# **UMBC** Internship Final Presentation

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# Overview of Responsibilities

01 Create DPDs

02 Led group and individual sessions

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Took service notes and tracked data for the community members

04 Attended team meetings

Summarized selecting guest speakers for the Staying Connected webpage

Community safety data project -Apricot

## Overview of Interviewees

#### Valeria Swartz-Diaz

Speech Language Pathologist

Fun Fact: She makes her own kombucha

#### Tina Schmitt

Director of Talent Acquisition – HR

Fun Fact: Her favorite vacation was to Tahiti

#### Tyler Shallue

Community Member – Project Search

Fun Fact: He can play the piano

#### Baya Mohamed-Osman

Employment Training Specialist – Project Search

Fun Fact: She enjoys writing poetry during her free

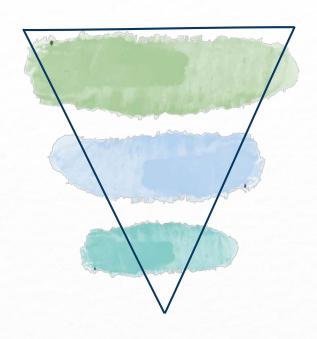
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#### Barbara and Chuck Susher

Parent – Employment

Fun Fact: Mrs. Slusher runs a lab at Johns Hopkins

# Overarching Themes



1 Team Cohesion/Multidisciplinary

0 2 Education and Growth Opportunities

03 Networking

## Interview Takeaways

Overall foundation of Meaningful Community Services



General understanding of what the Meaningful Community Services team does



Why the Meaningful Community Services does what it does



What sets the Meaningful Community Services apart from similar programs

## Personal Reflection

- Throughout my internship experience at Kennedy Krieger, I learned to be more patient, understanding, and flexible
- I realized you need to work together as a team to have the best possible outcome with almost everything
- When working with individuals with disabilities, it is important to guide them in a way
  they understand things, such as talking about topics they are particularly interested
  in to gauge their attention when trying to teach them skills

### Advice to Future Interns

Dear Future Intern,

Starting an internship is overwhelming especially when you do not know what to expect. Through my experience here at Kennedy Krieger, I am going to provide you advice to help you find a balance between school and your internship. First, take care of yourself! Often, we forget that our mental and physical health should come first in the professional field. Learn to be selfish at times. Do not hesitate to ask for help. Second, manage your time. Between being a full-time student and a part time intern, there are many obligations you are faced with. Third, seek new opportunities. Branch out to other staff members to experience as much as you can. You only have a couple months to learn about life in the real, professional world. Building connections is SUPER important! Last, communicate regularly. Lack of communication will leave everyone wondering. Always be honest and let your supervisor know if anything is prohibiting you from doing your assigned tasks. Goodluck to you on your journey! You got this!