

# Cory Evans

Professional Clothier with Dardis Academy

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## Summary

Cory is a Theatre Student at The University of Iowa currently focusing on Play Writing. He is also working towards certificates in Writing and Performing Arts Entrepreneurship.

Cory is a people-oriented extravert. Torn between pursuing a career in business or the arts, he has always maintained that people are his focus. Whether it be through entertainment or interaction, he believes that an engaging, enthusiastic, and positive attitude is the key to success and building strong relationships.

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## Experience

### **Professional Clothier at Dardis Academy**

December 2013 - Present (8 months)

Dardis Academy's Classroom to Career Program helps college students, like myself, learn what it takes to run a successful small business. It offers real-life experiences from the moment a student is accepted into the program. Students who are selected to be a part of the elite program complete a 10 week challenge. The first week, students participate in the Academy in May, which is a week long, skills-based training session in Schaumburg, Illinois or Des Moines, IA. Topics covered include: presentation skills, selling skills, professional presence and image, business writing, networking skills, and time and territory management.

Following the Academy, students return to their hometowns ready to apply their skills in running their own apparel business. We are fully trained and know how to manage our schedule, approach prospective customers, demonstrate professional communication skills, deliver an impressive presentation highlighting our products' features and benefits, ask for the business and gain referrals. Our customers appreciate the knowledge and tools we share with them on professional image and wardrobe management. The unique business model gives students a competitive edge from start to finish

### **Volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages**

June 2012 - December 2012 (7 months)

Personable and friendly greeter/Customer service, Register work, Manage inventory

### **Recruitment Chairman at Delta Tau Delta at Iowa**

September 2011 - April 2012 (8 months)

Managing a names list, Organizing recruitment events, Cold-call potential new members, Attend weekly executive meetings, One-on-one interview with potential new members

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## Skills & Expertise

### **Recruiting**

**Highly personable**

### **Building Relationships**

### **Presentations**

**Consultative Sales Professional**

**People-oriented**

### **Written & Oral Presentation Skills**

### **Bookkeeping**

### **Improvisation**

### **Creative Writing**

### **Entrepreneurship**

### **Performing Arts**

### **Playwriting**

**Amiable**

**Expressive**

### **Creative Problem Solving**

### **Interviews**

### **Time Management**

### **Professional Communication**

### **Collaborative Problem Solving**

### **Leadership**

### **Improvisational Comedy**

### **Business Networking**

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## Volunteer Experience

### **Event coordinator at Lone Survivor Foundation**

April 2014 - Present (4 months)

The Lone Survivor Foundation was founded by Navy Seal Petty Officer, Marcus Luttrell. After returning from an operation in which he lost every member of his company, Marcus returned to his ranch in Texas and with the help of his friends and family was able to recover from both his physical and mental wounds. The Lone Survivor Foundation seeks to give this same type of treatment to returning US service men and women and help them overcome things such as PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

To learn more, visit: <http://lonesurvivorfoundation.org/>

Personally, I assisted my fraternity in hosting an event to raise funds for LSF.

As a part of our philanthropy committee, I:

- Attended weekly meetings
- Brainstormed success strategies
- Created schedules for members to meet with sponsors weekly
- Worked with Zephyr Printing to create event flyers
- Wrote a press release for the event and contacted radio stations and news outlets
- Manned a booth to promote interest in our event and LSF

## **Relay for Life-Team Captain at American Cancer Society**

April 2014 - Present (4 months)

Relay for Life is an event held in locations across the country to support the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society works to put a stop to cancer with research and support.

To learn more about all the things the American Cancer Society does, visit: <http://www.cancer.org/>

To find a walk near you, visit: <http://www.relayforlife.org/getinvolved/findanevent/app/findanevent.aspx>

Personally, I have participated in 2 Relays. Each relay is a 12 hour event from 7pm-7am. Every event is filled with activities to lift our spirits and bring us together. Additionally, the events have personal testimonies from survivors and caretakers. However, the Luminaria Ceremony is the part of the event I find most powerful.

At my most recent event, my team of 7 raised \$720.

## **Team Captain at JDRF**

February 2014 - Present (6 months)

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is a group raising funds in search of a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that affects millions of people around the world. Type 1 diabetes strikes both children and adults suddenly and is unrelated to diet or lifestyle. JDRF accepts donations and puts on walks in order to raise funds in the hope that one day we will live in a world without Type 1 diabetes.

To find a walk in your area or to learn more, visit:

[https://secure3.convio.net/jdrf3/site/SPageServer/?pagename=walk\\_homepage](https://secure3.convio.net/jdrf3/site/SPageServer/?pagename=walk_homepage)

Personally, I have only participated in 1 Walk to Cure Diabetes. My team of 6 raised \$655 for JDRF on that occasion. I have plans to participate in many more walks and to build my team so as to raise more funds for this worthy cause.

## **Volunteer at Catholic Heart Work Camp**

July 2007 - Present (7 years 1 month)

Catholic Heart Work Camp is a Catholic run organization that offers high schoolers a chance to enrich their summer by helping others. CHWC sets up week long camps across the nation and partners with local charitable organizations that enlists the help of the students enrolled in the camp.

Personally, I began volunteering in 2007 and continued until my graduation of high school in 2011. I still hold this organization very dear to my heart and plan to return as a group leader or counselor.

For CHWC, I have done things such as:

- Constructed 2 community gardens
- House and fence painting
- Storage organization
- Everyday house work

## Education

### **University of Iowa**

Theatre, Performing Arts Entrepreneurship, Writing, 2011 - 2016

Activities and Societies: Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Relay for Life

### **The Second City Training Center**

Sketch Comedy Writing, Improvisation, Acting, 2012 - 2012

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## Organizations

### **Delta Tau Delta**

Recruitment Chairman, Summer Recruiter, Philanthropy Committee Member, Active Member

September 2011 to Present

Delta Tau Delta was not present at The University of Iowa my freshman year. A team of national recruiters contacted myself and others about forming a chapter. While I did not enter college with the idea to join Greek Life, I saw this as an opportunity. I saw this as a way to change the image of Greek Life on campus by creating a Fraternity of gentlemen dedicated to serving their community. In the years of my membership and the renewed presence of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Iowa, we have begun this process by actions such as:

- Recruiting gentlemen dedicated to service and academic excellence
- Engaging in service projects that benefit our community and campus
- Fostering a brotherhood that uplifts its members to their highest potential

I am forever dedicated to my fraternity both at The University of Iowa and nationally. I will continue to work to make Delta Tau Delta the recognized standard of leadership and excellence among all college fraternities so that it may continue to prepare men for their lives outside of college.

I strive to live by our values of Truth, Courage, Faith, and Power.

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