

# Ingram Scholar Alumni Spotlight

Peachy and her son Franklin

**PEACHY MYERS**, Class of 2000

## **DEGREES**

B.A., Sociology, Vanderbilt University

MPAff, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas

## **CURRENT LOCATION**

Austin, TX

## **CURRENT EMPLOYER**

Self-Employed

## **CURRENT OCCUPATION**

I started my own business two years ago. As a nonprofit consultant, I help organizations (that are doing work I deeply care about) expand their capacity to engage community members in meaningful ways and raise the funds they need to achieve their ambitious goals.

## **DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER PATH**

Winding! My career path has included providing college students with opportunities to serve their community through the academic curriculum; helping seniors in San Francisco navigate

campaign leadership team and organizing in

and playing a key role in the development and implementation of national service agenda; engaging community members in the local fight for affordable housing and integrating neighborhoods all over Austin; and, now, working with organizations committed to securing voting rights, criminal justice reform, humane border policy, and paid family leave. Next up? I hope to support the grassroots organizations working hard to elect more women and people of color at all levels of government.

**HOW DID THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY?**

**IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN THREE WORDS WHAT WOULD THEY BE?**

My Favorite People

**WHAT DOES THE INGRAM SCHOLAR COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?**

A lifelong circle of brilliant, kind, brave, inspiring, supportive friends.

**BEST INGRAM SCHOLAR MEMORY**

Hmm. So many. But probably freshman year orientation when, amid all my nerves and excitement, I remember being struck by an overwhelming sense of awe at the opportunity and

**WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR CURRENT SCHOLARS WHO WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR INGRAM SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE?**

Stay open to possibilities for your future - both near and far - that you may never have imagined for yourself. Some of my very best experiences have unfolded because I decided to turn this way, not that, and walk down unexpected paths.