Alumni Network

Kara Penrose "09"

Area of Focus:

Describe your career, especially what you are doing now:

Currently I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where I am working as an actor. I am a company member of a children’s’ theatre group called Kohl’s Wild Theater. We perform educational shows focusing on conservation. Throughout the year we tour to different schools in the area and during the summer we perform at the Milwaukee County Zoo. In addition to working for KWT I also perform in other productions throughout the Milwaukee area. When not performing, I work as a fight director and stage combat teacher for local productions.

How has your Cal State experience helped your career?

CSUEB is where I was first introduced to children’s theatre. I found that I really enjoyed doing theatre for kids and I knew it was something I would be interested in doing in the future. Additionally, the first stage combat class I took was at CSUEB for one of their children’s shows. Since then, I have pursued stage combat as a profession and have become a certified teacher through Dueling Arts International.
http://www.duelingarts.com/instructors/midwest-region/kara-penrose/

Your best advice for students:

Practice, practice, practice. Work hard and do your best with everything you do. Working in children’s theatre I perform a multitude of different shows several days a week. All of this practice has helped me to become an all around better actor.