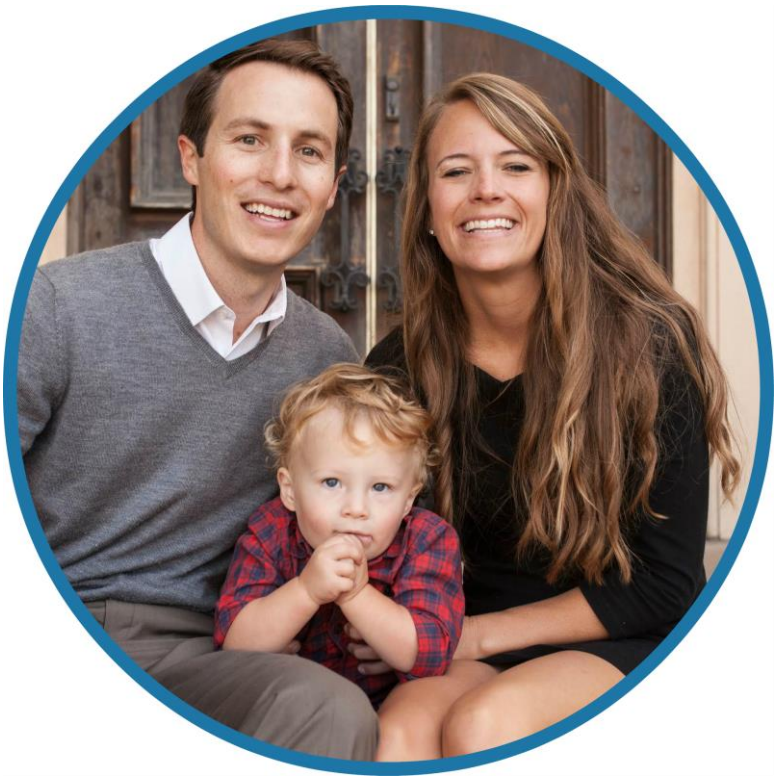


AUSTIN DIAS

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Whether on land or sea, Austin Dias likes an adventure.

He selected CI because it was new and offered opportunities to help shape the University’s future. One of the ways he left his mark was by co-founding the sailing team, CI’s first team sport. His hard work, leadership and racing accolades earned him national recognition from the Intercollegiate Sailing Association as an All American, Student Leader of the Year, and an induction into the Hall of Fame. He was the first CI student to achieve this status.

Today, Dias works as a Land Developer for The Phair Company and as a Commercial Real Estate Broker for Duhs Commercial, both in San Diego, his hometown. He’s also pursuing a master’s degree in real estate from the University of San Diego and is on track to graduate in 2016.

“The development and commercial real estate industry is extremely competitive and dynamic,” says Dias. “I enjoy the level of complexity and the fact that there is always a different challenge.”

Ironically, one of his recent work-related challenges involved sailing. “The other day I finally broke through to a landowner that had been traveling the world by sailboat,” he says. “The woman agreed to sell. Sometimes, an entire deal hinges on the ability to reach someone – something we take for granted with all our technology today.”

Dias also is exploring new territory as a father. He and his wife, Jessica (a fellow CI ’09 grad), have a two-year old and are expecting a baby girl this month.

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