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Because of AmeriCorps, I found my calling in higher education. As an AmeriCorps member at Western Oregon University, I created a program to support first-generation students, low-income students, and students of color as they “bridged” from high school to college. Guiding them through their first year of college and seeing their struggles made me recognize the necessity for intervention in the K-12 system.  I realized that I needed more than my undergraduate education to fully prepare me to do this important work, so I decided to pursue a master’s degree in public administration. I chose The Evergreen State College Master of Public Administration Program for its educational philosophy, academic rigor, and evening and weekend format.

I currently work at Tacoma Community College (TCC) as an Academic Advisor serving new and continuing students. I am deeply grateful to AmeriCorps and to Tacoma Community College for the opportunity to provide direct service to students and change lives through education. Now, I want to make long lasting systemic change in higher education. At Evergreen I have had the opportunity to learn about policy and how to advocate for change at the state level.  My Master of Public Administration degree will support my career by providing me with the tools I need to effectively represent disadvantaged students.