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Local Mom Wins National Essay Contest

Submitted by Candace Morton

Lafayette stay-at-home mom, Candace Morton, won a national essay contest sponsored by Oprah Magazine and Chase Blueprint this summer, and on the heels of her 45th birthday, and 20th wedding anniversary, she and her husband, Greg, were whisked off to New York for a professional photo shoot for 'O' Magazine. Due to the poor economy, negative home equity, and dwindling investments, Morton wanted to find a way to take control of her life. A few years ago, she started the "College of Candace," which consisted of working with a foreign exchange non-profit, starting her Mary Kay business (learning accounting, sales, and marketing in the process), taking French lessons, online screenwriting courses, and golf. Her essay about her experience was one of two chosen out of more than 1,500 entries. The first of three articles was featured in the November issue of 'O' Magazine. You can also read more about Morton online at www.oprah.com/packages/chase-blueprint-for-a-better-you.html.

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