

**MCRPA Member Spotlight**  
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**What department do you work in? What is your job title?  
How long have you been at the College?**

I work with Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA) doing a year of service with the AmeriCorps VISTA program. I started in July 2022 and my service year ends June 2023.

**How do you define success? What does success look like?**

I was a math and computer science double major in college (Davidson '20), and I'm motivated by community service and helping those who haven't had the opportunities I've had. Success to me is bringing those two things together: using technology to bring social change.

**What is one goal you hope to achieve this year?**

This year, I'd like to expand my career horizons. I want to learn what's out there, meet new people, see how I can use the skills I have, etc.

**What hobby would you get into if time and money were not an issue?**

I would love to learn to speak another language (or several). I am currently (sort of) learning Spanish to prepare for a trip my father and I are taking to Chile in March.

**Who has impressed you most with what they've accomplished?**

Muggsy Bogues – he was the shortest ever NBA player but found success despite the deck being stacked against him, and now runs a successful charity in the Charlotte, NC area.

**What are you interested in that most people haven't heard of?**

In college my roommate got me into Kendama, a Japanese cup-and-ball game. It takes a lot of practice but I have gotten pretty decent.

**What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?**

Learn to play an instrument. I did percussion in high school and have been teaching myself guitar for a few years now. It's a great creative outlet for me.

**What profession did you want to work in when you were younger?**

I don't totally remember, but I think I wanted to drive a train for a while.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?**

That's a good question. Hopefully working with technology in a way I find meaningful. Travelling a lot. Maybe starting a family, I guess.

**Who are some of the biggest supporters in your professional career(s)?**

I think my mom has always been my biggest supporter, in my career and beyond, but I should also give a shout-out to ATPA Director Nik Sushka, who introduced me to MCRPA and many other professional development opportunities at MC.