

# Seniors: students return home

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individually.”

Despite the pressures of finding a job and gaining enough monetary means to chase those dreams, students explained that having the ability to pursue their passions is their primary motivator.

“I’m definitely feeling the pressure that all seniors are in this economy, not just to find a job, but a worthwhile job,” Loveness said. “You want to have a nice introduction to the world.”

Loveness has been working with the Onion News network, doing freelance writing while he also pursues acting jobs. For his type of career, he explained, he was limited by residence location.

“I didn’t always have the plan to be an actor,” Loveness said. “I came

here as a history major, but that was always the dream. So when I decided

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to finally pursue [acting], I knew I would have to live in Los Angeles.”

While Loveness seeks employment in the creative realm, Rachel Williams plans to work on missionary projects after graduation. Though

she will be traveling to Argentina to help orphans make the transition from youth to adulthood, she will be living at home while she is in this country.

“I think in the past, living at home as an adult carried a stigma that you weren’t doing things with your life, but now I think it means that you are simply resourceful while doing things with your life,” Williams said. “I think it is really cool. So many other countries around the world have families of several generations who live and work together.”

“[The high percentage of grads moving home] doesn’t shock me at all,” Williams said. “I think there are normally two reasons. First, it is cheaper to live at home. Second, I know for some people it is because they have been

gone for almost four years straight and miss their families. I know that is my case, I miss my family.”

While reading this article, you may even be struck by the fact that you have not started to plan for life after Pepperdine. The good news is it’s not too late.

“For our seniors, [the goal] is not letting fear get the best of you, and recognizing that there is so much that can help you in that process,” Adams said. “You don’t have to do it alone. You could be a senior four weeks from graduation saying ‘I don’t know what I want to do with my life,’ and that’s ok, you’re not alone.”

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