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NOW THAT YOU'RE AN OFFICIAL 2008 GRADUATE, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

I am off to seek fame, fortune, tiny apartments and lots of poorly cooked meals. My plan is to start up a freelance photography and writing business in the Baltimore, D.C. area.

IN WHAT WAYS HAS ANDREWS UNIVERSITY HELPED YOU REACH YOUR GOALS?

Well, I came to college with very few goals. I felt like I had used up all my goals in high school, mostly with sports. So really I guess Andrews helped me find goals and loves, especially with photography. I had never done anything with a camera really and I was not into any kind of art. But four and a half years later I have found a passion and career.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCE AS AN ANDREWS STUDENT?

The trips! I went on a photo trip to India in 2006 that was a lot of fun. I think that trip really cemented my love for photo. I came back with a body of work that I was proud of and that I was excited about. Traveling with 30 classmates in a foreign land was so much fun and filled with stories. I probably won't even fully realize how great it was and how fortunate I was to have gone until I am old and cranky.

WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR THE TITLE "BRAIN SPLATTER" (THE COLUMN YOU WROTE FOR THE *STUDENT MOVEMENT*) COME FROM?

If you have read my writing I think it makes sense. I write about anything and everything. From my dog Luna licking my toes, to me making an idiot of myself, to why the presidential race should include a night of wrestling. But pretty much it is a play on the term "blood splatter." What can I say? I enjoy a little *Law and Order* and *CSI*.

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS IN LIFE?

Frozen fruit consumption. Eating without fattening. Getting people to do things for a photo that you never thought they would do. Movies, the TV series *The Office* and watching basketball. Imitating my grandfather. Trail running in short shorts and getting the perfect road biker's tan. Oh yeah, and writing about the only woman I know who can beat me running and always lets me rub her belly...Luna. Yup, the same one who licks my toes.

ANY LAST WORDS OF WISDOM?

Hmmm ... I feel a bit too young to be giving wisdom. I guess I would say overcome your fears and go after what you love. So many people seem to give up their dreams because they are intimidated and scared of failing. I think failure is way overrated and I hope to keep clawing at the things I love come meals of nothing but Ramen or high water.

Check out Daniel's photography at [www.danielbedell.com](http://www.danielbedell.com) and his writing at [www.brainsplatter.net](http://www.brainsplatter.net).

