

# Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – February 2020



Kimberly Robinson

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

I have been with Montgomery College for 10 years and my current role is Program Coordinator for the Adult ESOL & Literacy Grant Program (AELG). AELG is non-credit program offering basic English language and vocational training for non-native English-speaking students as well as GED® Test Preparation. As Program Coordinator, I am heavily involved in planning, negotiating, and assessing operational activities related to effective implementation of AELG programs (both on and off campus).

2. **What is your favorite thing about working at MC?**

My favorite things about working at MC are the people, opportunities for engagement, and dedication to honoring our mission, vision and values.

3. **How long have you been in your current profession?**

Let's just say I've been in the profession a while. I started out as an Administrative Assistant in the local community college ESOL program and was promoted from that position to Educational Technical Specialist giving me more direct experience working GED® and High School Completion candidates. From there, I found my way to a medical school where I spent six years coordinating programs before deciding to fully commit myself to the world of higher ed by completing my MA in Education. After that I was hooked. I've worked for 3 community colleges, 1 university, and 2 professional schools (Medical and Chiropractic). Each opportunity enabled me to grow professionally and contribute to both student and faculty success.

4. **What do you want to be remembered for?**

I simply want to be remembered for my perseverance, my courage, and for being a good person.

5. **What is your favorite quote?**

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity – Albert Einstein

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

If time and money were not an issue I would travel the world. There is so much to see and learn by traveling. Travel is so much more than a break from your day to day routine, it is an opportunity to develop new perspectives, recharge, reflect, and be humbled. AND YES, it is also about FUN!

7. **When people come to you for help, what do they usually want help with?**

Typically, people come to me for help with planning or technology related issues.

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

Challenge yourself to do something new or unfamiliar and follow through to the end. You'll be surprised what you are capable of.

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

Straight out of high school, I wanted to be a top CPA working six months out of the year and traveling the remaining six months.

10. **What do you enjoy the most about MCRPA?**

What I enjoy most about MCRPA are the opportunities to network (both personally and professionally) and participate in targeted professional development. Prior to joining MCRPA I did very little networking and was not engaged with anything outside of my workstation. Directly related to my involvement with MCRPA, I can say that I am actively involved and interested in college happenings and have a community of professionals that I can count on.