

Michelle Dovale '13

While at Albright College, Michelle Dovale completed several internships in Manhattan with companies such as Gucci, Badgley Mischka, and Rodarte. After graduation, she felt ready and prepared for the working world when she landed a job as an associate designer of sweaters for Macy's private label brand, INC (International Concepts).

"Starting at Macy's five years ago, I felt very well-prepared, especially when it came to Illustrator and Photoshop," she says. "I had such great, in-depth classes at Albright that truly prepared me to work in these programs every single day. I was surprised to hear other colleagues say that they didn't have nearly the same amount of training at other schools."

Dovale urges students to go to every class, attend every speaker and workshop, see every comedian.

"Use the career development center to help with your resume and take advantage of every single opportunity you can get," she says. "A college education is expensive, so you might as well make the most of it."

She chose Albright College because it offered a combined major of fashion design and merchandising.

"Being a fashion designer who also has a grounding in merchandising and business has truly been an asset to me and has set me apart in the workplace."

She encourages students to stay flexible and nimble.

"Fashion and business are constantly evolving worlds. The more you can adapt and react, the more successful you will be," she adds.