



150 Stories for 150 Years

Senior Salute: Silly Memories That Will Last a Lifetime

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Graduating senior Jared Shoemaker's email signature describes him as a swimmer, photographer, Tau Kappa Beta president, vice president of the Water Polo Club and a member of an organization known as the Sneaker-Head Club.

Undoubtedly, his well-rounded presence on campus made a positive impact on a lot of people as the communication arts major from Springfield readies to graduate from Wilmington College. Jared plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force as an officer.

He fondly recalls traveling with members of the Fightin' Quakers' swim team for the program's annual winter training in Florida. There, they created "silly memories that will last a lifetime." Jared also cites becoming an active member of TKB fraternity as a highlight. "My brothers are some of my best friends on campus," he said.

"WC has made me grow as a person, athlete and a leader," he added. "I've had so many opportunities from WC that I can't count."

One of those involves his evolving love for photography, which proved to be his most unexpected positive experience at the College. "My photography really took off because of WC!" he said. "Through support from my peers, professors and other faculty, I was able to grow it into a business and a passion."

The future awaits Jared, but he wished to share some sage wisdom to those students who will follow him with their own Wilmington College experience. "Live in the moment!" he said. "Your four years at WC will fly by. Don't take it for granted because you never know what will happen. Get involved. So many opportunities will arise from being involved!"



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