

ENTREPRENEUR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Haelee Tallett with Ann Kishi, Associate Director, and John Barayuga, Student Office Assistant

Under the direction of **Dr. Panzarella** and **Ann Kishi**, the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program has kickstarted its Entrepreneur in the Spotlight newsletter! Through this initiative, the program highlights a Hogan graduate who embodies its values as well as puts them into practice. This fall, we have selected someone that many can appreciate!

One of many alumni to bring the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program pride and joy, **Haelee Tallett** was recently interviewed by Chaminade University's Communications and Marketing department to highlight her success! During the interview, she shared her testimony on receiving inspiration from her brother's diving adventures to start her own business, Ocean Creations, as well as her journey in growing it throughout her high school and college years.





Fabian Patterson, Founder of Change Iz Fitness and Ester Patterson, Founder of Captured Imagery



For our first ever Entrepreneur in the Spotlight, the Hogan Team was able to interview our very own Hogan Alumni, **Ester** and **Fabian Patterson**. Both Fabian and Ester were able to describe their experience as business owners and entrepreneurs and the many challenges that they have faced. Fabian Patterson described his business path from being in the Military to his love for Fitness as the beginning stage where he began to help people and realized that he not only worked out to feel good but because he was truly passionate about it. He then realized Fitness and Mental health together is truly powerful, leading him to marrying both ideas together. This is how his business Change Iz Fitness was born, with hopes to get one-on-one time with clients and analyze their day to day life, Fabian utilizes his knowledge in mental health and fitness to provide successful solutions. Ester Patterson passionately spoke about how she found her light in portrait photography, which led her to create her business, Captured Imagery. She always enjoyed beauty and at a young age she would imagine giving makeovers to others, she stated how that influenced her decision to become an entrepreneur. She also touched on how Covid-19 forced her to propel into the community and create an online persona in order to keep her business afloat. Both Hogan Alumni presented the Hogan Entrepreneurship and Leadership Program with unique experiences and perspectives on having a business in the 21st century with technology and other advancements.

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Boris Jelic, Class of 2006, is a dedicated leader and proud General Manager of the Swissotel Resort Kolasin in Montenegro. Boris embodies the values of versatility, integrity, and strategic thinking. As a proud father of three—Miona, Simona, and Lena—Boris balances his professional life with family, showcasing the importance of family values and inclusivity both at home and in his work. Boris believes that the lessons he learned at Hogan continue to shape his career and personal life. His insights on hospitality and business communications are invaluable for current Hogan students looking to thrive in their future endeavors.



Gerome Gregory, Class of 2008, serves as the Head of Global Trading, where he has a strong focus on delegation, collaboration, and effective communication. When asked what lessons he learned from the Hogan Program he stated “the consistent theme of networking and being effective at communication.” On a personal note, Gerome is deeply grateful for his supportive family, including an amazing wife and three daughters, who inspire him daily. A guiding principle he has embraced since college is, “Believe in it. See it. Produce it.” This mantra has become a cornerstone of his philosophy, reflecting his belief that with conviction and perseverance, anything is achievable.



Shane Hanson, Class of 2011, is the President and CEO of Freedom Fiduciaries, a dynamic new venture launched in April 2023, driven by 100% entrepreneurship and a commitment to innovative technology and forward thinking. With a “think big” mentality, Shane believes in the transformative power of ideas and the importance of networking to foster growth and collaboration. His philosophy is rooted in the belief that the ultimate gift in life is the lessons we learn along the way. Shane inspires others with his poignant insight: “The only way you can truly get more out of life for yourself is to give part of yourself away.” This ethos guides his journey as he seeks to create meaningful impact through his work and connections.



Suncica Bakic, Class of 2016, is a driven Business Development Manager known for her strong organizational skills, leadership qualities, and proactive initiative. She excels in building relationships through active listening and asking the right questions, embodying a belief that hard work and networking can make anything possible. Reflecting on her journey, she wishes she had stayed longer in the Hogan Program, highlighting the importance of connections and experiences made that shaped her career. Currently in a phase of exploring spiritual literature, Suncica embraces the mindset that feeling blessed attracts further blessings. Her mantra, “Believe with no doubts, and you will enter the dimension where anything is possible,” reflects her optimistic outlook on life.



Charles Clausner, Class of 2021, is a dedicated Math Teacher known for his leadership skills, effective time management, and ability to motivate students. He emphasizes the importance of future planning and assessment, drawing on his valuable experiences from Hogan, where he learned how to navigate the business landscape in Hawaii, where success thrives on relationships. He is currently seeing success with his initiative, **Keiki Cards**, and appreciates the support he's received along the way. An avid reader, Charles has a diverse list of favorite books, including "Around the World in 80 Days" for adventure, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" for laughter, and "I Will Teach You to Be Rich" for personal finance insights. He finds joy and wisdom in literature and quotes, often reflecting on the value of relationships and the joy of life. In all aspects of his teaching and

life, Charles embraces the philosophy that “all you can take with you is what you have given away,” fostering an environment where kindness and connection flourish.