

Jordan Theriot

1. What college(s) did you attend?

- I attended the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA for my undergraduate degree and the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO for my graduate degree.

2. Are you married?

- I am engaged and will be married in June 2016. My fiancé is from Kenner, LA and we met at the University of New Orleans, where I did summer research during high school. He is currently a dual-degree MD/PhD student at the University of Colorado Denver.

3. Do you have any children? If so what age?

- I do not.

4. What year did you graduate from PJP?

- I am Class of 2008.

5. What is your degree?

- B.S. Chemistry (2012)
Ph.D. Chemistry [emphasis in Materials and Nanoscience] (expected 2018)

6. What profession are you involved in today?

- I am a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Colorado Boulder. My research focuses on the synthesis of photoredox catalysts capable of producing advanced polymers using natural sunlight.

7. What is a fond memory of your time at PJP?

- My best memories of PJP are all from the Mock Trial team. I hope that's still around! I still love public speaking and I think it's one of my strongest skills. Little do my colleagues know, I learned all my presentation and speaking skills at Mock Trial!

8. Are there any other significant events in your life that occurred since PJP that you would like to share?

- Not particularly. My path through college and graduate school has been fairly linear.

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

- In general, I do my best to "give back" through science communication and outreach. I often give talks to groups of young students about how to pursue a terminal degree in the STEM fields. I especially like to speak with students about the particular challenges faced by women and first-generation college students in the STEM fields (and how to not be deterred by them!). I also mentor high school students directly in my laboratory, because I believe high school students are more than capable of learning advanced lab skills and producing important research results.

10. What are your hobbies?

- I dance! It's the best way to get my mind off of work and ease my stress, as well as make new friends. I train in a handful of aerial dance apparatuses, including the hoop and trapeze.