



RILEY B. FOLDS '97

Diversity & Inclusion Manager | Disney Consumer Products

After graduating from La Roche College with a bachelor's degree in international business management, Riley B. Folds continued his education, established a career and became a leading figure in the LGBTQ community.

Currently Mr. Folds works as the Diversity and Inclusion Manager for Disney Consumer Products. In this position, he ensures that diversity and inclusion are integrated into strategies around the workforce, workplace and marketplace for Disney's Consumer Products/Interactive Segments.

"My La Roche experience provided me with the education, tools, resources and relationships that prepared me for success in my career," he stated.

Mr. Folds, who earned his master's degree in career counseling at Capella University in 2014, founded OUT for Work-Founded, a nonprofit organization that focuses on preparing LGBTQ college students for the transition from academia to the workplace. In 2013 he received the American College Personnel Association's Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Public Service Award.

In June 2013, Mr. Folds released his first book, "Your Queer Career: The Ultimate Career Guide for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Job Seekers." Published by Riverdale Avenue, the book capsulated his decade of work in the area of LGBTQ workplace equality.

"Giving back in a meaningful way has always been a component of my life," said Mr. Folds, who also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador from January 1999 to June 2001.