



Paul Giglio '11

BA in International Business and Economics and BA in International Studies

By Emily Kellas

Paul Giglio earned more than his dual bachelor's degrees in International Business and Economics and International Studies during his four years at The College at Brockport. As an Emerging Leader at GEICO, Giglio explains, "The experiences I had at Brockport, coupled with my engagement in collegiate and campus life, provided the best experience ever."

The term engagement is an understatement to explain Giglio's involvement on campus. A visible member of the Brockport community and a summa cum laude graduate, Giglio was able to experience all aspects of a well-rounded Brockport education. Between interning for three organizations, including GovNet Communications in London, and studying abroad in China, Giglio took advantage of opportunities presented to him.

For three years, he helped guide, encourage and support students as a resident assistant while also supervising and managing a staff of 10 night desk attendants. As a member of the Delta

College Program, he became the mentor program coordinator, helping to match students with the best mentor. He also worked with the Brockport Student Government on the Board of Directors for the On-Campus Constituency. As a chairperson of the College's participation in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Giglio helped make Brockport the first college or university in New York state to raise more than \$10,500 for the Special Olympics. And following his musical talent, Giglio was the founding president and conductor of The College at Brockport Pep Band, recruiting more than 50 band members, creating marketing and recruitment plans and supervising three interns.

Perhaps one of his most notable accomplishments, and admittedly one of his proudest, was receiving the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Giglio believes it was these experiences, as well as his classroom instruction, that prepared him for success on the job. "The educational experiences through the School of Business were phenomenal. The classes were very intimate. And the professors not

only taught the theoretical, but because most of them had real-life experiences they were able to speak about the practical." Creating a network of mentors has helped Giglio ease into the professional world. "Brockport prepared me for my success at GEICO, and I am very humbled to have attended such a great school."

The overarching narrative of Giglio's Brockport story is leadership. "Gaining leadership experience is crucial because it not only provides an avenue to celebrate your successes and take pride in your work, but it also provides an opportunity for self-evaluation and constructive criticism that will help you become a better leader and provide you with an opportunity to enhance yourself," he said.

One day, Giglio would like to be a professor. "The classes that I enjoyed most were taught by professors that had real-life experiences, and I want to share those experiences with students to be able to help them learn from lessons that I learned."