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Lauren Sanchez '11 Grew in her Faith as Student at Gardner-Webb

While working for Crosswalk.com, a website that features biblically-based content to Christians, Lauren

Photo of Lauren Sanchez

Sanchez, a 2011 alumna of Gardner-Webb University was given an opportunity to write about her Christian college experience.

An English major with a creative writing emphasis, Sanchez lives in Richmond, Va., and has worked as an editor for BibleStudyTools.com and as a temporary content publishing associate for Crosswalk.com, both owned by Salem Web Network, an Internet provider of Christian content and online streaming.

Sanchez wrote, "Going to a Christian college wasn't necessarily what I expected. I expected to be in a Christian bubble. Instead, I was given the freedom to question and think about my beliefs and the world in a safe, loving environment. I met many different people at college who grew up in environments that differ from mine. Some grew up in different countries, some came from a different region of the U.S., and some grew up in a different Christian denomination. I also learned that not everyone who goes to a Christian college is a Christian, either. Doing life with diverse people enabled me to see different perspectives and examine my own life," she continued.

"As I took religion classes and learned more about the Bible and my Christian faith, I grew as a Christian. I had the support from my believing professors to ask questions in the classroom about what I was learning. They never treated any question as insignificant and answered each one with care, sometimes opening it up to the class for a group discussion. We were given the ability, as students, to think for ourselves, with our professors guiding us along the way," she added.

"What I gained from my Christian university experience was a stronger foundation in my Christian faith. When I graduated, I felt more equipped to go out into the world, knowing what I believed, with the desire to express it and grow more in it."

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