



# MEET OUR ALUMNI!



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- Bachelors - 2015 - Gdynia, Poland - International Business
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### What are you up to now?

I work for a crewing company in Gdynia, Poland. We supply seafarers for large ocean-going vessels and ships. Our company has various other smaller companies under us which means I have two titles, Flag State Operator and Crew/Manning Operator. Each of these positions is responsible for assembling and approving all the appropriate documentation that is needed for foreign seafarers to be approved to work under the flag of different ships and different ports.

### Do you have any passion projects?

I am in the process of getting my sailing license.

### What was the biggest challenge you faced in College?

Living in Korea was an opportunity but also had its unforeseen challenges. Coming back to Poland and not being able to relate to many things that occurred during my formative years abroad has sometimes made adjusting challenging for me. Even today I am occasionally confused by some native Polish cultural norm that I missed out on.

### What advice do you have for BFS students as they go off to university/college?

Tough question. My main advice - go out and have fun. Work, mortgage, age will catch up and you will not have time or energy for anything. Look at the things that are important to you and go after them.

### What memory of BFS comes to mind?

As for a favorite memory, there isn't just one, but if I had to choose, then the Habitat for Humanity trips were the most amazing memories that I have of BFS. But I also had a tough time adjusting to an American style school being one of the few European students. However, many teachers were amazing, and to this day when I think about them I get a smile on my face.