

# Facebook Connections

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When I think back fondly of the time I spent at Pace University, I recall my undergraduate years as being a time of change. It was a very exciting time to explore my educational interests, take on a part-time position at a financial institution in lower Manhattan and make friends with unique backgrounds and goals.

I remember when I decided to major in real estate. My mother, Sophia Gibaldi, was a true influence in that decision. She is the Owner/Broker of a real estate and consulting business and was extremely supportive of my education. My Lubin Business School professors, Boisi and LeVine, were incredible at presenting different aspects of this rewarding industry. They helped open my eyes to a whole new world and truly inspired me. At a time in my life when I was having to manage many issues on a personal level, this inspiration really drove me forward.

Over the years, I've been fortunate to have been exposed to many different business opportunities, ranging from foreign exchange trading to real estate account management. I had made a decision to further my education and pursue an MBA from Wagner College in 2001. While pursuing this degree, I was able to really apply both my business experiences and use my education at Pace as a foundation.

My husband George and I were offered an opportunity to move to Shanghai, China in 2007, where we lived for 2 years. We have since moved to Singapore. I'm currently with Colliers International as an Associate Director of Corporate Services, where I work closely with multi-national companies who have property interests globally. Living and working in Asia has been an incredible opportunity. I've learned so much about myself, other people, and ways to manage doing business across different countries. It is a very exciting career and I would have never thought that I would be doing what I do today. One of the most important things that I've learned is that it's never too late to try and to apply yourself to something you are passionate about and inspired by. I encourage you to go out and pursue what inspires you and meet challenges head-on. Don't let anything stand in your way! Don't ever rule out possibilities in life.