

Hello and welcome to the Alumni Service Corps Blog for 2016-2017!

My name is Robert Horan, and throughout the year, Maxen Haveles, Quinn McGee and myself will blog about our experience serving our high school alma mater.

You will learn about Maxen and Quinn in the upcoming blog posts, but first a little about me.

After graduating from Gonzaga, I attended George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. While there I was active in both Catholic Campus Ministry, as well as Student Media. I graduated with a degree in Communication (Media Production and Criticism) as well as a minor in Film and Media Studies.

Before you ask, yes, I took WZAG for two years at Gonzaga. Honestly, if I had not taken that class, my entire college career would have been different.

After my freshman year at Mason, I was in charge of the student run TV station, Mason Cable Network. During my three years as General Manager, my team and I embraced new challenges, such as producing live sports broadcasts for the Atlantic 10 Network. During my senior year, in addition to covering soccer, lacrosse, wrestling, volleyball, and baseball, we produced broadcasts for the majority of the Women's Basketball games, as well as half of the Men's games.

I am thankful that I was able to take TV Communications as a class at Gonzaga, because it helped me jumpstart my career as broadcaster at Mason, and helped me discover what direction I hope to take for my career post grad.

Now I bet you are asking "wait, if you want to be a broadcaster, why are you serving a year at your alma mater?"

Honestly, I have several reasons why I feel like I was called to serve at Gonzaga.

One reason is that I am trying to discern if I want to be a teacher, who teaches journalism, video etc., or if I want to work in the media industry as a producer or editor.

Another reason is that I love to serve my community. At Mason I served as a liturgical minister, and also participated in many service events such as preparing meals for the homeless, or visiting kids at the juvenile detention center. Through these opportunities, I was able to continue to learn what it means to be a "Man for Others."

Now this brings me to my third reason of why I felt called to serve. The Gonzaga spirit.

Having gone to a large secular college, trying to describe Jesuit school's spirit to my peers is a little difficult. At Gonzaga, I feel that your connection to the school continues beyond graduation. As a student I loved the comradery that exists in the classroom, at Mass, on retreat and on the field.

I'm excited to be serving back at my alma mater, and I can't wait for what is to come.