

For the months of February and March, we are proud to include two alumnae from the Class of 1985 as our Alumnae of the Month(s). They became friends while they were in Fontbonne, and are still best friends today. They were both part of our video for our accepted students' night and have always remained connected to Fontbonne. I am happy to introduce Lillian Labbat and Christine Poon Rinn.

Lillian was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and graduated Fontbonne Class of 1985. She received her MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business, with a focus on finance and management.

Lillian always had a strong interest in international business and built her career focusing on developing countries. Lillian is currently the Global Head of Structured Export Finance at JP Morgan. She manages a global team providing structured financings in a wide range of industries, particularly oil & gas, power, transportation and infrastructure. Financings to developing markets are supported by export credit agencies backed by OECD governments and multilateral institutions, such as the World Bank. In 2013, Lillian represented JP Morgan in receiving a Lender of the Year award, with gratitude expressed by Vice President Biden.



Prior to JP Morgan, Lillian headed an export finance business in NA at French bank, BNP Paribas. Lillian also spent 10 years at Citigroup, including the Project & Structured Trade Finance division at Salomon Smith Barney. Earlier in her career, she worked as a relationship officer at the US Export-Import Bank, a financing agency of the US Government. Lillian feels fortunate to have travelled to over 40 countries, primarily as a result of her work.

Lillian sits on the advisory board of the Private Export Funding Corp, is a committee member of the American Bankers' Association for Foreign Trade and is a member of the Coalition for Employment through Exports. Lillian is a frequent speaker at Euromoney and related trade finance conferences and has provided numerous interviews on export financing. She is participating in charitable causes, including Cycle for Survival and the Starfish Greathearts Foundation. In her spare time, Lillian, who lives in Manhattan, can be found hiking on the west coast or finding her balance in a yoga class in NYC.

Lillian is proud to say she is an alumna of Fontbonne Hall. She cherishes the education received and the values instilled by her dedicated teachers at Fontbonne.



Christine was born in Hong Kong, immigrated to the United States in 1974 and settled in Brooklyn. She is proud of the fact that she learned her strong work ethic from her dad.

Christine jokingly says that she was “slave labor” at her father’s restaurant beginning at the age of 12 and did not get paid a salary of \$5.00 a week until she was 15. That made her appreciate the value of money. Her father often said “Do you know how many egg rolls I have to sell to send you to school?” Now Christine says to her own children – “Do you know how many deals I have to close to send you to school? Don’t waste the opportunity.” Hence, my work ethic.

She graduated from Regina Pacis, Fontbonne, NYU Stern School of Business with a double major in accounting & finance, and St. John’s University School of Law in 1993.

After graduating law school, Christine worked at small real estate law firms in Chinatown, where she honed her Chinese speaking skills (which she never thought she would ever use – boy was she wrong!) and in midtown, where she further developed her skills in Real Estate Law by representing lenders in foreclosure and buyers and sellers in commercial and residential real estate transactions.

Finally, before going on her own, she was an associate at a midsize Wall Street firm, Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, representing lenders such as The Bank of New York in its commercial lending division and was one of the main associates for the initial construction loan of the Atlantic Terminal Mall and Barclays Stadium.

She started Poon & Rinn LLC with her husband, Greg Rinn, in 2001, representing small privately held companies with assets of over \$200 million in corporate transactions and major lenders in residential \, commercial and reverse lending. The firm has grown to include two additional associates and three paralegals.

While in law school, in 1992, along with few friends, Christine opened a durable medical equipment company, Cybercare Medical, which dispenses medical equipment like wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. to patients. Now, she owns the company completely and it has become a subsidiary to another company, Medical Logistics Inc, owned by Greg. Together, both companies are among the few that dispense specialized oscillating mattress to patients with open wounds in the tri-state areas. Dedicated to helping patients heal and live more comfortably, they work closely with major hospitals, nursing homes, and visiting nurse centers; in particular, the Dominican Sisters of Long Island.

Christine still stays in touch with her Fontbonne friends via Facebook. She has been best friends with Lillian Labbat since Fontbonne. They have actually known each other since 6th grade, and Lillian is the godmother to Christine's twelve year old daughter Victoria.

Christine said "Every time I drive by the school or step past the front gates, it brings back such great memories - as if it were yesterday - it feels good to be home. I LOVE my FA, Mrs. Fell and her hubby, Mr. Fell. I strive to be like her – a confident, strong and loving person who always gives, gives and gives and who has forever made an everlasting impression for me !"

Christine lives in Dyker Heights with her husband, Greg, daughter, Victoria, and son Thomas (10).