

Karrie Martin

What college did you attend?

- I attended Louisiana State University.

What year did you graduate from PJP?

- I graduated from PJP in 2007

What is your degree in?

- I got my degree in Nutritional Science with a minor in Business Administration

What profession are you involved in today?

- Well, this is going to come as a surprise if you haven't already researched me, but I am an actress living in Los Angeles. While I was at LSU, my junior year I believe, I started taking acting classes off campus. The class I took once a week absolutely changed my life. I did not expect for it to become a career choice, it was just something that brought my incredible joy, but a few months after graduating God opened doors I did not see opening at first. I was accepted into an acting school in New Orleans and moved to Los Angeles summer of 2012. It's been the most incredible, yet scariest, experience of my life. However, it's been amazing how my faith in God has grown exponentially. Being here can be trying on the soul emotionally and mentally, but God has changed that by far. It's become a more positive journey than one would imagine. I'm having an absolute blast and wouldn't trade it for the world :))

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

- Only because this isn't something common outside of Louisiana, I've noticed, I think my most memorable moment was when I won Most Valuable Lifter my junior year in Powerlifting. At first glance that was not something you would see someone like me doing, but it was one of my most favorite sports I was a part of, aside from cheerleading. It was unexpected, yet extremely rewarding.

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

- Aside from moving to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting after having a life plan since my first day at LSU, nothing too major hahaha. No, leaving my family and moving 1,000+ miles away with my sister has been a complete and utter sacrifice. As I mentioned, it has absolutely been a beautiful and exciting adventure, but not without leaving loved ones behind, who might I add have been ridiculously supportive.

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

- I think it's everything. Going from a school like PJP to an enormous college like LSU was a huge culture shock. There I noticed how close knit and supportive our school community was. Yes, you could join clubs and such at LSU, but the people surrounding you was different. Now that I am pursuing this amazing career I have put into my mind that the first thing I would do with my money was to give back either to a charity of my choice or start a completely new one. My sister and I have been talking about that a great deal lately and hope to make even more of a difference as our careers expand. I'm not sure if the question is an in general or towards the PJP community, but in general..... Living in Los Angeles I have had the privilege to attend many events. Many of which include fundraisers and charity events to raise awareness. I've been invited to be a part of events such as The Dream Builders Project Presents: A Brighter Future for Children (charity event for the Audrey Hepburn CARES Center for Children's Hospital LA); generationON event sponsoring youth in service and helping organizations that were giving back to the less fortunate youth in Los Angeles; Skechers Pier 2 Pier Friendship Walk that brings together thousands of people in efforts to raise money for children with special needs and education. So, I guess, as of now in my life, I've helped to give back in a more supportive (either emotionally or financially) and public manner.

Although I attend these events because I've always been involved in philanthropic work from service hours in high school to being in the sorority (Phi Mu) that is the #1 donator to Children's Miracle Network (giving back specifically to the hospital in Baton Rouge), here in LA as an actor you also become someone that is watched through social media outlets. That being said, I'd hope to be helping the younger community, that follows me on social media, by showing them how awesome and super cool it is to inspire, get involved and be a part of something bigger than yourself.

What are your hobbies?

- Well, living in Los Angeles there is no shortage of things to do. My favorite thing in the world is going to the movies and reading books. They transport you to other worlds and allow you to experience other emotions. It absolutely transports me. On the other hand, I love spending time with my family. I live with one of my younger sisters in Los Angeles so we love going to the beach, hiking, traveling to other cities and exploring the great California. Our favorite family thing to do is traveling around the world. We're on planes a lot lately, so exploring any new location just fills the soul and teaches you something about how others live. It's amazing!