

School of Public Health and Health Services

Student Ambassador Form

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Current Degree Sought: Master of Science

Current Program: Exercise Science

Degrees Earned	Major	College/University
Bachelor of Science	Movement Science	Grand Valley State University
Work Experience	Job Title	Organization/Website
Construction	Mason Tender	http://www.hagermancorp.com/
Construction	Nuclear Plant Ice Technician	http://www.atlanticgroup.com/
Construction	Painter	http://www.remc11.k12.mi.us/stjoe/
Volunteer Experience	Title	Organization/Website
Coach	Masters Rowing Team	Rockford Rowing Club
Assistant Teacher	Physical Education	Rockford High School

Honors/Awards

- Member of The Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi (all disciplines)
- Member of The Honor Society Beta Beta Beta (biological sciences)
- MAHPERD (Michigan's Assoc. for Health, P.E., Rec. and Dance) Major of the Year
- Outstanding Biology Student Award (x2)
- Nominated for Glen A. Niemeyer award for athletics and academia
- Dean's List 9 semesters
- Graduated *Cum laude*
- Graduate Teaching Assistant at George Washington University

Pastimes

I enjoy recreational activities such as cycling, soccer, weight lifting and rowing. I enjoy reading and watching movies. Also, I like to hike, camp, and travel.

My Future Goals

I would like to graduate and begin teaching biology at a high school in Washington, DC. I have been looking into the DC Teaching Fellows and would like to get into teaching through that program. Also, I would like to begin coaching at the high school level as well. I would also like to get married and start having a family of my own.

What's best about the School of Public Health and Health Services at GW

The program has knowledgeable professors, great resources, seminars, and classes that are specific to your personal interests. The exercise science department is great because they have three distinct graduate tracks and the professors have vast backgrounds in their field of study. I have learned so much and I have only been here for two months.

What's best about living in the Washington, DC Area

The resources, museums, and the overall history. The city is upbeat and there is always something to do. The metro is such a great engineering feat, making the entire city easily accessible.

My message to applicants

Going to school at George Washington University and studying public health is like no other education you can receive in the United States. Being in the center of the nation's capitol allows you the access to all sorts of great contacts and opportunities. The exercise science department is revolutionizing the public health genre; implementing exercise science into the public health umbrella creates not only a more diverse program but also sends a message to "public health" stating that exercise must be a focus for an overall healthier society. George Washington University is cutting edge and is one of the firsts to take this initiative upon themselves, illustrating that George Washington University is a leader and is raising the bar for other universities.