Alumni Network:
Mark Edward Granahan “87”

Area of focus.
General concentration.

Describe your career, especially what you are doing now.
Over the past two decades, I have worked professionally as an actor in Southern California, Arizona, and Virginia. I have also taught a wide range of theatre and communication courses at Arizona State University, Christopher Newport University, and Regent University. I am currently in the final stage of earning a PhD. in communication with a Theatre emphasis at Regent University in Virginia.

How has your Cal State experience helped you career-wise?
Unlike many other university theatre programs across the U.S., CSUEB is part of a unique class of theatre programs which allows its students to participate in a wide array of theatre experiences applied to a wide genre of works for the stage. This is due to the fact that CSUEB placed importance on my learning and development as a student artist—not solely and simply on its own needs to produce excellent work. Rather, CSUEB allowed me to gradually develop that excellence over time. And, in the end, isn’t that what education was supposed to be about?

If friends or family are important to your life’s story, say so here.
Two of my closest friends today are people I met at CSUEB. I will always remember CSUEB as the place where I was given a chance, the place where I was given my first chance.

Tell us your best advice for students.
Follow your heart. And if someone states you can’t do something, accept that comment as a challenge to do just that.

“Hatred is the coward’s revenge for intimidation” George Bernard Shaw

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