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Back from Washington D.C., Crisha Carlos finished up her last semester at Dominican and walked away on May 14 at Commencement with two degrees in Business Administration, concentration in Accounting and Political Science, concentration in American Politics.

Crisha came to Dominican in the fall of 2012 as a Business Administration major but, with the guidance and support of her professors, she found flexibility in her schedule to take on a second major in Political Science, and a minor in Leadership Studies.

In 2015, Crisha was the recipient of the [Panetta Institute Congressional Scholarship](#), which provided her the opportunity to work for U.S. Representative Doris Matsui, and live in Washington D.C. for a semester. While in Washington, Crisha saw the Pope, witnessed a change in House Speakers, gave tours of the Capitol, and attended briefings on drones, gun control, and mental health.

“I never have run out of opportunities here. Every professor and every person at Dominican that I have encountered have always provided me with more opportunities,” Crisha says “That’s what I like about Dominican. I feel like I have a personal relationship with all my professors and every step has proven that. In particular Dr. Denise Lucy and Karen Dunn from the [Barowsky School of Business](#), and Assistant Professor Alison Howard from the [Political Science Department](#) have always been supportive and encouraging. I could not have accomplished as much as I have without them.”

During her time at Dominican, Crisha also was inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business and Management, the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society, the Dominican World’s Scholar Program, and was the Chapter President for Dominican’s debate club.

In the last two years, Crisha worked as the Student Lead Volunteer Coordinator for the [Institute for Leadership Studies](#) lecture series and has worked with civic leaders, authors, and musicians such as U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, Lieutenant Governor of California Gavin Newsom, Elizabeth Gilbert, and Carlos Santana. In her role, she doubled the diversified active volunteer membership. She attributed this success through the establishment of an online sign-up system, maintaining clear communication with volunteers, and by teaming up with her friend, [Jessy Marshall](#), who is the ILS Social Media Coordinator.

Crisha also interned for U.S. Representative Mike Thompson, Vice-Mayor of Vallejo Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Sister City International, the City of Vallejo Finance Department, and the accounting firm Moss Adams LLP. While working with Sister City International, Crisha helped plan the Vallejo city reception for Jakaya Kikwete, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania. However, after interning for Moss Adams LLP this past summer, Crisha has decided to pursue a career in accounting. She has accepted a full-time position as an Assurance Service Staff Member at Moss Adams LLP beginning in November.

Although Crisha is going to begin her career in accounting, she plans to continue to be active in politics in her local community.

"There are so many ways you can help people," Crisha says. "Pursuing a job in accounting doesn't take away my ability to participate in government."

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