A PLACE OF REFLECTION

One thing that Elizabeth Cox (BBA ’13, BBA ’13, BBA ’13) remembers most about her time at UGA is her many walks across campus. Walking around historic North Campus in the early morning hours gave her a chance to reflect and process her time and many experiences at UGA. Elizabeth took advantage of everything she could while at school. Her excitement and thirst to learn drove her to triple major in the Terry College of Business, earning degrees in finance, risk management and insurance, and marketing.

Outside the classroom, Elizabeth dove into philanthropy, going all-in with UGA Miracle, a charitable campus organization that supports Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Students involved with UGA Miracle work with patient families, fundraise for the organization, and learn firsthand the difference the healthcare system makes in the community. Today, Elizabeth works as a Strategy Project Manager at Children’s, bringing her academic and professional career full circle. She always wanted to work in philanthropy and loves working for Children’s where “you can take a step back and see what you’re working for. We’re there for the families.”

Elizabeth’s passion for philanthropy and service inspires her to give back to UGA whenever and however she can. The University of Georgia is where she learned to make an impact and leave a place better than when she found it. “Once you go to UGA, it sparks a love in your heart,” she said. “You can’t get rid of that.”

JUST SAY YES

As a student and a professional, Elizabeth is ready and willing to dive into any and everything. From her diverse involvement on campus to her career opportunities and service on the Young Alumni Council, she lives by the philosophy of saying YES. “You’ll never know your limits until you push past your comfort zone,” Elizabeth said. “Truly invest in yourself, dream big, and say yes.”

She owes much of this attitude toward life to UGA. Her experiences in the classroom and abroad taught her how to ask questions, take initiative, and push her boundaries. “Comfort zones are for rookies,” she said, reflecting on the lessons learned in college. This translates over into her professional
career, as the challenge of long days, important deadlines, and big decisions can be daunting.

The reward of working for an organization like Children’s, though, keeps Elizabeth motivated day-to-day. “We’re not all built to be doctors. We can use the ways we’ve learned to help in any shape or form,” she said. She is grateful that she can use the gifts and knowledge she has to help kids and make a meaningful impact on the community.

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Currently, Elizabeth is managing big changes at Children’s. Children’s is building a new hospital on their North Druid Hills campus, where their administrative offices are currently. There are significant readjustments for support staff and details to oversee. The new buildings are a tangible representation of the impact Elizabeth and her colleagues are making every day.

UGA grew Elizabeth’s curiosity and ambitious attitude. Her professors, mentors, and peers encouraged her ingenuity and provided a strong, supportive community to learn and explore. “UGA served me and I want to make sure people keep feeling the fire of that community,” she said. She hopes that her contributions are a small piece of the bigger picture continuing the advancement of UGA. She believes that by giving back, she is investing in students’ potential and enabling them to use their high-quality education to change the world.

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