



MCPRA Member Spotlight
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Ja'Bette Lozupone

1. How long have you worked at Montgomery College, and what is your current role?

I've worked at Montgomery College since 2006, and I'm currently the director for the Achieving the Promise initiatives.

2. How long have you been in your current profession?

I actually got into higher education completely as a fluke. I had been working in retail management and I had applied for a job at Montgomery College, and I started here as an administrative aide for the Macklin Business Institute at the Rockville campus. And up until that point, I had kind of been wandering, doing all sorts of different things trying to pursue what I thought was going to be my career not really knowing where I belonged, and as soon as I got my job here at Montgomery College, it was like a huge light went off, and I was like, oh my gosh, this is it I belong, in higher ed. I just absolutely loved it, and I still do.

3. How do you define success?

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.

4. What do you enjoy most about Montgomery College students?

I love everything about them. It's the hope, it's the potential, it's the commitment, the

dedication, the desire to change their lives. I am so inspired by so many of our students who are often times coming from very challenging circumstances and having to overcome all sorts of different obstacles, and I have a special place in my heart for those students because I had to overcome a lot of the same adversity. So I really empathize with them. They inspire me every day. They're amazing. I love our students.

5. What are you currently passionate about?

Right now, I'm very passionate about my doctoral dissertation that I'm doing.

6. What is one goal you hope to achieve this year?

Well, this year, if we're looking at it from a twelve-month perspective, not necessarily this year, which is 2019 I would say completing my dissertation.

7. What is your favorite quote?

This isn't a quote that belongs to someone else but something that I just believed, which is in order to learn to lead you have to first learn to live. I think if you learn to live with integrity and honesty and love and care and compassion then you know everything you need to know about leadership and and not take yourself too seriously and steeping yourself in humility.

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

I really love skiing and I love shooting trap and skeet. I think I would probably do something with racecar driving. I think I would also compete in professionally dancing. I think I'd be doing a lot a lot of different things. I'd be painting more; I'd be doing more crochet projects.

9. They say that everyone has a book in them. What would be the title of your book?

I think the title of my book would probably be Against All Odds.

10. What do you want to be remembered for?

I want to be remembered for being a genuine and authentic friend who could be counted on when, when it was really needed.

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