

# Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – August 2018



Katie Kelpy

1. **What is your role at Montgomery College?**

I am the Germantown Campus Registrar in the Office of Enrollment Services. I am responsible for the oversight and management of admissions, registration, records, graduation, transcript evaluation, outgoing transcripts, scheduling, veterans, and international students – to name a few! Ensuring adherence to College policies and procedures, federal and state regulations, and FERPA, as well as participating in various committees, is important in this position as well.

2. **How long have you been in the field?**

I have been working in Enrollment Services for eight years.

3. **How long have you been at Montgomery College?**

I have been working at Montgomery College since 2005. I first began working with the College Institute program as a temporary assistant in 2005, which is now called the Dual Enrollment Program. I also worked with the Gateway to College program, and in the Office of Academic Initiatives. In 2010, I was hired permanently as the Course Scheduling Assistant at the Germantown Campus Enrollment Services Office. In 2013, I was promoted to Enrollment Services Specialist at Rockville. I became Interim Germantown Campus Registrar in February 2016, and hired as the permanent Germantown Campus Registrar in August 2016.

4. **What are some of your hobbies?**

I love gardening – planting flowers and growing vegetables. I have two German Shorthaired Pointers, Pax and Pepper, who turned three in November. I love taking them to the park with my husband.

5. **What would be your ideal dream vacation?**

Somewhere warm that includes a beautiful beach and ocean.

6. **What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?**

A property with lots of land, and/or a farmette, to live with my husband and our two energetic dogs – they love to run! I would also make a donation to the American Diabetes Association to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

7. **What's your favorite childhood memory?**

My family going on our annual summer vacation to Holden Beach, North Carolina. We would rent a house right on the sand, and spend every day, all day, on the beach. Loved it!

8. **What was the last movie you watched? How many stars would you give it if you were a Movie Critic?**

Breakfast at Tiffany's – such a classic.

9. **What was the last sport or music concert event you attended?**

Probably a live music performance in downtown Frederick. The last year has been pretty busy! I hope to see Chris Stapleton in the fall.

**10. 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?**

I would absolutely still be doing what I do now. I remember when I completed my undergraduate experience, I was at a crossroads to decide pursuing a career in business (I majored in Organizational Administration) or higher education (which is where I worked throughout college and I loved working in this field where I could give back to the community). I stayed in higher education, worked for a number of years and gained valuable experiences, pursued a Master’s degree in Higher Education, and now have my dream job of Campus Registrar. In the future, I would like to pursue a Ph.D. in Higher Education, and move into the next level – College Registrar, Director of Admissions, Dean of Student Affairs– something along those lines.