

LOWANNA GRADUATES

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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CLASS OF 2011

When did you attend Lowanna College?

I attended Lowanna College from 2006-2011.

What were your memories of Lowanna College?

Looking back on the six years I spent at Lowanna College, I remember the fun, the silliness and the drama, but the most prevalent memories are the times where I was pushed to achieve something I did not believe was possible. There are many conversations with teachers that I will never forget, that encouraged me to become who I am today.

How do you think your experiences at Lowanna College helped you become the person you are today?

I think my experiences at Lowanna College really encouraged me to not settle for less. I felt constantly encouraged to strive for something better and to work hard to achieve

my goals. I hold these ethics to this day and I feel that they were engrained in me from my high school years. The support and sense of community will always be something I look back on with fondness.

Was there anyone at Lowanna College who had a positive impact and upon reflection, influenced you to follow the path you have chosen?

I had numerous positive impacts during my six years at Lowanna College. For me, the two names that came to mind instantly though were my English teacher, Ms. Arthur, and my Studio Arts teacher, Mr. Addison. I always knew I wanted to follow a creative path but I felt that there weren't many opportunities in our area to do so. Both teachers opened my mind to the creative industries and showed me that if they could do it then so could I. They helped me express my creative side and encouraged me to explore art, culture and the world.



What did you do after leaving Lowanna College, and where are you now?

After graduating from Lowanna College, I decided I wanted to travel and experience new parts of the world. I moved to London in 2012 and lived there for two years. In that time, I really discovered what I wanted to do in life. Being exposed to more creative cultures gave me the push to attend film school upon returning to Australia. In 2014 I attended the New York Film Academy in Sydney and have started my career here upon graduating.

What are your greatest accomplishments (list any awards, achievements, defining moments etc.)?

My greatest accomplishments are a combination of both personal and professional. Living overseas on my own and being self-sufficient was a major achievement for me and gave me an independence that has gotten me to where I am today. Following

that, directing my first film in 2015, "Through Hands", which won me a 'Best Film' award and led to me being named in Variety Magazine's 'Top 110 Filmmakers to Watch' really cemented the idea that I was on the right path and encouraged me to follow my dreams. I have also just completed my latest film "Road Train" set for release later this year.

What advice would you like to give any of our current Lowanna College students?

My advice for any current Lowanna College student is to work as hard as you can while you are there, and gain as much knowledge as possible while you have the opportunity and the community support around you. There is a whole other life waiting for you outside of high school, but make the most of your time there while you can.