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It's hard to argue with success.

When Robert Krauss had his first part-time jobs in retail, he viewed them as temporary and tangential to his life direction. But employers saw him as someone with the ideal skill set and strong long-term potential. As a result, Krauss moved rapidly to the center of their radar and up the leadership ladder. In the process, he achieved significant goals and discovered a career he loves.

Today, he manages a multi-million-dollar Under Armour (UA) store in Napa. His responsibilities include strategic planning, staff development, and full accountability for store performance and customer experience.

"I love the young adults I hire and train," he says. "Watching them grow and become self-sufficient is awesome. I also appreciate that our CEO shares my personal and professional values. UA supports the Wounded Warrior Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Both are very important to me."

Despite living at a distance from CI, Krauss volunteers at commencement and proudly serves on the Alumni & Friends Board of Directors. "I'm humbled to have been elected to the board. CI provided the absolute best education I could have asked for and brought great people into my experience at an important time in my life. For this, I am compelled to give back."

“Since attending CI, I’ve become increasingly aware of my ability to encourage others, particularly those I work with, toward higher education,” says Scott. “My example helps them realize the greater potential within their own lives.”

Scott’s travel schedule precludes his ability to attend most alumni events, which is something he regrets. “One of the things I miss most about CI is my interaction with the professors and other students,” he says. “Time is a valuable asset. It’s a gift I’d like to give to the college that gave me so much.”

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