



JORDAN GRIFFIN

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When fashionista Jordan Griffin turned 16, all she could think about was working in a shoe store. *Discounts on every pair!*

Her parents weren't so enthusiastic.

"My dad was NOT having that and told me I needed to apply for an internship program that the Air Force offered students," says Griffin. "I wasn't happy about it until I started that internship. I realized that working for the Department of Defense was what I wanted for my career."

Part of the appeal comes from a personal connection.

"Both of my parents were in the military, and I've always been thankful that they were brave enough to defend this country," she says. "Since the military has taken care of me, it seems right that I give back in some way."

Although Griffin continued to intern at the DoD every summer for the next six years, she didn't get an immediate job offer.

"I had put in at least 70 applications but got few interviews," she says. "It was discouraging. I have to credit my parents for constantly reminding me that this is a marathon, not a sprint."

Griffin had toyed with the idea of graduate school and now felt impelled to apply. She started the M.B.A. program at CSU Monterey Bay this past January.

"This is when everything started to change," she says. "School gave me something to look forward to, and I quickly developed a strong interest in the finance field. A couple of months into the program I received two job offers!"

In April, she started work as a Budget Analyst for the DoD at Edwards Air Force Base.

NOTE: When not focused on work or school, Griffin likes to sew her own clothing creations and, of course, shop for shoes.

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