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### Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

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While at Fisher I met many wonderful people, some of which I have stayed in contact with, while others I only see periodically. It's amazing though where I run into some of my old classmates. Many I have ended up playing against on the softball field and volleyball court through recreation leagues. You never know when a connection you made during college will resurface!

Following my graduation from Fisher I began working at M&T Bank, and have been there ever since. I currently work as a Relationship Banker where I assist customers with opening and servicing checking/savings account, obtaining loans, and general financial question about their account. While working at M&T, I have been able to re-connect with Father Michael Costanzo, with whom I took a few

religion classes. Working at M&T has also allowed me to re-connect to Fisher, but this time as a professional rather than a student. M&T is the “Bank of the Bills!” I return to Fisher a few times a year during training camp to open new accounts for customers.

My home life couldn't be any better! I am married to a beautiful woman named Katrina who I met 9 years ago while playing in a recreational softball game. When we married in August of 2010 I didn't think my life could get any better- I had an amazing new wife, a good job, and a newly purchased home. Yet, everything did get better this past August when, right before Katrina and I celebrated our three year wedding anniversary, we welcomed our first child into the world. Our son Caden Henry Hall was born in the very early hours of August 7<sup>th</sup>. My life has not been the same since that amazing night. While my sleep may be minimal right now, I wouldn't change a thing!!

Overall, my time spent at Fisher has proved to be very valuable. There had been a lasting impact not only in my personal life but also in my professional. St John Fisher may be a small college but the lessons learned and connections made through Fisher are quite large.



*Shawn, Katrina, and Caden Hall*