

**Alumni Network:
Dawn Monique Williams “03”**



Area of focus.
Directing concentration.

Describe your career, especially what you are doing now.
I have worked at Impact Theatre, California Conservatory Theatre, Chester Theatre
rently teaching theatre (acting, drama lit) classes as a Graduate Teaching Associate at
UMass Amherst, where I am earning an MFA in Directing.

How has your Cal State experience helped you career-wise?
The skills acquired as a student have undoubtedly helped me, but that aside, all of my
early professional work was gained through my CSUH ties. Other alumni have hired
me to direct and assist at there various companies, and/or recommended me for po-
sitions. Also, in the last ten years I have traveled with the CSUH/EB theatre depart-
ment internationally 4 times with a trip planned for summer 2010. We traveled to
Slovakia, the Check Republic, England, and Scotland. This international experience
has had an unquantifiable impact on my work and aesthetic.

Well with only one exception, all of my very best friends and mentors are all people
that I met at CSUH. I have forged the most amazing bonds with the people I have en-
countered on that hilltop in Hayward. Also the support and encouragement I re-
ceived from the CSUH theatre community when I had my daughter, Jordyn, while still
a student was and continues to be remarkable.

Tell us your best advice for students.
Try it all! Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Make a bold choice, then another, and
another.

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