

MCRPA Special Spotlight 10th Anniversary Edition

A look back at some of the answers from our members from previous spotlights throughout the years.

What's your favorite childhood memory?

Angie Lawver

"My best friend growing up was Jennifer Flory. During the blizzard of 1993, I was stuck at her house for a week because the pipes at my house froze and her father would not let me leave. We spent that entire week sled-riding in the huge corn field behind her house. We didn't even need sleds because there was a thick coating of ice on top of the 2+ feet of snow that fell. We would slide down and grab ahold of the corn stalks sticking up out of the snow/ice. Additionally, when we got cold, we played Nintendo, made commercials, watched movies, etc. It was such a fun week!!"

Laurie Williams

"My favorite childhood memory was taking road trips with my cousins. I grew up in Montreal. Every summer we would go from Montreal to Brooklyn to visit my grandma and spend time with family."

Noah Saposnik

"Going to Disney World with my family for vacation. I grew up in South Florida."

Kaylin Nguyen

"Walking home from school every day with my younger brother, Nghi, and stopping by the same convenience store to buy ice cream."

Jeremi Lecuyer

"Visiting my grandparents in France and Japan. I visited relatives, ate great food, and traveled."

Maria Moreno

"When I was 12, I was in the school choir, and we were lucky enough to be chosen to be a part of a larger performance group made up of kids from around the country called "America Sings". That year was special for the group because "America Sings" was invited to perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. So I was able to take a

remarkable 3 day trip, with some of my best friends to perform on Broadway. Not bad for my first trip to New York! It was magical. One of those experiences that always stays with you.”

Matt Wilson

“Definitely summers at the beach with my mother, sister, and cousins. We’d stay at my grandma’s house on the Eastern Shore and get up early most days and spend the day on the beach. In the evening we would head back and ride our bikes or read.”

Alejandro Leopardi

“I remember being in New York City with my family, surrounded by a lot of Argentinians, when Argentina won the World Cup. We went out into the streets and partied like a nation had just been liberated. I think that spurred my interest in the sport.”

Asia Lunn

“My favorite childhood memory is riding my new tricycle at the age of five or six. I had on a pretty red sundress and remember my father being concerned about me riding a bike while in a dress. He took a beautiful picture instead, which I still have today.”

Maria Adams

“My favorite childhood memory was acting in a short play while waiting for the school bus to arrive when I was in elementary school. I wrote the play, served as the narrator, and acted various roles with my sisters.”

How do you define success?

Chauncy Butcher

“Living out my purpose and positively impacting the lives of many. Success is waking up every day with a smile on my face, goals to achieve, a plan of action, and enjoying what I set out to do.”

Ramica Allen

“Success is being able to provide a high quality of life for my family and myself. Success is being able to achieve goals in spite of barriers.”

Elizabeth Schlackman

“Success for me is accomplishing the goals I have set for myself. I always like to have a goal I’m working towards, both in my personal life and professionally. Recently, I mastered pie dough. Beyond that, I feel pleased to have accomplished many of my goals in the last few years: a solid, secure job that challenges and rewards me, a happy personal life.”

Carroll Rollman

“Success to me is accomplishing a goal that you are passionate about pursuing and driven to achieve. There is nothing like crossing that finish line!”

Nghi Nguyen

“I would define success as being happy with your work and being able to achieve the goals that you set out to do.”

Ja’Bette Lozupone

“I define success by being authentic, being true to myself, trying to be the best version of myself, trying to help other people be the best versions of themselves, trying to keep front of mind what’s truly most important and not get caught up in the daily grind. Telling the people that I love that I love them, whether that’s at work or my intimate circle of friends or my family members, and ultimately at the end of the day, for me, success is going to be fulfilling my purpose and helping others fulfill theirs.”

Nik Sushka

“Success for me is growth. Personal or professional growth for me is all about self-reflection, taking on new challenges, and pushing myself to do something that wasn’t possible before.”

Nancy Newton

“Success looks different to every individual. For some, it is being able to get out of bed, for others it may be completing a multi-billion dollar merger. For me, success is being able to look in the mirror and know that I did my best, I did no harm, and I made a tiny difference in someone else’s life.”

If you could get a second chance for a “dream job”, would you still be doing what you’re doing right now or is there another job you would love to have?

Asia Lunn

“This is a hard question because I love my current job and enjoy both the teaching and advising aspects of the position. However, if I could get a second chance for a “dream job” it would have something to do with lecturing or mission work. I greatly enjoy teaching as well as traveling. It would be ideal if I could travel to various places and lecture or offer workshops on women’s issues. Specific areas of interest include teaching women to acquire transferable skills or use existing skills to achieve professional growth and increased self-sufficiency. I would especially appreciate the opportunity to travel to underdeveloped or poverty stricken areas where women are impacted by fair trade or have minimal skills and are attempting to support their families.”

Kaylin Nguyen

"I love my current job, but my dream job would be to work at a non-profit organization helping the unfortunate ones especially children and the elderly."

Eniola Olowofoyeku

"I enjoy doing the job that I do right now. For the future, I'd like to serve in a role where I can assist the college in fulfilling its mission while making use of my entrepreneurial and public speaking skills."

Maria Moreno

"I love working with students, but if I had to stop working in higher education, my pipe dream would be to become a writer; specifically, a novelist. Not necessarily JK Rowling stature but just to be able to move people with my words on a global scale would be a dream in itself."

Alejandro Leopardi

"I need to prompt this by saying, teaching, especially at a community college, is the by far the best job I've ever held. Literally. But if I could have a dream job, it would be as a full-time filmmaker. I love every part of the filmmaking process, from brainstorming, to writing, to filming, and post. More than that, I like quality films that value story over spectacle."

Edesa Ashourian

"I have enjoyed my HR career but what has interested me more and more is a career in Accounting. My husband has a small business and I manage his accounting and I've really enjoyed it and have learned a lot!"

Kathleen Boyer

"Although I like my job, I would choose a different route and be an interior designer."