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What have you been doing since graduation?

2 years building houses with Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the country through AmeriCorps before attending the University of Michigan, where I received my MA in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Diversity and Social Justice in Higher Education in December 2013. I was recently hired by the University of Colorado-Boulder as their Coordinator for Service-Learning, where I develop service initiatives and facilitate social justice trainings for students.

Is your chosen field what you expected as an undergrad?

Absolutely not. When I started at CSU, I thought I would be a pharmacist. The Honors Program was very supportive through my major changes as I tried to identify where my passions and academic interests were.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I hope to be working on my doctoral degree in a field related to studying volunteerism, service, or higher education. I would love to serve as the CEO for the Corporation for National and Community Service or another national organization seeking to promote service and citizenship of traditional college students.

Do you have any advice for current

Honors Students?

I'm a little biased, but I would recommend participating in Viking Expedition, Make a Difference Day, or Do-Gooder Day. I would also recommend attending more campus lectures and events, since CSU has such extensive connections in Northeast



Ohio. I would also recommend networking with more faculty and staff members. A colleague once recommended cultivating my own "board of trustees" – people who can give me career advice as I progress through my degree and after graduation. Many of the members on my personal "board of trustees" I met through the Honors Program or Cleveland State.

How did the Honors Program help prepare you for success?

Being in the Honors Program allowed me to connect with many students, staff, and faculty on campus, which led to exceptional leadership and service opportunities. I was able to work to address various social issues in the Cleveland community through our experience courses, and supported me as the founding president of Viking Expeditions. These experiences fostered a sense of leadership and responsibility to my community, which ultimately has guided my career path. Additionally, the intellectual stimulation and rigor of the Honors Program prepared me to attend and succeed in the top graduate program in my field.



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**BA: Nonprofit Administration
BS in Health Sciences.**

