

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

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NOTABLE EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS:

Founding member of the Nursing Home Squad, an action group that works with local nursing homes and care centers yearround, to spread joy to senior citizens.)

ASPIRATIONS, INTERESTS, AND/OR HOBBIES

I aspire to advance my career with Mid-Continent Public Library, who is also my present employer. I am looking forward to the options that obtaining my MLIS will allow me. In my free time, I enjoy working out, specifically running. It's the best way to curb stress. I've ran in seven half-marathons and hundreds of 5K, 10K, and 15K races.

More about Andrea on the next page!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT MIZZOU?

I think there is a certain prestige associated with Mizzou; I went to a small, private college for undergrad and while I would not trade that experience, I am happy to be working towards my graduate degree at University of Missouri. I will be so proud when I can say that I'm an alum!

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS?

I am a non-traditional student, also working full-time as I complete my degree; I am completing my Masters Degree 100% online. I still feel connected to Mizzou, through emails and other correspondence; Mizzou does a great job in making all students feel welcome and included. My advice to other students is to subscribe to the Mizzou newsletters and read what is sent out; it will help to connect you to the big picture.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

Some people don't feel that libraries are relevant anymore, and nothing could be further from the truth! Libraries are so much more than books; they offer technology help, mobile printing, free WiFi, programs and activities for all ages, and so much more. Not to mention they have The Ones Who Have Knowledge (aka-librarians!) :)

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO YOUR STUDIES?

Obtaining my Masters virtually, I communicate exclusively through emails and Canvas; my professors have been great about keeping those lines of communication open; I never feel that anything I ask is insignificant.

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