



In this week's Alumnae Spotlight, we feature Katie Zavoski, from the Class of 1992.

Katie moved to Texas from New Jersey, where she attended a small Catholic School, with only twelve students in her class. Upon moving to Texas, she originally went to a large public school, until her parents saw an ad for a Providence Open House in their church bulletin. In her own words, Katie said, "To this day, I am grateful for that advertisement in the bulletin. Attending Providence, meeting wonderful classmates, and the friendly atmosphere...helped me to better transition into my new life in Texas and grow to love San Antonio."

During her time at Providence, Katie was the Secretary of History Club, a member of the Marian Choristers, and worked on the Pro-Vue newspaper.

Following graduation from Providence, Katie attended the University of the Incarnate Word, graduating with a

Bachelor of Arts in History. She then went on to attend Nottingham Trent University in Nottingham, England, where she earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Heritage Studies in 1999.

Today, and for the past fifteen years, Katie is working for two historic sites owned by the County of Middlesex. She is the Senior Curator and Collections Manager in Piscataway, New Jersey, and is based at the Cornelius Low House Museum, a historic house museum that is 277 years old. Unlike other house museums, this one is not filled with furniture, nor does it have changing exhibits every year. Therefore, each year, Katie researches, writes, and designs a seven-room exhibit to fill the entire house. Her exhibit on New Jersey Diners was featured in the Bon Appetit Magazine.

Katie ventures to many places while searching for exhibit artifacts—attics, basements, and storage areas of museums. Katie states that she's fortunate to see items in storage that, often, members of the public will never see. She also conducts ongoing genealogy research of families who owned the houses; these searches have taken her to interesting places, such as a burial vault in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. In total, she oversees the exhibits and collections in twelve historic buildings. Each day at work brings something different, and Katie likes that.

When asked about her time at Providence and how it prepared her for college and life, Katie said she enjoyed attending Providence. She felt more confident in an all-girls environment. She and her classmates were challenged. She recalls Sister Irene telling her, along with her classmates, to apply for any college they wanted—to go for it and not doubt their ability to be accepted in their dream colleges. Katie remembered this advice when applying for grad school, which is what took her to Nottingham Trent University. Furthermore, Katie specifically enjoyed the spirit of sisterhood and the bonds formed

at Providence, referencing that many alumnae will refer to each other as “sisters”. She and her best friend, Neomi Balderas '92, have had a strong friendship since their Providence days.

When asked what advice she'd give to current Provets, Katie said “Life is too short to have regrets and wish you had done this or that. Life is about experiences, good and bad, if you want to do something, find a way to do it. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.”

Congratulations, Katie, and all of your accomplishments! We are so proud of you.