His interest in biology went beyond that of the average science major—of course, Sarin "Putter" Tiatragul ('16) is anything but average—he’s a Zag.

To Putter, academic innovation has been the opportunity to learn from a broad variety of experiences that took him beyond the lecture hall. From his many research projects to crashing a biology lab trip at Riverside State Park, playing in the Bulldog Band, being involved in the Comprehensive Leadership Program, traveling the globe, co-directing the “Rethink Waste” campaign and serving as an RA—Putter has been one busy Zag. He was recently honored with a Magis Award for demonstrating the Jesuit ideal of doing more for God and others. On top of it all, Putter still managed to find time to document his journeys in a captivating photo blog (stiatragul.tumblr.com). His next adventure will take him to Auburn University, where he intends to pursue his master’s degree in biological sciences.

Opportunities for experiences that involve undergraduate research, service learning and cross-discipline coursework are cornerstones of academic innovation at Gonzaga. These are made possible through the generosity of Gonzaga benefactors. Your gifts have an impact on the personal growth, career development and professional relationships for Zags of all disciplines—just like Putter.

The Gonzaga community has a passion to teach and learn in the most effective and creative ways. To date, $9.1 million has been committed in support of academic innovation as part of Gonzaga Will: The Campaign for Our Future. Learn more about your impact on academic innovation and other campaign priorities at gonzagawill.com.
The sunny side of the street

In an age when it seems fewer people really know their neighbors, Gonzaga University is determined to not only learn more about the Logan neighborhood, but also to document what is found through a uniquely positive project.

The Neighborhood Mapping Assets and Promoting Strengths (MAPS) Project is a cooperative effort among students, faculty and staff as part of the Asset-Based Community Development approach, which aims to identify the strengths of the neighborhood. An interactive map of assets identifying the physical environment, associations and groups, institutions, businesses and a database of profiles and individuals are being created to help inform and guide planning and engagement with the community.

This project is being funded through grant support from The Raskob Foundation, as well as Gonzaga University’s Office of the Academic Vice President and Division of Student Development, and the City of Spokane: Division of Community & Neighborhood Services.

Community building is a key theme of Gonzaga Will: The Campaign for Our Future. Your support for this area helps the University maintain our commitment to accompanying students on their journeys toward becoming courageous, compassionate human beings and embracing them in service and strength. Thus far, $7.6 million has been raised in support of community building.

For more on Gonzaga’s commitment to community building and how Zags like you are making a difference, visit gonzagawill.com.

MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE FIRST BLOCK PARTY UNITING THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY WITH THE LOGAN NEIGHBORHOOD. THE SECOND ANNUAL EVENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, BY A COALITION OF GU STAFF, STUDENTS AND NEIGHBORS.
**Q&A**

**Father Daniel Spotswood, S.J.**

**Q: What has your experience at Gonzaga been so far?**

**A:** I feel very welcome at Gonzaga. My primary work is at St. Al’s, though I’ve made connections through University Ministry—I’ve given a talk at a men’s retreat and will be speaking to a student leadership group this summer. Having taught at Gonzaga Prep and St. Al’s Parish, I like the idea of being available to the University—to be a visible presence on campus—thinking of our Jesuit community as one unit of three distinct entities. It’s been really affirming for me.

**Q: What do Gonzaga’s plans for a new Jesuit Residence mean to you?**

**A:** I am excited for it. All of my formation has been in smaller communities and I think my generation would prefer that to a large, institutional building. I am considering where I’ll be after my graduate work and my experience here has been so positive, I could easily see myself at Gonzaga in the future.

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**WISE WORDS**

It’s a good thing sponsored Zag MacKenzie Allan (’17) is a nursing student, because her first few years at Gonzaga University were real bruisers. “It was difficult to keep up with the school work,” she admitted. “There were late night study sessions and a bit of crying here and there. Luckily, I had a solid group of nursing major friends who were experiencing the same thing.” They found ways to laugh through their struggles and succeed in the tough classes together.

Allan had another group supporting her through these past three years—investors in the Zag Scholarship Fund. Because of the scholarships she has received, she has been able to collect some truly memorable experiences that have inspired this advice she hopes to pass on to others:

“Challenge yourself. College is scary and intimidating, but it can also be the best time of your life.”

You have helped Gonzaga Will: The Campaign for Our Future raise more than $80 million toward the goal of $100 million in support of scholarships. Once this goal has been achieved, your gifts will have helped double the number of annual and endowed scholarships for students with the highest financial need. Learn more about the many lives your support for Gonzaga scholarships is helping to change at gonzagawill.com.

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**ZIG-ZAGGING ACROSS THE USA**

When Larry (’72) and Anna Bennett retired, they sold their home, created a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with Gonzaga University and set out on a three-year journey in an RV to see all of the continental United States and as many Canadian provinces as they could. Their annuity provides the Bennetts with tax benefits and quarterly income payments, with a gift to the University upon their passing. This establishes the Lawrence J. and Anna M. Bennett Scholarship for students from the Northwest majoring in engineering.

To learn more about charitable gift annuities and if one may be a good fit for you, visit gonzaga.edu/CGA.

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