



Honors College Mentor Database

The Honors College Mentor database is designed for current Honors students to be able to reach out to Honors College alumni, parents, or friends of the college for mentoring. The partnership can be as formal or informal as the parties wish.

Mentors can serve in the following ways:

- Participate in one-time informational interviews about their current or past positions or graduate school via email, phone, or in-person conversations.
- Develop supportive relationships with Honors students by sharing appropriate personal information about your own successes, failures, school and career choices, experiences, etc.
- Support students through graduate school or job application processes
- Direct students to resources available for research, fellowship, assistantships, or job opportunities.
- Introduce students to others in your field.
- Assist Honors students in applying their classroom knowledge to life and their future careers.
- Serve as a general resource for information, support, and advice.

Please note, only fields containing basic information will be VIEWABLE to TU Honors students. Students must reach out to the Honors College to receive any contact information or resumes.

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Thank you for your time!

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Towson University Alumni

Name	Elaine De Lude
Current Field	Real Estate, Property Management, Marketing, Multifamily Real Estate - LIVEbe Communities
Education	International Business, Spanish, History minor
Graduation Year	1991
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing
Personal Biography	I began my professional career in sales with Cellular One and moved into the multifamily industry where I have held several different types of positions. I worked my way up by proving out my value with each role I took. I have led big and small teams and worked at private and publicly held companies in the DMV. In my current role, I started LIVEbe Communities for a former real estate client who wanted to bring their asset management in house. Our industry requires that you excel in many different aspects of real estate including customer service, marketing, management, accounting, financial analysis, leadership etc... I am a mom of three and I am 50% Cuban.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Amanda Menke
Current Field	Social Work - JHU Behavioral Health Crisis Support Team Clinician
Education	International Studies/ Political Science
Graduation Year	2012
Areas Interested in Mentoring	<p>Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field</p> <p>Amanda Menke, LCSW-C, LICSW, is a licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Clinical Supervisor in Maryland and Washington, D.C. Amanda graduated from Towson University in 2012 with a B.A. in International Studies and Political Science. Her undergraduate experience led her to serve in the Peace Corps in Rwanda specializing in English language teaching and community expansion work. Upon returning back to the United States, Amanda attended University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work and graduated with her MSW in 2018. While at UMB SSW, Amanda had the privilege of serving as the President of the Student Government Association, as a BHWISE fellow, and as a member of various other student groups. Following her graduation from UMB SSW, Amanda became employed with Maryland state at RICA Baltimore- RTC where she was extensively trained in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy. In her social work career, Amanda has worked in government agencies, healthcare organizations, residential treatment centers, outpatient practices and for the Office of the Public Defender. Amanda also has her own private practice, Therapeutic Bridges, LLC, where she provides individual, group and family therapy. Currently, she is working at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, as a founding member of the Behavioral Health Crisis Support Team (BHCST). Amanda is a long-time resident of Baltimore and feels incredibly passionate about living and working in the city that she loves.</p>
Personal Biography	



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Name	Mike Ukoha
Current Field	Healthcare - Physical Therapist
Education	Biology
Graduation Year	2014
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Michael Ukoha, PT, DPT is a Physical Therapist at FOX Rehabilitation in Maryland and Washington DC. He currently serves as a Board of Director for APTA Maryland and created the Live and Grow Mentorship organization to help diversify the field of physical therapy through the development of a support system for pre-pt students applying to DPT programs. He currently serves as a PT Moves Me Ambassador for APTA Maryland to further educate pre-pt students on the profession, career pathways within it, and expectations of practice in various clinical settings. Michael was awarded the Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR) award by the GGEAR program of University of Maryland Baltimore in 2017 for his graduating class. He was the 2021 Recipient of the Steven M. Levine Award from the APTA Maryland recognizing his current leadership at the state and national level, advocacy for the profession, and a role model for professionalism. He is the 2022 Recipient of the University of Maryland: Baltimore Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) Alum of the year recognizing great work and achievements within the physical therapy community.



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Name	Kristen Coffey
Current Field	Higher Education - Program Manager, Board Operations - University of Maryland, College Park Foundation
Education	Mass Communications- Towson University, M.A.Ed. Higher Education and Student Affairs - Virginia Tech
Graduation Year	2015
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Kristen Coffey is a 2015 graduate of the Honors College with a major in Mass Communication (Public Relations & Advertising) and minors in Business & Marketing. As a TU student, Kristen was involved with New Student Programs, Greek Life, and study abroad. After graduation she went on to complete a M.A.Ed. in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Virginia Tech in 2017 and has since worked at in various areas of the college environment at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (first year experience programs) and now at the University of Maryland, College Park (undergraduate admissions; UMCP Foundation Board of Trustees).



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Name	Brandon Sacks
Current Field	Video - Video Technician, Baltimore County Public Schools
Education	Electronic Media and Film
Graduation Year	2015
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	I spent five years with Towson University athletics serving in a video production/broadcast technician role. After that, I moved to Baltimore County Public Schools to do photography, videography, and production. Throughout, I've been freelancing with different companies, most notably with CBS Sports and Fox Sports.



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Name	Neta Shwartz
Current Field	Biotech - Plant Growth Platform Lead at InnerPlant
Education	Molecular and Developmental Biology
Graduation Year	2016 (BS) and 2018 (MA)
Areas Interested in Mentoring	<p>Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field</p>
Personal Biography	<p>"I am a biologist, educator, and gardener interested in building community. My experience in biological research in the lab ranges from molecular biology, microbiology, neuroscience, and plant biology.</p> <p>With a creative and curious mindset, I take initiative on process improvement and development with hands-on engineering solutions that take multiple stakeholders into consideration. Major skills that I draw on daily include horticulture in the greenhouse and in controlled environments, engineering frameworks for consistent and aseptic lab spaces, public speaking to communicate science to various audiences, and mentoring others.</p> <p>My mission is to provide whole and nutritional food to all with an understanding of nourishment and ecological impact of local produce. Helping others to find equality in this world starts with pursuing health and joy. Joy to put hands in earth, to help something grow from seed, and to provide essential nourishment that is a right, not a privilege."</p>



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Ayana Bowman
Current Field	Law - Attorney
Education	Political Science
Graduation Year	2017
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	I am currently an attorney with the United States Postal Service. My practice area is litigation focused and primarily consists of labor and employment law. Prior to joining the Postal Service, I attended the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Lauren Cahalan
Current Field	Finance - Equity Research Analyst, Investigative Team Lead @ Brown Advisory
Education	Economics & Political Science
Graduation Year	2018
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Lauren Cahalan leads Brown Advisory's Investigative Research Team and is a member of the Equity Research Management Team. She oversees a team of investigative analysts specializing in in-depth primary research projects. She graduated from Towson University in 2018 with concurrent degrees in Economics and Political Science. While at TU she was founder of the Undergraduate Research Club and co-captain of the NCAA D1 Gymnastics team. Lauren received her MBA from Georgetown University in 2023.



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Name	Zach Runge
Current Field	Higher education - Program Specialist & Adjunct Professor - Towson University
Education	Communication Studies & Political Science
Graduation Year	2019
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	<p>"I am the Program Specialist for the Department of Communication Studies at Towson University where I also teach public speaking, business communication, and rhetoric courses. I have previously worked for University of Maryland Global Campus, Harford Community College, and Towson University in admissions, workforce development, and advising. My main focus is in higher education and advocacy - particularly for students impacted by substance use or in recovery.</p> <p>I hold a BS in Communication Studies & Political Science from Towson University and a MA in Communication from Arizona State University. Additionally, I am a CRLA-certified tutor and have 5+ years of mentoring experience."</p>



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Emily Hoover
Current Field	Veterinary Medicine - DVM student at VMCVM- graduate May 2024
Education	Biology
Graduation Year	2019
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Job or Internship Search Process, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Hello! I My name is Emily Hoover and I am a 2019 Graduate of Towson University and am currently a 4th year veterinary student at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and will be graduating May 2024. I am from Sparks, MD and will be relocating to Cockeysville, MD after graduation. I am happy to talk to you about anything veterinary medicine- whether that be the application process, day-to-day life of a veterinary student, or just want to chat about cool veterinary stuff!



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Name	Jake Snyder
Current Field	Finance - Finance & Reporting Associate at Arden Group
Education	Finance
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing
Personal Biography	Started career as investment analyst at JP Morgan and I am now working for a real estate private equity firm based in Philadelphia.



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Name	Ny'esha Young
Current Field	Law - 3rd year Law student at Texas A&M University School of Law
Education	Political Science
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	<p>I am from Fort Washington, Maryland. I graduated from Towson in 2020. After graduation, I worked as a paralegal for a few months before becoming a Chief of Staff in the Maryland General Assembly. After a year of working, I moved to Texas to attend Texas A&M University School of Law. I graduate in May 2024 and will work in Dallas post-graduation, practicing corporate law.</p>



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Name	Knicki Bergman
Current Field	Toxicology - Graduate Student - Toxicology
Education	Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Knicki Bergman is a Toxicology PhD student at the University of Rochester (NY). She graduated from Towson University and the Honors College in May 2020 with a B.S. in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics with a minor in Chemistry. Upon graduation, she began a two-year postbac fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. Following completion of her PhD, Knicki plans to begin a career in science policy and science communication.



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Name	Olivia Saliger
Current Field	Biology/ Environmental Science - Aquatic Natural Resource Planner at Maryland Department of Environment.
Education	Environmental Biology, Minor in Biological Science, also student at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)'s Environmental Management Master's Program.
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	Maryland Sea Grant and Chesapeake Research Consortium Fellow. Experienced in water quality analysis and aquatic research. Various experiences in leadership positions and team-oriented workplaces. Graduated with Cum Laude, a B.S in Environmental Science, and a minor in Biological Science from Towson University's Honors College. Currently earning an M.S in Environmental Management at University of Maryland Global Campus.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Fatou Jallow
Current Field	3L in law school - Georgetown University Law Center
Education	Environmental Biology, Minor in Biological Science, also student at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)'s Environmental Management Master's Program.
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	I am currently a 3L at Georgetown University and graduated from the Towson University Honors College in the Spring of 2023. I took advantage of several interesting internships at TU and will be practicing litigation after graduating law school.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Yanna Taboada
Current Field	Psychology - Service Coordinator
Education	Psychology with a minor in Applied Adult Disability Studies
Graduation Year	2020
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	Yanna Taboada is a service coordinator for people with disabilities. She manages a caseload of 20+ individuals and works with providers and family members to ensure quality person-centered services for individuals served. She is well versed in interviews, graduate school applications, and cold emailing, as well as soft skills.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name Jeremy Eppley

Current Field Finance - Founder & Financial Planner @ Silverstone Financial

Education Business Administration, Concentration in Investments

Graduation Year 2021

Areas Interested in Mentoring Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Sharing your personal career experience, Introduction to others in your field

"Hi, I'm Jeremy Eppley, a fee-only financial planner and investment manager based in Maryland, serving clients virtually across the country.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Towson University, I continued my education, pursuing a Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning from the College for Financial Planning. Beyond my formal education, I went on to become a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional and additionally earned my AIF®, APMA®, and CRPC® designations.

I began my career at a boutique wealth management firm in Maryland, where I gained valuable industry experience and refined my skills. This experience eventually led me to the decision of establishing my own firm during the pandemic. Guided by a strong commitment to the Fee-Only Fiduciary movement, I founded Silverstone Financial with the goal of delivering genuine client-focused service.

As a fee-only fiduciary financial planner, I enjoy helping individuals, families, and businesses by educating, advising, and preparing them for their financial futures. I hope to continue to use what I know to better the lives of others and bolster their financial confidence."



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Taryn Painter
Current Field	Higher education - University Scholars Program Coordinator, Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania
Education	History and Political Science
Graduation Year	2022
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field
Personal Biography	<p>I am a proud summa cum laude, first-generation college graduate of Towson University. Following college, I completed an AmeriCorps year of service with City Year Philadelphia as a Student Success Coach. After my year of service, I joined the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania as a Site Coordinator before transitioning to my current role as a Program Coordinator for the University Scholars program in Penn's Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF). In this role, I work closely with Penn faculty, students, and CURF staff to implement programming that supports undergraduates' individual, interdisciplinary, and curiosity-driven inquiries.</p> <p>In addition to my day job, I'm a seasonal educator at Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, a former prison that now serves as a museum to interpret the legacy of the American criminal justice system. And, because I'm always looking for something to challenge me, I will begin my master's program in Social Policy at Penn's School of Social Policy and Practice (SP2) in Fall 2024.</p> <p>I have experience with undergraduate research, student advising, and program coordination, particularly in the non-profit, museum, secondary education, and higher education industries. If these are areas of interest to you, I would love to chat with you!</p>



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Name	Sarah Skordas
Current Field	Computer Science - Digital Network Exploitation Analyst for Department of Defense
Education	Computer Science: Cyber Operations Concentration
Graduation Year	2022
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Critique of Resume/CV, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU
Personal Biography	<p>My name is Sarah, and I am a 2023 Towson Honors College graduate. I received my Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science with a Concentration in Cyber Operations, and I minored in Math. I am open to being a resource for Towson Honors students, as someone they can go to with questions or concerns about their major/career goals/or just about life at Towson.</p>



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name Kishore Clark

Current Field Medical Assistant

Education Biology

Graduation Year 2023

Areas Interested in Mentoring Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school

Personal Biography I graduated magna cum laude as a 3rd-year Senior, earning a degree in Biology and a minor in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics. While at Towson University, I served on the Honors College Recruitment Advisory Council, was treasurer for the Honors Civic Engagement Council, and was a member of the TU Pre-Medical Club and Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society. I also played on Towson University's Ultimate Frisbee Club Team. I have served as a First Year Experience Leader at Towson over the past two years and have worked over 1,300 hours as an Adult Emergency Department Associate at Johns Hopkins Hospital. I have also studied abroad in Venice, Italy, and presented my experiences at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. I have presented research on Analyzing the NADase Activity of a Mutated Bacterial ABTir Protein Domain with my Mentor, Dr. Michelle Snyder, and partners at the Student Research Symposium. After graduation, I have started working as a Medical Assistant at Robinson and Max Dermatology and began studying for the MCAT. I will be applying to medical school in the 2025 cycle.



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Towson Honors Alumni

Name	Bre Patino
Current Field	Counseling Psychology/Psychotherapy - Therapist Intern/Counseling Psychology M.A. 2nd year student
Education	Psychology and Women & Gender Studies Minor
Graduation Year	2022
Areas Interested in Mentoring	Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Shadowing at your workplace, Sharing your personal career experience, Applying to graduate or professional school
Personal Biography	<p>My name is Bre Patino and I am a proud alumni of Towson University's Honors College. After my graduation in 2022, I directly entered Towson's Counseling Psychology program where I am being trained to be a psychotherapist and will earn my license in only 8 months! I am the youngest person in my master's cohort and love the opportunities to learn that I have all around me. My master's tuition is covered through the university through my graduate assistantships which have expanded my professional development and allowed me to develop many skills for the workforce!</p>



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Honors College Parent

Name Dia Costello

Current Field Municipal government – Mayor of Glen Echo, MD

Education Psychology and Women & Gender Studies Minor

Graduation Year Theater 1980/BA and Clinical Social Work 1990 MSW

Areas Interested in Mentoring Critique of Resume/CV,Applying to graduate or professional school

Personal Biography After college, I worked in the theater world for about 4 years, I found it was not satisfying and wanted to make a difference in people's lives. I volunteered at a 24 hour crisis hotline in DC and eventually became the Acting Executive Director and Trainer. This experience inspired me to get an MSW in social work. I was able to work in many areas helping others and found community building very interesting. I chose to serve my town and ran in th Council election and won two times. Then I decided to run for Mayor of the Town when there was a new election and happily won that as well. I am very active as Mayor and also am working on projects with other Mayors and am on legislative committees through the Maryland Municipal League and will be helping promote legislation in Annapolis in the Maryland General Assembly beginning January 2024. I am also creating a class to help Political Leaders understand human behavior to become better leaders.



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Honors College Parent

Name Agnello Anthony

Current Field Finance & Marketing - Sales Center Leader

Education Accounting & Finance

Graduation Year Theater 1980/BA and Clinical Social Work 1990 MSW

Areas Interested in Mentoring Critique of Resume/CV, Applying to graduate or professional school
Career/Industry Trends, Sharing your personal career experience,
Informational interviewing

Personal Biography "I have been successful in several different fields, such as Airline ,
Technology, Healthcare, Retail, Food and Beverage and believe the success
I've had in life is nsunky because I focused on my passion which has always
been Marketing.

In my career I have coached, guided and given feedback to several of my
staff to ensure they have the necessary tools and expertise to take on
tomorrow's challenges and the preferred field of work they are interested
in."



Honors College Mentor Database

Honors College Parent

Name Elena Bozylinski

Current Field IT Project Management - American Institute of Physics Publishing

Education Communication Theory, minors in writing and systems theory

Graduation Year 1999

Areas Interested in Mentoring Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Job or Internship Search Process, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Informational interviewing, Applying to graduate or professional school, Introduction to others in your field

"I started my careers as a help desk support person. From there, I moved to a database administrator role and then transition to a data analyst. Data analysis is my first love.

However, at about mid-career, I realized I wanted to work with people more often and not simply sit and code. I decided to achieve my PMP certification from PMI and this happened in 2010. I earned my first job with the project manager title in 2010, but I had been managing project prior to this time.

In 2013, I decided to pursue my doctorate degree. I enrolled in an online program with Creighton University in Omaha. From 2013 to 2017, I worked toward my doctorate degree. I now hold on EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership and my dissertation focused on female IT PMs and asked if their PMP was valuable.

Personal Biography I have held several PM jobs since the first PM position in 2010. I have been a program manager for a state government contract and currently work at a scholarly publishing company in a fully remote role."



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Honors College Parent

Name Jonathan Ocadiz

Current Field Refugee Resettlement - Employment Specialist

Education International Studies

Graduation Year 2020

Areas Interested in Mentoring Career/Industry Trends, Critique of Resume/CV, Providing insight into how to take advantage of Honors and TU, Sharing your personal career experience, Introduction to others in your field

Personal Biography

My name is Jonathan Ocadiz, an Honors College Alumni of the class of 2020. I currently work as an Employment Specialist for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) of Baltimore. It is worth noting that my transition from my academic career to my vocational years came during a unique situation. How I got into the IRC was more of a bit of previous work experience in several unexpected jobs as well as a few opportunities brought upon by the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. After graduating, I worked as a U.S Census Enumerator for the 2020 Census while also doing Instacart deliveries on the side throughout the pandemic. I worked all over the Baltimore area and worked extensively with minority and immigration populations. Those experiences attracted the attention of the IRC when I applied for an internship in the Summer of 2021. I worked in Housing and Logistics for that time period, then continued into AmeriCorps onto 2022 onwards. I continued my Housing and Logistics work during the 2022 Afghan Placement Program up to August 2022 where I helped many Afghan families get jobs. I then transitioned to the Economic Empowerment Team and have been a caseworker since then.