discipline and supported our academic pursuits. Members of the faculty and professional staff encouraged us to take on leadership roles in student government. Most importantly, their doors were always open! In May 2010, we were nervous - nervous, but not afraid. We were armed with the right tools to take on the “real world” and so we did. Today, we are humbled to be back at the institution that guided us.

We have traveled from far and near to be here - from India and Pakistan to Florida, Colorado, and the West Coast and beyond. Our hearts hold a love untold for dear old F and M. Our college memories are as vibrant as ever. With each passing day and each Instagram pic we share from different parts of the world, our bond with our classmates and our alma mater grows stronger. For years to come we will look back fondly at the ever lasting impact F&M has created on us, our character, our friends and family!