

I took the leap and moved to the nation's capital from my smalltown for college. It felt like a new planet, and I quickly realized I had a lot to learn. I strive to be socially aware and conscious of my privileges in all settings; focus on cultural humility and understanding. I grew up in a working class family in rural Pennsylvania. I have experienced that life. Low-income, working class, and underhoused families within DC live a different life. I wanted to understand the policies, politics, and systems that worked against people finding the house they need. I have found that housing policy and gentrification play the largest roles in keeping low-income people underhoused and homeless. There are several community organizations that are working to assist these people in living healthy lives and in lobbying against these unfair policies. I am excited to use my knowledge and privilege to get involved with these organizations and inspire change.