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Why did you choose Towson to earn your master's?

There are numerous reasons why I chose Towson to earn my master's degree. The greatest one is the reputation of TU's school psychology program. Another is that TU fosters growth and knowledge for their students and has consistently produced some of the most talented school psychologists in Maryland. This program is well known and is sure to hold each and every one of their students to a high standard. The program is flexible and shows care regarding each student's needs.

What's your biggest takeaway thus far from the program that you think you will use in your career?

I think that the biggest takeaway thus far from the program is our equity and justice training. As a School Psychologist, you have an immense impact in the decisions you make. Knowing that you can make a difference and can advocate for children who may not have the ability to do so for themselves is so important as a school psychologist. Being knowledgeable and proactively taking action regarding the racial and equity disparities in schools is so important. This is something that has and will continue to be addressed in this program.

What advice would you give potential master's degree candidates who are considering this program?

I would tell potential master's degree candidates who are considering this program that they should apply and reach out to the faculty and current students of the program to learn more information and discuss their interest. If you want to learn how you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of students and families, TU's program is the program for you.

Where are you currently completing your practicum and how is your experience?

I am currently completing my practicum in Howard County at Folly Quarter Middle School. I am enjoying my experience thus far and can't wait to learn more about being a school psychologist. I have seen so much of what I have learned throughout the program in the "real world" and can apply it to many situations. During my practicum experience, I will have an opportunity to shadow another school psychologist at a neighboring elementary school to gain more experience working with children who have emotional disabilities.