

## **MCRPA Member Spotlight**

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#### **Stacy Ford**



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

I've joined the MC family in 2017 as the Accessible Technology Coordinator. My role is to empower others to be able to create more inclusive content, find and use more accessible technology, and build more equitable digital environments.

#### **What are you currently passionate about?**

My passions are in coalition building and developing inclusive environments and user experiences for students and employees in higher education.

#### **What is one goal you hope to achieve this year?**

Launching the Universal Design Center at MC.

#### **What is your favorite thing about working at MC?**

The things I appreciate are the support and working with people that are like family.

#### **What is your favorite quote?**

At the moment, it is this one from Brené Brown, since I am trying to unpack and paint collective courage in action.

"The level of collective courage in an organization is the absolute best predictor of that organization's ability to be successful."

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

How to use or troubleshoot technology and programs 😊

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

I would learn more about programming, building computers, and robots.

#### **Who inspires you?**

When I first came to interview at MC, I thought my role was only to check a compliance box. I remember seeing some publication on the table in the Central Services building as I waited to be called up that resonated with me with being authentic towards inclusion. Since then, through many people at MC, I've met thoughtful, authentic, and accepting people who radiate this kindness. This has inspired me to build community.

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

Making a difference whether it is mentoring or contributing to things that are bigger than me. I realized it is not always about getting recognition or having people remember your name. Sometimes you do not always see your impact. To this day, I still get a humbling note once in a while from people as a reminder for things that I did not realize had made an impact. In a memory box, I still save the notes and letters from coworkers and students from kindergarten to college to remind myself that I may not always see what mattered to someone else.

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

Being a consultant and helping people evaluate and build inclusive environments for their employees and clients.