

Thunderbird grad driven to give back to home country

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Jose Rachelle Revaly has always been inspired by the strength and resilience of her homeland.

"I'm from Haiti — the first Black republic — a country with a rich history, vibrant culture and resilient people who believe in the strength of community."

Coming to [Thunderbird School of Global Management](#) at Arizona State University, she sought to strengthen her global mindset and sharpen her financial and strategic leadership skills to further the future development of her home.

"Thunderbird is more than a school to me — it's a global platform that equips me to contribute meaningfully to economic development in Haiti and beyond."

Now, as she graduates this spring with a [Master of Global Management](#), she reflects on an incredible journey of growth.

Her time at Thunderbird has been enriched through diverse roles, such as student worker in the [Executive Education](#) department, Campus Ambassador, club leader, student panelist and Foundations leader. Through each, she's found purpose and connection.

However, a specific memory that stands out is the immense support she received from alumna Karen Simon.

"In the T-bird family, alumni are always here to help," Revaly said. "I had the amazing opportunity to be chosen by alumna Karen Simon, '83, for [The Karen Simon '83 Scholarship Award](#). What I love the most about her is her commitment; she makes sure to visit every semester to know how we are doing. I will always be grateful to her."

Revaly describes her Thunderbird experience as both challenging and transformative.

"At first, I felt uncertain and a bit overwhelmed. But each challenge helped me become stronger personally and professionally. Looking back, I know it was worth it. Learning helps us grow."

Above all, she is grateful for life, health and the people who surround her.

"We often realize someone's value only after they're gone. I try to appreciate people while they're still here," she reflects. "I'm also thankful for my health — something many people struggle with quietly. For me, gratitude is a daily practice. It keeps me grounded."

ASU News sat down with Revaly to learn more about her unique perspective and Thunderbird experience.

Note: This interview has been lightly edited for length and/or clarity.

Question: What advice would you give to a student just starting a program at Thunderbird?

Answer: My advice to a new Thunderbird student is to be open-minded and embrace the diversity around them. Everyone comes with a different story, culture and perspective, and that's the beauty of Thunderbird. Growth happens when you step out of your comfort zone and truly listen, learn and connect. Embrace the "mystique" of Thunderbird. Be humble.

Q: What motivates or inspires you?

A: I am inspired by the desire to raise the name of my country, Haiti, and my family name ... as high as possible. I am truly motivated by the sacrifices of my ancestors and loved ones, and by a strong calling to make a meaningful impact in the world. I believe that if each person works to improve their own community, together we can build a better world for everyone.

Lastly, something that inspired me was when I was exploring the opportunity to do the Chevening Scholarship program, and someone asked me, "Who do you want to be?" I said, "A CEO." When I joined Thunderbird, my accounting professor looked at me and said, "That's a CEO coming into my class." It was confirmation that I'm on the right path.

Q: Which professor taught you the most important lesson while at Thunderbird?

A: It's impossible to name just one professor, because each one played a special role in my journey. I am deeply grateful to all my professors for seeing my potential, even when I may have been quiet or shy. They listened beyond the loudest voices in the room and gave every student, including me, a chance to grow, speak and be heard. Through their support in class, through student worker roles and collaborations, I have grown so much. I hold each of them in my heart and will always be thankful for their guidance and belief in me.

Q: If someone gave you \$40 million to solve one problem on our planet, what would you tackle?

A: If given \$40 million, I would dedicate it to solving urgent humanitarian issues, especially those related to access to education, clean water and basic health care.

I was raised by my mother, Joseline Moise Dit Content, and my father, Joseph Ulrick Revaly, who both deeply believe in the power of education. This belief shaped who I am today. Through my achievements, I am honoring their values and their sacrifices by helping others live with dignity and opportunity.

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Jose Rachelle Revaly (left) was one of the Foundations leaders at Thunderbird, responsible for guiding new T-birds through their first week of orientation. Courtesy photo

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Jose Rachelle Revaly with fellow Thunderbird Campus Ambassadors on ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus.



Jose Rachelle Revaly enjoying the photo booth with fellow Campus Ambassadors during Thunderbird's Regional Night: Sub-Saharan Africa.



Jose Rachelle Revaly at Thunderbird Club Day, where she represented the Thunderbird Finance Association as well as the Thunderbird Venture Capital/Private Equity Club.