

## ACA ALUMNI IN THE WORLD / KIKI RICHARDSON

*She maintains an \$842,000 budget, a high grade point average, and perspective.*

Caroline “Kiki” Richardson (ACA 2006 / Xavier 2010) believes “the busier, the better.” It is a maxim she employed during her 13 years at ACA, and now at Xavier University in Cincinnati, where she is Student Government Association President. She plans to pursue human rights law or international trade in graduate school.

If you want to keep up with Kiki, take a deep breath. She will soon complete a major in Economics and a double minor in Psychology and Business, all through the “University Scholars” honors program. She works as a mailroom clerk for a Cincinnati law firm. She is involved in Campus Ministry and Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society). She volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, but her largest responsibility is as SGA president. “I work with my two vice presidents, but I also oversee the other the 20-member Student Senate and the 32-member Student Activities Council. I oversee SGA’s operating budget of \$842,000 and I’ll create next year’s budget. I meet weekly with the Dean of Students to raise student concerns and work on projects and initiatives,” she recounts matter-of-factly.

Kiki appoints students to various university committees, and serves on a committee for safety on campus. As a member of the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees, she attends—and presents at—Xavier’s Board of Trustees meetings.



“From the beginning at ACA,” Kiki says, “I was encouraged to do a wide variety of activities. My heavy extracurricular involvement, along with my part-time job and hobbies, taught me to handle many responsibilities at once. ACA provided me the skills I’d need to be successful in *and* out of the college classroom.”

“My student government experiences taught me how to run effective meetings, plan successful events, and how to

work with a range of personalities. Madame (Mrs. Williams) always believed in my leadership abilities and kept encouraging me to run for Student Government positions. Her faith in me made me seriously consider pursuing Student Government positions in college.”

“ACA provided me with a strong academic background that challenged me in a variety of subjects; at the same time, ACA afforded me opportunities to pursue my particular interests. Three years

of participation in Moot Court competitions sparked my interest in the law, and my senior project, focusing on the legality of the insanity defense used in criminal court cases, solidified my desire to pursue a career in law.

“I think that my ACA teachers really gave me a strong sense of duty, personal responsibility, and instilled patience and perseverance in me. That experience will continue to shape my life as I pursue my legal career.”