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Here are a few stories of recent alumni who found their passion at UAlbany – and who are already making a mark on this world.



Matt

MATT CURRAN '13/'14

Degree:
B.A. in Public Policy
Minor in Political Science
M.A. in Public Administration

Hometown:
Hauppauge, NY

Current Position:
Excelsior Fellow
NYS Homeland Security, Albany, NY

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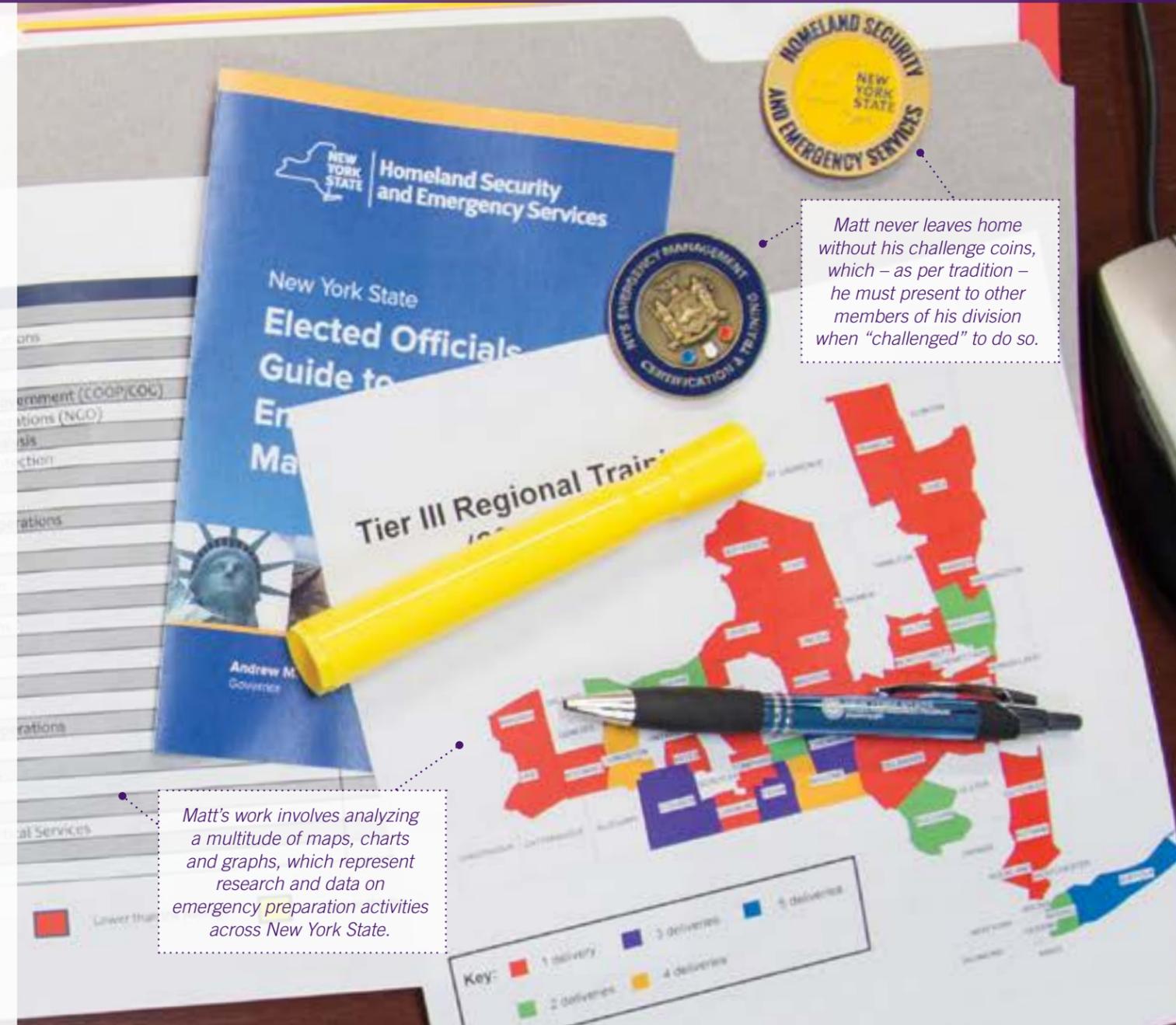
UAlbany was always my ideal school. It is affordable, is located in the state’s capital, and has endless opportunities. It wasn’t until after I visited UAlbany for the first time that I knew it would be the perfect match for me. My visit helped bring all of the things I had read about and seen on the website into perspective and helped me really see myself as a student at UAlbany.

How did your time at UAlbany help shape the person you are today?

As an undergraduate, I had two mentors – one was a student and the other was a staff member. The student showed me the importance of surrounding myself with likeminded, success-driven individuals. It was invaluable to have another student encourage and teach me how to think and act in a manner that would put me in the best possible position to achieve my goals. The staff member instilled values in me through his stories and actions, which helped me learn and grow as an individual. He encouraged me to seek opportunities to make a positive difference in my school and in my community.



To learn more about Matt, watch his video at albany.edu/matt



Matt never leaves home without his challenge coins, which – as per tradition – he must present to other members of his division when “challenged” to do so.

Matt’s work involves analyzing a multitude of maps, charts and graphs, which represent research and data on emergency preparation activities across New York State.



Kelsey

KELSEY O'LEARY '15

Degree:
B.S. in Biology
Minor in Neuroscience

Hometown:
Arlington, MA

Current Position:
Medical Student
University of Virginia School of Medicine

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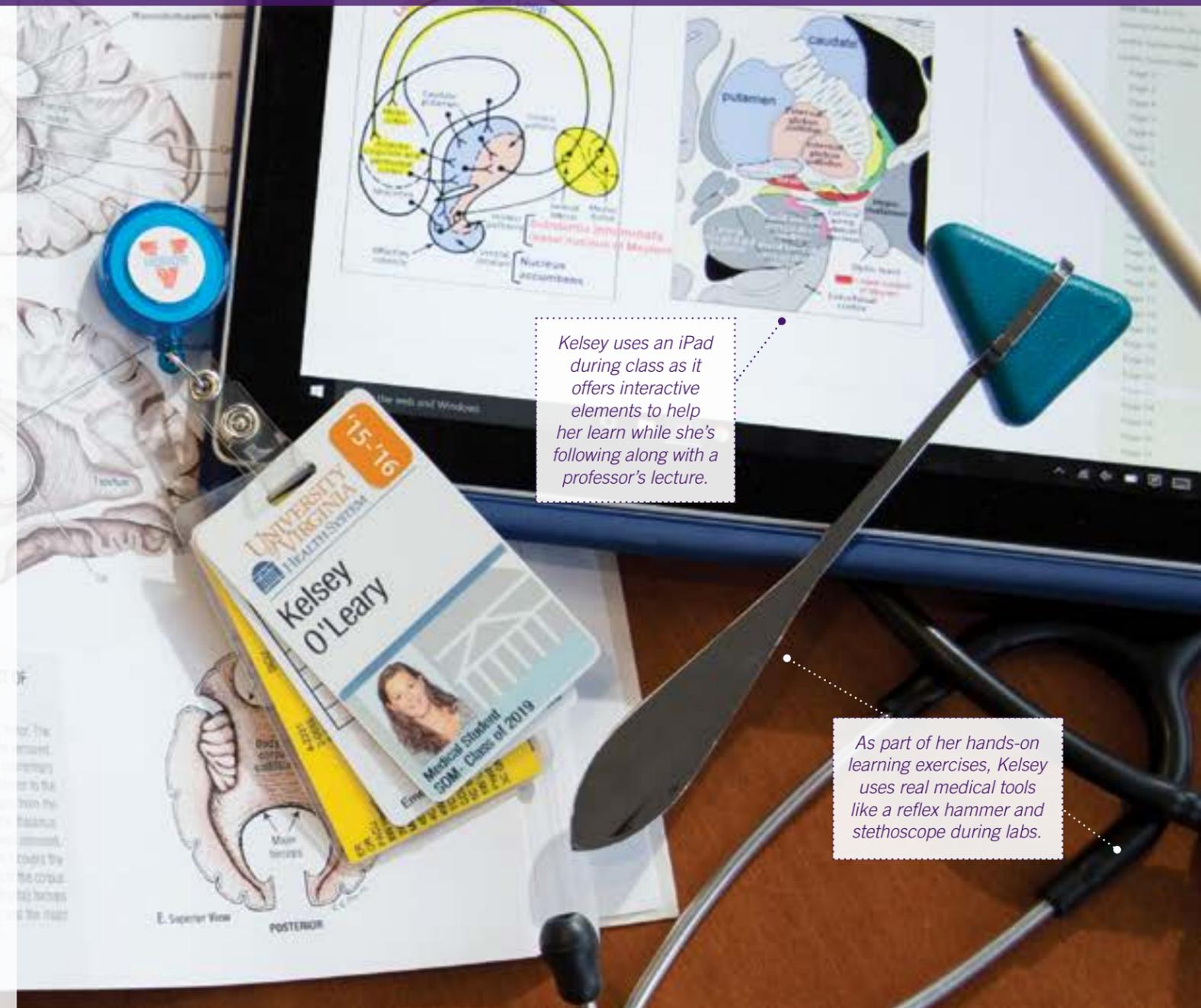
One of the main reasons why I chose to attend UAlbany was because of the Honors College. Having the opportunity to take smaller, more challenging classes, get involved in research and live in the residence halls with other Honors College students really helped me lock in my decision.

In what ways did your time at UAlbany prepare you for the future?

UAlbany provided me with the tools to learn how to become a leader. Working in admissions as a tour guide helped me practice my leadership skills in a fun environment. I also worked as a teaching assistant and as a lab manager, where I was in charge of the training and teaching of all new lab members. Through these various leadership opportunities, UAlbany helped me better understand myself and prepared me for my future in medicine.



To learn more about Kelsey, watch her video at albany.edu/kelsey



Kelsey uses an iPad during class as it offers interactive elements to help her learn while she's following along with a professor's lecture.

As part of her hands-on learning exercises, Kelsey uses real medical tools like a reflex hammer and stethoscope during labs.



Jacques
JACQUES BASTIEN '12

Degree:
B.A. in Information Science
Minor in Business

Hometown:
Brooklyn, NY

Current Position:
Founder of boogie
Troy, NY • Brooklyn, NY • Los Angeles, CA

“At UAlbany I learned a lot about who I was as a person.”

What advice do you have for high school students who may be interested in your field?

I'd tell everybody who knows they're interested in my field to start early. I think the only reason I'm where I am now is because I got an early start. And also: learn as much as you can. Besides a degree and a great resume you need tangible skills that will impress your employer and make you stand out from the crowd.

How did your academic experiences at UAlbany help guide your career path?

After changing majors a few times, I graduated UAlbany with an information science major and business minor. My business classes are really what helped me because there are a lot of things that I did not know and now, only a couple of years later, I'm running a business and am relying on things I learned while at UAlbany. I also met a lot of professors who inspired me. I wanted to be like them: I wanted to be a person who knows what he's talking about and can answer any question asked of me.



boogie has an open office space, which means Jacques works on a laptop to stay mobile in the collaborative and shared environment he's created.

Jacques and his team use Legos and colored pencils to help inspire their creativity.

To learn more about Jacques, watch his video at albany.edu/jacques



Sam
SAM ROWLEY '15

Degree:
B.S. in Business Administration
& Mathematics

Hometown:
Sydney, Australia

Current Position:
Advisory Consultant
Deloitte, Washington, D.C.

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In what ways did your time at UAlbany prepare you for the future?

One of the great things about UAlbany is that you really get out of it as much as you put in. It's exactly the same in a work environment, in that there are so many opportunities wherever you end up, but you have to learn to put yourself out there and be willing to take risks. I think this was something that UAlbany gave me that went beyond your standard classroom curriculum: it teaches students that things don't fall in your lap, and if you work for things, you will reap the rewards.

What advice do you have for high school students who may be interested in attending UAlbany?

Number one: does UAlbany have an established presence in your field of interest with clear pathways for you to succeed? For me, UAlbany had an excellent business school with proven success and a robust alumni network. Number two: if you decide to change your major, what are your options? Seeing how UAlbany embraced students who were not clear on their goals and intended path, and allowed them to experiment and try their hands at different areas, was another major reason I chose UAlbany.



To learn more about Sam, watch his video at albany.edu/sam



Sam's job involves gathering and analyzing data for his clients in order to predict financial fraud.

Sam does a lot of traveling throughout the Northeast in order to meet with his clients, which include banks and technology companies, on a regular basis.



Rebecca

REBECCA EIDELMAN '13

Degree:
B.S. in Atmospheric Science
Minor in Mathematics

Hometown:
Yorktown Heights, NY

Current Position:
Earth Science & Science Research Teacher
Bronxdale High School, Bronx, NY

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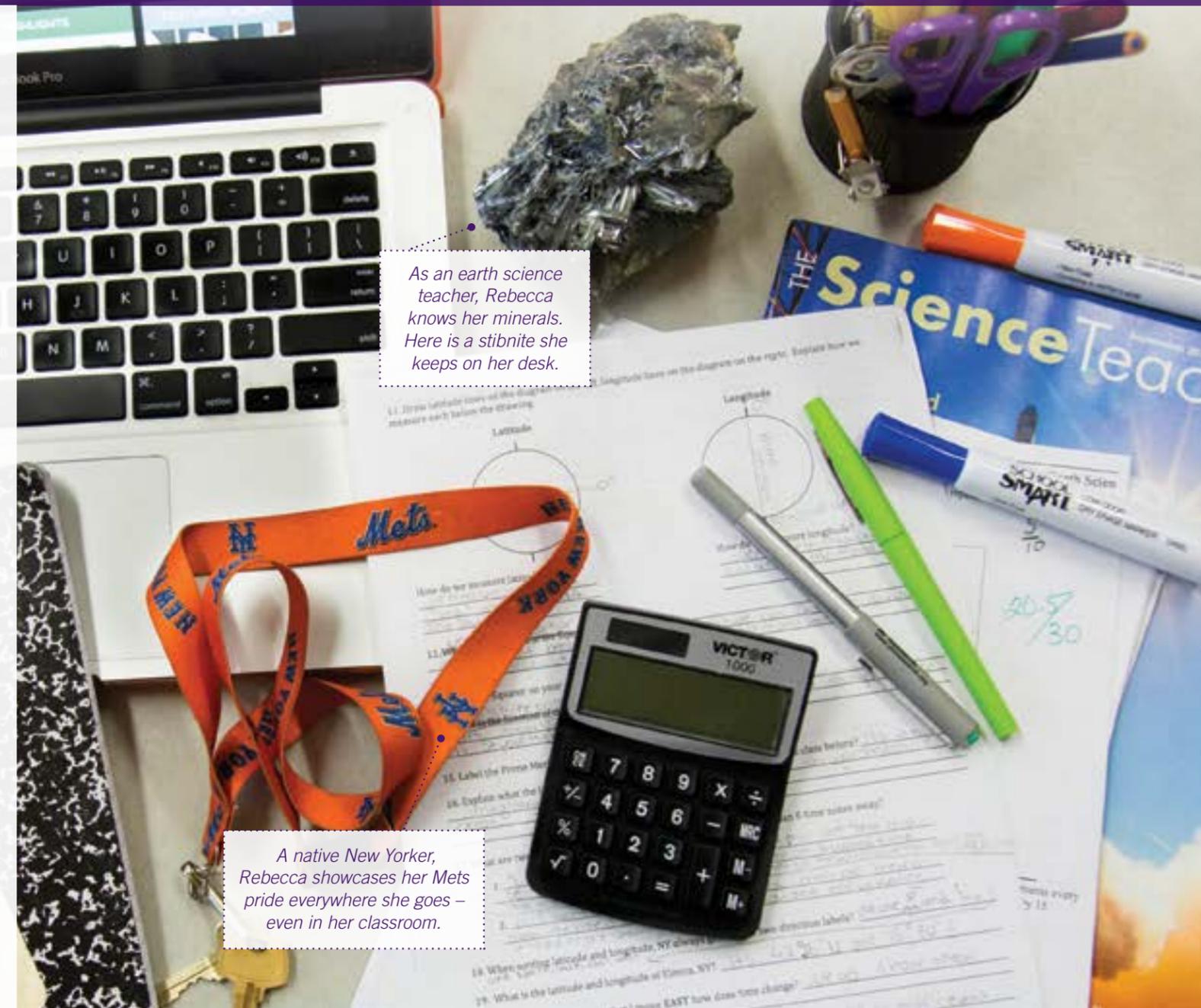
My advice for high school students is to balance yourselves. There's no right way to do college, but in my opinion the wrong way is to be imbalanced. Combining academics and social life is difficult, but necessary. I learned so much from my friends and the relationships I built, so many of which I still have today.

How did your time at UAlbany help shape the person you are today?

My time at UAlbany taught me how to be independent. It was the first opportunity I had to decide who I wanted to be without the presence of my parents. I had to manage my time, delegating some to my academic workload, internships, job, my dorm/house maintenance and my social scene. Independence is a skill I value daily, and I couldn't imagine being able to develop it without the experience I had at UAlbany.



To learn more about Rebecca, watch her video at albany.edu/rebecca



As an earth science teacher, Rebecca knows her minerals. Here is a stibnite she keeps on her desk.

A native New Yorker, Rebecca showcases her Mets pride everywhere she goes – even in her classroom.



Tolulope

TOLULOPE BAMWO '12/'14

Degree:
B.A. in Criminal Justice & Sociology
M.A. in Public Administration

Hometown:
Jamaica, NY

Current Position:
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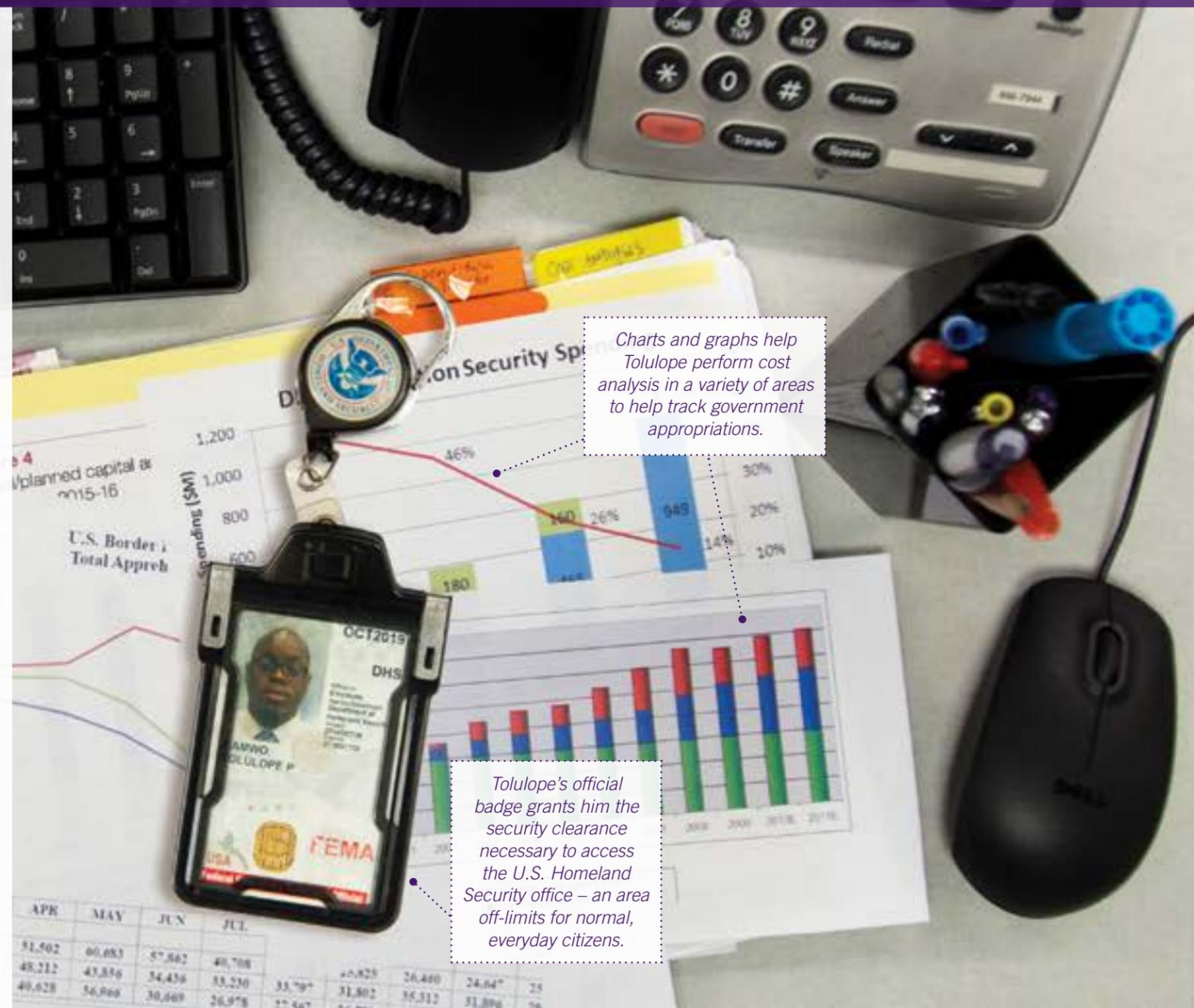
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How did your academic experiences at UAlbany help guide your career path?

Professors and faculty members who truly cared about my wellbeing and wanted to see me succeed as much as I did was one of the major benefits I received at UAlbany. Through them I was always aware of internship opportunities and classes I should take that would assist in me choosing a career path – which was especially beneficial when I decided to switch majors. Every professor played a role as an academic advisor along with the one I was formally assigned.

In what ways did your time at UAlbany prepare you for the future?

As an undergraduate student I was involved with student group activities, participated in internships and attended fellowship events. My time at UAlbany prepared me for my future by building my public speaking skills, fostering an environment that included opportunities to make connections and network, and by providing me with an edge over other individuals during the application process for different employment opportunities.



Charts and graphs help Tolulope perform cost analysis in a variety of areas to help track government appropriations.

Tolulope's official badge grants him the security clearance necessary to access the U.S. Homeland Security office – an area off-limits for normal, everyday citizens.



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