

Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – April 2016



Laurie Williams

1. What is your role at Montgomery College?

Nursing Academic Progression Manager. It's a new position created to help students get on the ADN-to-BSN career pathway. The Institute of Medicine put forth a recommendation that 80% of bedside nurses should obtain their BSN by 2020. My current position supports this recommendation. Several students have already expressed interest in the new Montgomery College/University of Maryland School of Nursing partnership.

2. How long have you been in the field?

I have been in higher education for about 10 years.

3. How long have you been at Montgomery College?

I started in 2006 at MC's Career Transfer Center. I left MC and taught ESL for a few years and then returned to MC in 2013 to teach ESOL in the AELG program. In 2014, I returned to Career Services and summer of 2015, I started this position.

4. What are some of your hobbies?

I love to travel and sing. I enjoy arts and crafts projects.

5. What would be your ideal dream vacation?

Around the World by Private Jet, an opportunity to circle the globe on a 24-day journey to five continents with National Geographic.

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

A ticket to around the world after paying off students loans and bills.

7. What's your favorite childhood memory?

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.

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

The Revenant. 3/4 stars.

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

Paulo Ramos in Montreal, Canada. He is a Brazilian jazz artist.

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 enjoy working in higher education. It's a field where we can generate solutions to issues, conduct research.... I like being on the preventive side of things. If I could get paid to do murals around the world, I would do that on the side.