

Angel Giuffria

First of all what college(s) did you attend?

- I received my Bachelors degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and I'm currently finishing up my Masters degree there also.

Are you married?

- Nope! I'm not married. I'm too busy for all that.

Do you have children? Ages?

- Haha, kids? Absolutely not. Eventually I'd love kids and to get married but I'm not ready for that yet; too many things to do.

What year did you graduate from PJP?

- I graduated in 2007.

What college did you attend and what is your degree?

- I attended Southeastern and I have my Bachelors in Psychology. I'm currently finishing up my Masters in Psychology at Southeastern.

What profession are you involved in today?

- I'm involved in everything I can be! I'm finishing up my Masters, yes. I'm a working actress. I've worked on two big budget films, 6 thesis films, and a music video this year. I also work as an actress at the 13th Gate Haunted house. This is my 4th year doing it and it's just something that's really fun. I also am a public speaker. I attend events with the makers of my prosthesis and talk about prosthetics and how they can enhance your life. I also visited Russia and spoke at a technology conference this past summer. I'm hoping to go back in 2016 and also to speak in Israel. I give media interviews whenever I can and just finished up two interviews for magazines, InMotion and GradPsych. I also volunteer for the Amputee Coalition as a camp counselor every year at amputee youth camp.

What is a found memory or memorable moment you have concerning Pope John Paul?

- Pretty much all my memories concerning Pope are amazing. I really enjoyed my time on cross country and cheerleading. I enjoyed being on homecoming court freshman year. When I think about my time at Pope, all of it is fond memories. I also miss all the projects! You don't get to do cool craft projects in college really.

Are there any major events since Pope John Paul that have occurred in your life that you would like to share?

- I think you're pretty well versed on all of them.

How do you feel you have given back to the community?

- I'd like to give back more to the PJP and Slidell community. Most of my volunteer and advocate work has been out of the state or even country.

What are your hobbies?

- Kickboxing (I'm getting certified as an instructor), reading, yoga, traveling, cosplaying - I just like to stay busy!

What was the greatest achievement you have done with your disability?

- I just happen to be missing my arm and I've lived my life the way I would have either way. I'd like to think if I wasn't missing my arm, I'd be the same person. The achievement I'm hoping for is to act in a part that wasn't originally written for an amputee. I want to be able to audition for a part with the specs "20 something brunette" and I go in and they like me - and my arm isn't even a factor. Amputees are real people and we exist in normal society so having one as a character would not change who they are - that's something I'm hoping to accomplish. I don't base the things I've achieved off of the fact that I'm missing my arm. I just look at what's the thing I'm proudest of - probably so far, getting my own trailer and improving a scene with John Lithgow in the new Ben Affleck movie.

How was it to meet Jennifer Lawrence?

- It was great! I'm a huge Hunger Games nerd. I read all the books as they came out. I even won contests to attend 3 of the premieres; 1 in London and 2 in LA. I auditioned for a speaking part in Mockingjay but I didn't get a call back. When I got the call they wanted me for featured background work I agreed to do it only because of how much I love JLaw and the HG series. I ended up having a funny, crazy, ridiculous interaction with her but hey, at least she's likely to remember me.