

SOURCE Champion of the Month
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"Make an effort to engage in service work, even if it isn't necessarily on a routine basis."

What do you do as your community engagement activity?

I tutor Baltimore City School students as part of the SquashWise program.

How much time do you spend on service per week/month?

2-4 hours/week.

How did you begin to work with your community-based organization (CBO)?

I am originally from Baltimore, and when I knew I was coming back to go to JHU, I was determined to become more involved in Baltimore City community programs after the unrest that took place recently. The Community Outreach Program class offered through the school of nursing provided me with an opportunity to do just that, and through the course I was able to pair up with the SquashWise program.

What do you enjoy about or gain through community service?

I enjoy being able to interact with a diverse array of people that I might not otherwise be able to meet. Furthermore, I was previously a middle school teacher, so working with the students at SquashWise allows me to continue some of the aspects of teaching that I enjoyed most. Interacting with middle schoolers is always interesting, and oftentimes refreshing and fun.

