



FAITH & LEARNING

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

A NATIONAL PILLAR FOR EDUCATING
WITH STRENGTH AND PURPOSE SINCE 1841

A scenic view of a university campus. In the foreground, a paved path leads through a grassy area with large, mature trees. Two students are sitting on a wooden bench, looking away from the camera. Other students are walking past, some blurred to indicate motion. In the background, a brick building is visible through the trees.

Thrive at the intersection of FAITH & LEARNING

Welcome to a place that celebrates what is great in you and helps you take it even further. Welcome to a community that believes in every bit of your potential. Welcome to Samford University.

At Samford, you'll learn how to strengthen your talents and delight in God's world. You'll learn how to use your gifts so that others may thrive. You'll do it all at a university rooted in faith and learning since 1841.



14 to 1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

WHAT DOES A 14:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO MEAN FOR YOU?

AT SAMFORD, our 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio is more than a number. It's a promise that, when you step into a classroom, you matter. Whether you're in the front row or the back, in a lab or art studio, doing original research or performing music, gazing heavenward in the planetarium or competing in the gym, your professors challenge and support you.

At Samford, you'll meet professors like Darin White (Executive Director for Samford's Center for Sports Analytics), who has crafted business relationships with some of the most prestigious sports organizations in the world. Or Dr. Ahinee Amamoo (School of Public Health), who brings over 20 years of public health experience as a biostatistician and epidemiologist, and selflessly serves as a mentor to students. Or Professor Wink Winkler (Instructor of Digital Arts), who has over 15 years of industry experience in Games, Movies and TV, and brings real-world education to life through virtual arts by dedicating time and knowledge to his students. Our faculty know you. They listen to your hopes, pray with you and guide you at the intersection of faith and learning.

LEARNING *that* STRENGTHENS

Your education at Samford gives you the depth and breadth of knowledge to navigate a changing world. Our comprehensive Core Curriculum grounds you and puts your learning into action. You can delight in great literature, discuss ethics in business and public health, and connect to a legacy of Christian faith. Career preparation at Samford leads students to change the world for God's glory, and is why *The Wall Street Journal* ranks us #10 in Career Preparation in the Nation (2024).

PREPARED TO LEAD

During his second year, Samford alumnus Bill Mouchette (Class of 2023) asked his professor Jeremy Thornton (Associate Dean, Brock School of Business) about career paths in economics.

Dr. Thornton crafted a tailor-made independent study that helped Bill understand how economics can support real communities. Their wide-ranging conversations gave Bill the confidence to ask big questions about what faith calls him to do with knowledge.

These questions led Bill to groundbreaking research that earned him a grant from the American Enterprise Institute's Young Scholar Awards Programs—one of only six awarded nationwide in 2022.

STEPPING FORWARD

Since graduating, Bill has begun his career as a business development analyst. He is now continuing the work he started at Samford—to promote the success of others with confidence and faith.

#10 In the Nation for Career Preparation
(*Wall Street Journal*, 2024)



Samford is what college is supposed to be. I was challenged not just to learn new ideas but to understand them. Here, we're invited to an education that calls us, in the words of Micah 6:8, 'to SEEK justice, LOVE mercy and WALK humbly.'

BILL MOUCHETTE

Class of 2023

Economics and Finance

Current Business Strategy Analyst

180+

majors, minors
and concentrations



MENTORSHIP *that* TRANSFORMS

Dr. Darin White (Executive Director for Samford's Center for Sports Analytics) is pictured with students David Crump, Noah Haworth and Ian Jones in the Brock School of Business Sports Analytics Lab.



“Through mentorship, students not only navigate the COMPLEXITIES OF ACADEMIA with confidence but also develop life skills, create MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS with peers and faculty, and ultimately transform their Samford experience into a journey of personal, spiritual and academic growth.”

DE'JANAE TOOKES

Assistant Director
Multicultural Initiatives
Office of Student
Success & Diversity

At Samford, students like you find mentors in their professors, coaches, teammates and others across a campus where compassion and generosity are shared commitments.

19 Average class size, giving you personal access to faculty mentors

Mentorship at the intersection of faith and learning is deeply rooted in the university's mission to nurture intellect, creativity, faith and personhood. Whatever you major in, you'll encounter compassionate peers and faculty dedicated to your growth and development along the journey to success.

Faculty and staff members, like De'Janae Tookes, walk alongside students during their college years and beyond, encouraging them to become the best versions of themselves. Now, as a mentor to students, she cherishes the opportunity to pay it forward, helping others unlock their potential and achieve their goals.

Mentorship at Samford means opportunities for undergraduate research, meaningful internships, and forged relationships with leaders in your field.

Most importantly, it exemplifies the deep connection between faith and learning. Students find a deeper connection to the Samford community and beyond through these valuable relationships during their time at Samford so they can go out and change their communities for God's glory.

CARE *that* EMPOWERS

No matter who you are, Samford provides ways for you to find loving support from faculty, staff and peers.

Student organizations like the Black Student Union, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and International Club offer the care of compassionate communities.

Resident Assistants offer ongoing support and help you navigate dorm life and the opportunities available on campus.

The IMPACT program promotes the academic, career and social success of first-year students of color through community engagement and peer mentoring.

Samford CARES connects students who are experiencing unusual stress or challenges with a variety of institutional resources including our University Counseling Services, Accessibility & Accommodations and the Academic Success Center.

“My time at Samford has been so ENRICHING thanks to the community that close friends, professors and other campus resources have developed for me. No matter what background you have or where you are from, Samford provides this community FOR ANYONE WHO CHOOSES TO BE A BULLDOG.”

BLAKE ANDRES
CLASS OF 2027

Find out more about how we support
and care for your well-being.



AT SAMFORD, you'll engage with faculty, student groups and endless initiatives that prioritize your physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.



Samford is truly invested in the safety of everyone who calls campus home. When you come to campus, you feel that here.

TOMMY TAYLOR

Chief of Police
and Director of Public Safety
and Emergency Management

YOUR SAFETY

At Samford, we know that real learning begins when you are secure in your person and your purpose. Our Chief of Police, Tommy Taylor, knows it, too. Each morning, he walks campus, often stopping on his rounds to pray with students.

Guided by faith, he works tirelessly to ensure that Samford remains safe. Just like Chief Taylor, we are committed to making sure Samford is a place where you can live, worship and thrive with confidence.



SPACES *built* FOR YOU

Brick by brick, we're expanding the foundation for community at Samford. From the moment you arrive on campus, you'll find intentional spaces that will help you grow your community and thrive at Samford—a Samford that was built for *you* to thrive at the intersection of faith and learning.

We are in the midst of a university master plan to expand the spaces that foster community for you. Located centrally on campus, each of these projects provides room to cultivate relationships with peers and grow academically, spiritually and emotionally, all within state-of-the-art facilities.

At the heart of these projects is a strong desire to see all Samford students flourish in the pursuit of health, happiness and knowledge. This collection of facilities will further equip our students to thrive in all that they do. The possibilities are endless at Samford.



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2023



RENOVATED UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA

2024



CAMPUS RECREATION, WELLNESS & ATHLETIC COMPLEX

2025



RESIDENCE HALLS AND PARKING

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With the new developments happening around campus, truthfully, I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER TIME TO BE A SAMFORD BULLDOG. The past, current and future generations of Bulldogs will soon be able to benefit from these exciting new developments. THE COMMITMENT TO THE HOLISTIC WELL-BEING AND PERSONAL GROWTH by this place that we call home is just one of the many reasons why my decision to choose Samford is affirmed daily.”

JAMES JEFFERSON

Student Government Association President
(2024-2025)



FAITH *that* ACTS

At Samford, we live out our faith in everything we do.

Faith shapes prayerful moments in chapel and shared song that uplifts others. Faith connects conversations about ethics in classrooms to leadership positions, where our alumni create real change. Faith invites us to the wisdom of the Gospels and to service projects as far away as Malaysia and as close as Birmingham.

Action strengthens our faith and spreads God's love. It builds community by showing us what we can achieve when we come together in common purpose. It gives each of us the chance to grow as people and to become the leaders we are called to be. We learn to be leaders who work for the joy, safety and well-being of others. And we learn to be leaders who act everywhere they go as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Hodges Chapel at Samford University

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*For we are his workmanship,
CREATED IN
CHRIST JESUS
for good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that
we should walk in them.”*

EPHESIANS 2:10

Abby Bradford (Class of 2023)
double-majored in Spanish and
Christian Ministry. She is now
pursuing a Master of Divinity at
Samford's Beeson Divinity School.



COMMUNITY

that

INSPIRES



The community at Samford is truly special. It's a place where students, faculty and staff come together with a SHARED BELIEF SYSTEM and a vision for the future. It gives me a HOME AWAY FROM HOME, one that encourages my faith and sets me on a firm foundation, while fostering ACADEMIC AMBITION.

RACHEL FUENTES

Class of 2027

Law, Politics and Society



A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER

Intramural sports offer exhilarating competition and the chance to discover new passions.

Varsity athletics rally us to cheer together for our 17 NCAA Division I teams. Our teams have brought home 78+ Southern Conference championships since 2008.

Greek life includes 16 fraternities and sororities that serve and lead in the community.

Student clubs range from cultural organizations like the African Students Association to professional organizations like the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship.

Traditions define Samford's enduring legacy and bring us back together year after year, including our beloved Step Sing, where students across campus produce, direct and act in original stage performances.



100+

Student organizations where you build lasting connections

5,791

Students from 49 states and 19 countries

1,600+

Students who participate in on-campus intramural sports teams

Samford's campus community offers you endless ways to get involved and grow as a leader.

As Rachel Fuentes entered her freshman year at Samford, she sought a thriving campus filled with uplifting community, Christ-centered education and academic programs that would allow her to pursue her passion for political science. Samford University checked all those boxes and more.

Upon arriving at Samford, Rachel wasn't sure what kind of community she would find. As an only child, she was nervous about sharing living space with a roommate, but little did she know that the girls

living in her residence hall would become some of her closest friends. In addition to finding lifelong friendships during her freshman year, she met professors who made the classroom setting exciting and encouraged curiosity through her studies.

Now, as a member of the Samford Equestrian team and Samford Recruitment Team, Rachel has gained a vibrant, supportive community that has fueled her personal and professional development. Find your people, passions and potential at Samford.

Samford sorority Alpha Delta Pi wins the coveted 2024 Step Sing Sweepstakes trophy.



ATHLETICS *that* EXCEL



The Samford Men's Basketball team celebrates their 2024 Southern Conference Championship victory.

#6

In the Nation for Graduation Success Rate, NCAA Division I

80

Southern Conference Championships Since Joining in 2008

98%

NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate

Samford fields 17 varsity sports—eight men's and nine women's teams—that participate at the NCAA Division I level in the Southern Conference. Ranked #1 in Alabama, Samford's athletic teams earned a 98% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) by the NCAA and have been awarded the Commissioner's and Germann Cups for athletic excellence two years in a row.

THE JOURNEY *to* MARCH MADNESS

At Samford, all 17 of our athletic programs embody a spirit of excellence, integrity and community and embrace the university's commitment to both athletic success and academic achievement.

Samford athletics include a variety of sports, ranging from baseball, basketball and track to soccer, volleyball and beyond. Each team is driven by passionate coaches and a dedication to representing Samford with pride and sportsmanship.

This year, the Men's Basketball team achieved historic success, as they went 29-5 in the regular season and won the 2024 Southern Conference Championship. This victory led the Bulldogs to a bid in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Bulldogs' journey to March Madness was filled with excitement and support as the Samford and Birmingham community rallied behind them as they faced Kansas in the first round of the "Big Dance." Experience excellence on and off the court at Samford.

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We want to IMPACT THE WORLD. That is one of the biggest missions of Samford. The more students we get here, the more we can impact them so they can go impact the world... I'm so excited that the world will SEE AND LEARN HOW GREAT this place really is.”

BUCKY McMILLAN

Men's Basketball coach,
on making the 2024 Men's
Basketball Tournament

SERVICE *that* IGNITES

Every aspect of service— from planning to travel to walking alongside others—brings Christ's love to those around you. Matthew Grigg (Class of 2023) built meaningful connections in Malaysia through Samford's Global Missions Scholars program. Helping run a sports camp for refugee children, Matthew learned of the daily challenges in their lives.

Through Samford, you can work for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, equip young people to change their communities with YouthServe, help restore the Black Warrior River, nourish the hungry and help shelter the homeless through countless partnerships and much more. With Samford, you can ignite the faith of others wherever you go.

110+

Partnerships with service organizations
allowing Samford students to give
back to our community



EXPERIENCES *that* AWAKEN



Can a university in Birmingham, Alabama, impact the entire world? It can, and it is! I cannot rave more about my semester in London at the Daniel House. Samford HANDCRAFTS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE for every student.”

L.E. ACUFF

Class of 2026
Accounting



The Daniel House is the CROWN JEWEL OF SAMFORD, and I am blessed that 25 years later, it is still shining”

JENNY ACUFF

Class of 1999
Mother of L.E. Acuff

99%

Students who have participated in a high-impact practice, such as study abroad or presenting original research at the Samford Student Research Colloquia

At Samford, you'll find powerful experiences that take you beyond the classroom and begin your career even before you graduate.

CAMPUS CAREER PREPARATION


Right on campus, you can design original research projects that deepen your understanding and better the world. Prepare for a career in law, government or business through our Prelaw Scholars program. Practice crucial skills in health care at the Experiential Learning and Simulation Center. Hone your talents on stage and in our recording and art studios.

LONDON AND BEYOND

The flagship of Samford Abroad is the Daniel House, a five-story home in central London. Celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2024, countless students have called the Daniel House home, engaging in the life-changing experiences of living, working and studying abroad. With study abroad programs everywhere from Belfast to Paris to Hong Kong, you'll find places that lay the groundwork for your career, with practical experiences and horizon-expanding encounters with new people, languages, ideas and cultures.

GENERATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Jenny Acuff (Class of 1999) and L.E. Acuff (Class of 2026) both experienced the opportunity of a lifetime to study abroad in London at the Daniel House during their time at Samford. L.E. felt fortunate to embark on a similar journey as her mother, Jenny, who had also participated in the same program 25 years prior. Jenny, reminiscing on her own time at the Daniel House, noted the similarities between her experience and her daughter's: They both navigated a whole new world of systems, grew academically, and engaged in countless adventures during their time in London. Study abroad programs like the Daniel House are unique to Samford because of their ability to broaden students' perspectives, bond with other students and faculty and achieve real work experience abroad. Adventure awaits at Samford.

An aerial photograph of the Samford University campus during the "golden hour" of sunset. The warm, orange light of the setting sun bathes the entire scene, creating a soft glow over the buildings and the surrounding forested hills. In the foreground, a large, ornate clock tower with a copper dome and a weather vane on top stands prominently. The tower has two visible clock faces. Behind it, other campus buildings are visible, nestled among trees with some autumn-colored foliage. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky.

WHAT DOES #10 IN THE NATION FOR CAREER PREPARATION MEAN FOR YOU?

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY is ranked #10 of all colleges and universities in the United States for the quality of career preparation provided to its students, according to a new ranking published in *The Wall Street Journal*. This ranking affirms what alumni and current students already know—a Samford education excels in preparing students for the future.

At Samford, career preparation means even more. It means having faculty who are tireless in their loving support as you grow into the person you're meant to be. It's in every moment that reminds you your passion can lead to greatness. It means 97% of graduates are either employed, continuing their education in graduate school or in post-graduation internships upon graduation. That uncommonly high success rate is a measure of our commitment to nurturing you to your full potential.

Samford alumni have served as CEOs and Supreme Court Justices. They have succeeded as bestselling authors, Grammy Award-winning musicians, leaders in health care, nationally ranked athletes and so much more. Samford's legacy of support means that we never lose focus on what really matters—your purpose, your faith and your gifts.

ACHIEVEMENTS *that* ENDURE

Since 1841, Samford has propelled its graduates to career success of all kinds. For Dulce Rivera (Class of 2017), both the classroom and the community she built through student organizations at Samford prepared her for leadership roles such as CEO at Mi Pueblo Supermarket and chair for Fiesta BHAM, Alabama's largest celebration of Hispanic heritage.

Dulce Rivera's journey to Samford wasn't just about pursuing higher education; it was about navigating familial expectations, overcoming self-doubt and discovering her own path to success. Through her time at Samford, Dulce emerged not only as a successful professional but also as someone who cherishes the lessons learned and relationships formed along the way.

Now, as an alumna, Dulce is the CEO of Birmingham-based Mi Pueblo Supermarket. Over the last 19 years, this family-owned business has become a staple in Birmingham and a leader in the local Hispanic community. Dulce was also recently inducted in the 40th class of *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Top 40 Under 40."

Dulce's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of Christ-centered education and the profound impact of supportive communities in overcoming challenges and realizing one's potential.

Whatever your path, Samford offers you enduring relationships, a grounding in faith and unshakeable learning that lead you toward accomplishments that last.

57,000+

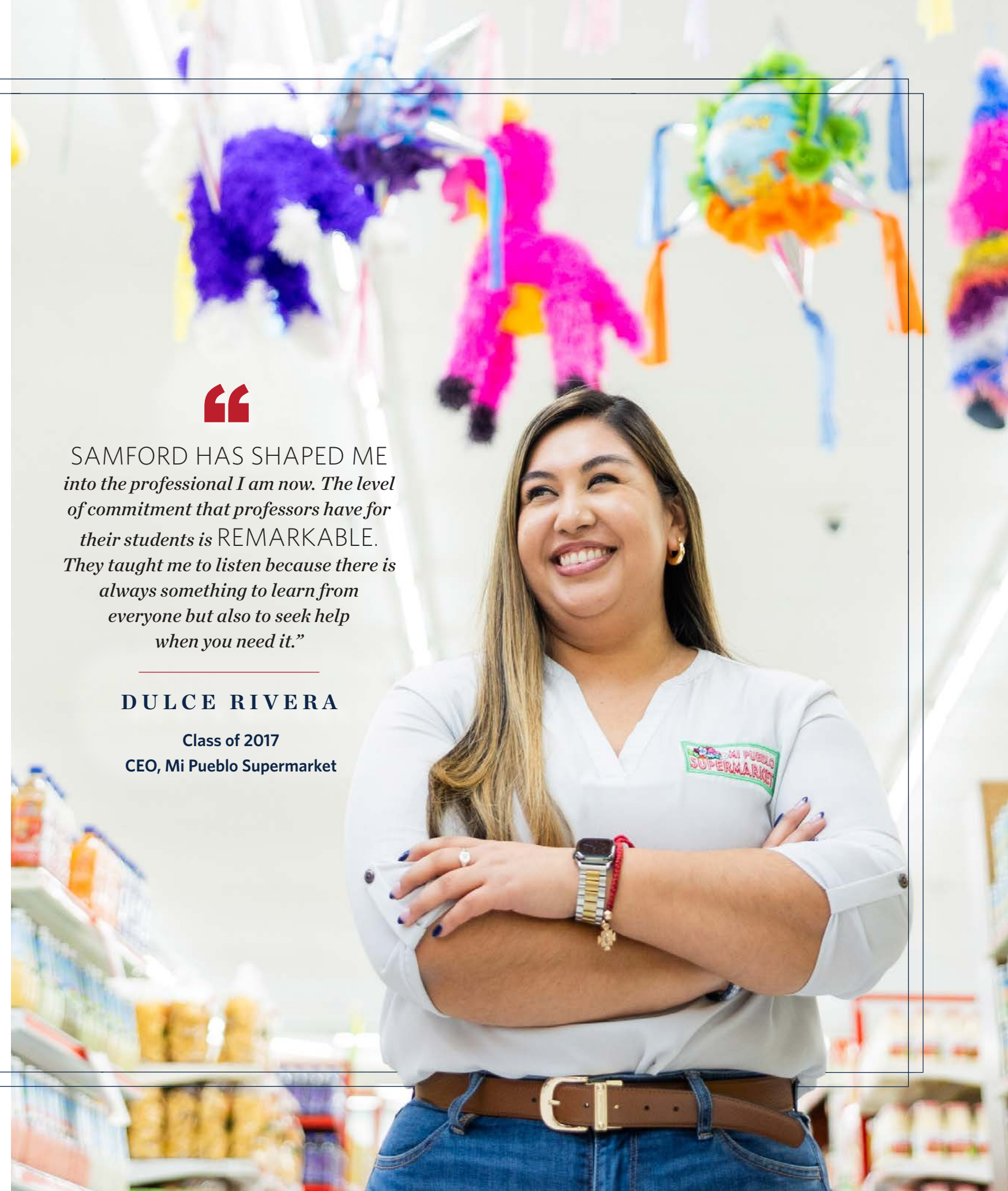
Alumni shaping the world through their lives and careers



SAMFORD HAS SHAPED ME *into the professional I am now. The level of commitment that professors have for their students is* REMARKABLE. *They taught me to listen because there is always something to learn from everyone but also to seek help when you need it."*

DULCE RIVERA

Class of 2017
CEO, Mi Pueblo Supermarket



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