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Brenda Smith-Lezama, alum

Brenda Smith-Lezama started at the Career Academy her junior year of high school, having heard about it through friends who had taken a video broadcasting class. Brenda decided to pursue a career in broadcast journalism after taking several video broadcasting classes and interning with instructor Kevin Pullen. Brenda credits GICA and Mr. Pullen with her acceptance into the prestigious University of Missouri Broadcast Journalism School, saying "The faculty takes the time to build personal relationships with the students and encourages them along the way." A very involved student at Mizzou, Brenda is a Student Senator. She recently won the title of Miss Missouri Teen USA and will compete in Miss Teen USA this summer. Brenda is also working as a freelance contributor and weekly blogger for seventeen.com which is part of *Seventeen* magazine. Brenda told us, "At the end of the day, it's the legacy you leave behind." Brenda loves what she does and is living out her dreams. She specifically wants other students to know that you can do anything you want to do if you seize the opportunity. GICA is a great place to start.



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Emma McCloskey
and Emily
Reynolds,
Doug Jones,
Brenda Smith-
Lezama