

LIVING THE LANCER LIFE

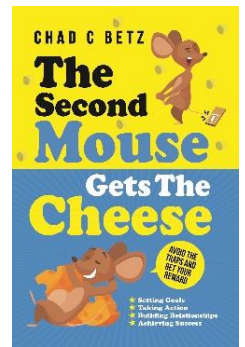


Chad C. Betz '86 has had a meandering yet rewarding journey since leaving Notre Dame. After graduation, he went to Fairfield University. Not finding the satisfaction he was hoping for, he pivoted to a new major at Sacred Heart University. In his junior year, he decided to double major in business and economics, taking six courses over the summer term to achieve that goal.

After college, Chad continued his wandering path in a varied career in financial services. He eventually found satisfaction helping build new business units and turning around failing business units. While working, he went back to school and received his master's in economics in 2008 from Trinity College.

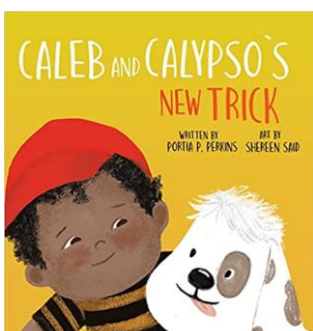
Chad is a martial artist with black belts in two nontraditional styles and is currently studying Goju Ryu. He is a husband and father of two children and an overweight, prematurely gray dog that he says reminds him of himself!

Reflecting on his life, he has authored two books, “Late Bloomer, It’s not too late to succeed!” and, most recently, “The Second Mouse Gets the Cheese”. In the books, Chad shows that you can succeed at any age. In the Second Mouse, he discusses the traps you can fall into trying to reach success and how to get beyond those to reach the level of success you deserve. Kudos, Chad!



Since he was 12 years old, **Jordan Crawford '17** has been studying the dancers of the Super Bowl Halftime Shows – copying the choreography and dreaming of dancing on that stage. This year, that dream came true when he was cast as a field dancer for Super Bowl LVI. Dancing with performers such as Dr. Dre, Snoop Dog and his long time, personal idol Mary J. Blige and being choreographed by Fatima Robinson, who has worked with Beyonce and Michael Jackson to name a few, this was truly the opportunity of a lifetime. Jordan wanted to give a special shoutout to his former ND dance teacher, Sally Hong, who he says “played a very special part in my journey to the many things I accomplish”. Keep chasing your dreams, Jordan. You make us proud!

Following in the footsteps of his mom, who served as one of the first faculty members at Notre Dame, **John Halstead '72** has spent his life in the education field. After receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his master's degree from UMASS, he landed at North Dakota State University where he taught Micro Economics and spent time on a research team working on the Nation's first high level nuclear waste repository. He left North Dakota State and spent some time working in the Denali National Park in Alaska while applying to PhD programs, ultimately landing at Virginia Tech for his Doctorate in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He has spent the last 34 years and counting at the University of New Hampshire teaching and doing research in Environmental Economics and local agriculture. He and his wife are the proud parents of three children – all of whom are currently pursuing master's degrees of their own. He has fond memories of his day at ND and remains connected with a group of classmates that still regularly meet each year. Once a Lancer, Always a Lancer!



Portia Perkins '01 is excited to announce the publication of her second book, *Caleb and Calypso's New Trick*, set for release in March. Follow the adventures of Caleb and his new puppy as they learn and grow while forming an unbreakable bond of love. Congratulations, Portia!