Alumni Network:
Doug Cembellin “00”

Area of focus.
Minor in Theatre Arts

Describe your career, especially what you are doing now.
I am the Founder/Owner of uCamps, a series of residential Visual and Performing Arts Camps for students grades 3-12. I am in re-writes of a feature screenplay I have written called 'Camp Manzanita' (imagine 'the Goonies' set at a summer camp). I will be fundraising and eventually directing the film sometime in the next 2-3 years. I am also in the process of running the festival circuit with my thesis documentary film 'Cyberbullied' - a 20 minute short film exploring the rise in bullying amongst Jr. High and High School students as a result of misusing social networking sites.

How has your Cal State experience helped you career-wise?
I got my first teaching job as a result of my BA in Theatre. As a teacher, I passed on much of the education I had received at CSUEB to my students. That teaching job led me to starting my own company and that experience of owning and operating my own company helped me to get into USC’s graduate film school.

If friends or family are important to your life’s story, say so here.
My friends and family are THE MOST IMPORTANT part of my life and have been with me at every chapter of my life’s story.

Tell us your best advice for students.
Work hard. Have fun. Don’t take things too seriously. Never take things personally. Always be a person of your word. Be that person that is ALWAYS on time and ALWAYS takes direction and constructive criticism well.

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