

Reflections of the Class of 2006

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“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

We chose to start off with this quote not only because it is credited to Benjamin Franklin and very true of how we learn, but because it is a good reflection of our time at Franklin & Marshall. This tiny college nestled between a city in transition and a county steeped in history forced us to get involved – in our studies, with our passions, and with the community. We often don't realize how we're bound to one another until big events happen (think patriotism after 9/11 or your favorite sports team winning a championship), and in the moments from convocation to graduation, we were not without our share of happenings, least of all the devastating hurricane that struck in 2005. Hurricane Katrina left behind incomprehensible damage, and we reacted – as individuals, as a country, and as a college.

We remember being in Lancaster during those last days of August as the news unfolded. We were all so busy – moving into new apartments, returning from semesters abroad and summers at home, and preparing for our senior year – but we were all riveted to our televisions, watching the horrific events in the Gulf and wanting to do something to help. Suddenly what had been most important to all of us