



Montgomery College Rising Professionals Association (MCRPA) Member Spotlight - October 2020

Maria Moreno

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

I am currently in my 10th year of working at MC. I am currently an Enrollment & Student Access Specialist at Raptor Central. We help guide students through the onboarding process; offering support via phone, email, and across social media platforms.

2. Who inspires you?

Too many people to specify. Mainly strong women making a difference across various fields. Especially women who have broken and continue to break barriers are inspiring to me.

3. What is your favorite thing about working at MC?

The diversity, both in our staff and faculty and with our students. We are such a melting pot, and I learn different things about others' cultures just by coming to work. I love that!

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

Their determination. I speak to different students on a daily basis and the complexity of each of their journeys is amazing. The majority of our students have so much more than school on their plates, yet they find the time and the will to thrive. They are determined to accomplish their goals no matter how long it takes and I think that is impressive.

5. What are you currently passionate about?

Being home more has given me an appreciation for home organization and redecorating, I am purging a lot of unnecessary stuff.

6. What is your favorite quote?

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart"
— Eleanor Roosevelt

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

I would travel and photograph people and places to create visual stories of personal experiences. I am a strong believer that representation matters, and I find everyday people overcoming every day struggles can have a deeper impact than celebrities or politicians. Its another way of educating the masses.

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

Honestly, friends and family often come to me when looking for jobs. I enjoy helping people with reworking I am always looking at job listings. The majority of the time it isn't even a job for myself its for others who I know are looking for a change, or out of work. Helping others find work, which could then become a career is always fulfilling.

9. Who was your idol growing up?

Gloria Estefan. I've always loved her music and admired her strength to pick herself up and keep going against all odds.

10. Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?

Hopefully, still married to my now fiancée. Still working with students, but in a different capacity. My biggest goal is just to continue being happy, work on health goals and continue with a fulfilling career. I think that's always the core goal regardless of the timeframe, especially when sharing it with those you most love.