WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO CHANGE CAREERS AND BECOME A SCHOOL COUNSELOR? I became interested in school counseling while working with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. As a police officer, I was conflicted about arresting so many juveniles, and I concluded there were better alternatives for them besides incarceration. Based on the school counseling education and training I’ve received and through my experiences as a police officer, I am continuing to develop the necessary skills to encourage and promote a positive learning environment, conducive for all students, every day, all the time.

WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST ABOUT STARTING YOUR CAREER AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR? What excites me most is working in a high school. I love this age group because I feel they are extremely relatable, energetic, creative and realistic. I believe through my youthful personality I can provide supports and services to my students as a future school counselor.

WHY ARE YOU AN ASCA MEMBER? I became an ASCA member because I felt it was important to have a professional identity. Members receive incredible perks, and the resources help us provide the services and supports necessary while staying abreast of the ever-changing policies in the field.

WHAT IS ONE EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT YOU LEARNED FROM ONE OF YOUR PROFESSORS? Practice self-care. Without decompressing and focusing on the things that make us happy it will be extremely difficult to effectively serve our students. Finding activities we can participate in or events we can participate in is imperative for school counselors.

FAST FACTS
WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY BINGE WATCHING? “POWER”
WHAT’S YOUR TYPICAL BREAKFAST? BACON, EGG AND CHEESE SANDWICH
WHAT’S YOUR COFFEE ORDER? CARAMEL FRAPPUCCINO
WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD? IF I HAD A SUPERPOWER I WOULD BRING MY GRANDMOTHER BACK TO LIFE.
WHAT IS ONE THING YOU’RE REALLY GOOD AT? ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUTHS.
WHAT’S SOMETHING YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU? I AM A MEMBER OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY.

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