

# Tigers who ROAR

## Sam Gravitte '17

AB Anthropology



Sam Gravitte '17 always knew that he wanted to become an actor, but he first wanted to pursue a broader educational experience that would expose him to different disciplines. After visiting Princeton as a lacrosse recruit, he made the decision to commit to Princeton, “an opportunity that I’m thankful for every day.”

At Princeton, Sam pursued a degree in anthropology and earned certificates in Music Theater and Theater and Dance. He also participated in other interests outside of the classroom and off the field. “I joined *Shere Khan A Cappella* my freshman fall and sang with them all four years at school. I was able to perform in several

**Reunion Chair, Class of 2017;  
Student Reunions Assistant  
Crew Manager**

*shows with the Theater and Music Theater departments, and served as an RCA for Mathey College my junior and senior years (Go Moose!). I loved my time as an RCA, and felt that it was a wonderful way to try to give something back to the University, not to mention the indispensable lessons I learned.”*

Sam was first exposed to Reunions in his freshman year and says that he counts that experience as one of the best weekends of his life. “I was deeply moved by the number of alumni who came back, the spirit they had, the electric current of joy and community that ran through it. I wanted to be a part of it all.”

Currently, Sam serves as one of the Reunion Chairs for his class and encourages current students to get involved. “Reunions is all about shared experience. It’s all about the place where thousands of alumni return after having four years to grow, make friends, make mistakes, succeed, write a thesis and graduate. Reunions is a time to celebrate the people around you.”

## Mizzi Gomes '16

AB Ecology & Evolutionary Biology



Mizzi Gomes '16 can point to a particular moment in time that she decided that Princeton was the right school for her.

*“During Princeton Preview, I remember auditing a seminar on Epidemiology. Not only did the lecture intersect every field, but the professor also engaged every student in a lively and critical discussion about a public health issue. I knew that these were the nuanced conversations I wanted to be a part of, whether it was contributing my own thoughts or learning from my peers’ diverse experiences and disciplines.”*

**Class Secretary, Class of 2016;  
Member, Class Affairs Committee;  
Interviewer, Alumni Schools  
Committee**

Mizzi eventually decided to major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with a track in Infectious Diseases, and she earned a certificate in Global Health and Health Policy.

During her time at Princeton, she pursued different writing opportunities. She served as managing editor for *Innovation: Journal of Science and Technology*; executive publisher for the *International Collegiate Science Journal*; senior opinion columnist for *The Daily Princetonian*; and communications writer for the Woodrow Wilson School. “These positions not only allowed me to pursue my fascination with the sciences and journalism, but also provided me with an outlet to interact deeply with the intellectual and cultural questions of our student body and faculty.”

Mizzi was also active in several dance groups after traveling extensively and being exposed to different dance genres.

After graduation, Mizzi has continued to be involved at Princeton. She is the class secretary for the Class of 2016, an elected class officer for the Alumni Council’s Class Affairs Committee and an alumni interviewer for prospective Princeton students. “Princeton provided me with incredible opportunities, from funding my research internships and projects abroad, to connecting me with a network of wonderful alums who have welcomed me wherever I’ve gone. I feel it is my responsibility and a privilege to give back to this institution.”



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