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Jessy Marshall, a Business Administration major and student-athlete, was named the Most Outstanding Student on May 14 at Dominican University of California’s commencement ceremony.

Jessy was one of 306 undergraduates to receive their diplomas – in addition to 152 graduate students. Jessy also delivered the undergraduate address, teaming with classmates Navi Dhaliwal, a Political Science major and Student Body President, and Isabel Cremer, a Business Administration major who minored in Studio Art. Gilda Estevez, who earned her Master of Science Counseling Psychology degree, gave the graduate address.

Eli Pariser, co-founder of the digital media company Upworthy, delivered the keynote address and received an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree.

As a multi-faceted student-athlete, Jessy weaved multiple marketing internship and leadership opportunities at Dominican into her new role as Associate Producer at Mahalo Digital in San Francisco.

A Business major with a concentration in marketing, Jessy also minored in Leadership Studies. Since her freshmen year, she was a leadership host/ambassador for the Institute for Leadership Studies (ILS) in the Barowsky School of Business. She is now a graduate student in BSB.

Recruited to play basketball at Dominican in athletics, Jessy became a member of the Penguin Student Athlete Advisory Committee (PSACC) for four years. During her sophomore year, Jessy represented the PacWest Conference at the NCAA Division II Identity Workshop in West Palm Beach. As a junior, she was selected as social media director for the PacWest Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and this past year was voted its president. Jessy also was named captain of the basketball team.

A member of the Sigma Beta Delta and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies, Jessy was an intern in the marketing department at Dominican. In 2013 she interned for the marketing firm of Bruce W. Burtch Inc.

Jessy was one of four undergraduate finalists for the Outstanding Student Award. The others were Aimee Carrazco, who utilized an internship at the District Attorney’s office in San Rafael and an internship in Immigration Law at E & M Mayock, to springboard her to attending the University of San Francisco School of Law; Crisha Carlos, a double major in Business and Political Science, who last year was the recipient of the Panetta Institute Congressional Scholarship and begins work this summer with Moss Adams, LLP; and Noelani Brisbane, an Occupational Therapy major, after interviewing this summer with UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland, will return to Dominican in the fall to pursue her master’s degree.

Salvador Chavez, an Occupational Therapy major, was presented with the Veritas Cup, an award voted on by the senior class and presented annually at Commencement to a graduating student considered “a friend of the class.” Navi Dhaliwal (Political Science), Matteo Kraftsow (Business), and Jannel Mariano (Public Health) also were nominated.

Jaime Castner Libby (School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences), Micheal Shane Cosby (Barowsky School of Business), Lindsay Anne Gray (School of Health and Natural Sciences), and Gilda Estevez (School of Education and Counseling Psychology) were named Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year.

Dr. Diana Spain from the Department of Natural Sciences was chosen as Teacher of the Year, and Cheramie Leo from the Department of Literature and Languages was named Adjunct Teacher of the Year.

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