## ICA ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

Highlighting the stories of ICA's incredible alumni

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ICA Class of 2021

Major/Area of Study: Veterinary Technology

Current Occupation: Veterinary Assistant (future RVT) at

Westside Animal Hospital

Current Location: Cincinnati, OH



Name a memorable experience during your time at ICA: Experiencing Holy Week every year. Being able to sing for the mass and processions was such a privilege, accompanied by the sweet aroma of Easter lilies filling the Church.

How did ICA help shape your career or life after graduation? ICA helped me to really appreciate the faith and form great values to help me through life. Being able to go to mass everyday was truly special.

What advice would you give to current ICA students or ICA alumni who are preparing for high school or college graduation? Keep up with your friends and see them as often as you can. Always keep close to God, especially when things get hard or stressful. He gives great advice!

What's something you're particularly proud of achieving since graduation? Studying Veterinary Medicine and being able to take care of so many animals, big and small!

How have you given back or stayed connected with your alma mater? I've kept my best friends from ICA close to me, because without them, I wouldn't be who I am today.

If you could go back and give your high school self one piece of advice, what would it be? Ask for help when you need it. Teachers are not there to judge you, but to help you learn. Don't be afraid, and just go for it. It'll be so helpful in the long run.

What are some of your passions or interests outside of work? I absolutely love hockey and playing it with my older brothers. I also love art, being outside, reading, and being with my friends and family.

What is a favorite quote you'd like to share with our alumni and current students? "Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." By Walt Whitman