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A first-generation college graduate who's been laid off twice since obtaining her degree, Emily Candish is profoundly grateful for her job as a Digital Solutions Specialist with the Ventura County Star.

The position, which evolved through a CI networking relationship with a former colleague, aligns closely with her expertise (communication and business management) and has allowed Candish to achieve a major personal goal: financial independence.

"It's been a tough journey, but I looked back at what I brought to those previous positions and realized I'd done an excellent job," she says. "I'm smart and had given all I had. What happened wasn't about me. This renewed my confidence and kept me moving forward. Now I have a job I love in an industry I very much enjoy, and I play an active role in helping our advertisers achieve their goals."

Candish also appreciates the fact that her employer is a strong supporter of CI.

"It makes me really proud," she says. "The Ventura County Star is a very large part of our community. It's great to work for an organization that helps build our local skill base and supports those who are pursuing an education here."

In her spare time, Candish enjoys hanging out with her two rabbits, Honey and Peanut. She's also passionate about support for all four-legged friends.

"I have a big soft spot in my heart for animals," she says. "The thought of an animal being euthanized because it was in a shelter for a week too long breaks my heart. I'm also against testing cosmetics on animals. I just can't rationalize that activity for things like my mascara! It's hard to find brands that are inexpensive and don't test, but I support them whenever I can."

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