

Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – April 2018



Maria Adams

1. What is your role at Montgomery College?

I currently work in the Compliance, Risk, and Ethics Office as an Associate Compliance Specialist, assisting with the launch, development, and coordination of the College's new Ethics program. This work includes many aspects, such as developing communications about the College's ethics reporting line, assisting with ethics reporting system management, and determining new ethics training. I also am assisting with compliance awareness and with monitoring compliance requirements. I previously worked as a Recruitment and College Access Coordinator for several years, helping new students successfully navigate the enrollment process.

2. How long have you been in the field?

My first full-time job in higher education started in 1996.

3. How long have you been at Montgomery College?

I have been working at the College for 20 years.

4. What are some of your hobbies?

I went on a great kayaking tour in Annapolis last summer. Kayaking provides an enjoyable opportunity to exercise, view nature, and relax on the water. I would enjoy more opportunities to go kayaking this spring and summer. I also appreciate attending and cheering on my sons at various sports and school events. I have served as a room parent, co-led a parent diversity committee, and organized a diversity speaker event.

5. What would be your ideal dream vacation?

I would love the opportunity to return to Australia. I participated in a study abroad program in Sydney, Australia during my junior year of college. It was a dream come true, and I tremendously enjoyed that study and travel experience.

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

I would purchase a brand new townhouse.

7. What's your favorite childhood memory?

My favorite childhood memory was acting in a short play while waiting for the school bus to arrive when I was in elementary school. I wrote the play, served as the narrator, and acted various roles with my sisters.

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

I saw "Black Panther" in the movie theatre and truly enjoyed watching this amazing and inspiring movie.

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

My younger son's basketball game!

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 really enjoy working in the field of higher education. My career as a higher education professional has been incredibly rewarding, particularly my experiences working with the Montgomery Scholars Honors program and the Board of Trustees Scholarship program. My dream job would involve continuing to work in the educational arena as an associate vice president.