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## What Advice Do You Have for Current JMC Students?

**Get to know your professors**, and help them get to know you. Go to their office hours even if it's just to chat for a few minutes. Ask for help on an assignment even if you don't really need it. You need to make sure they know who you are so that when the time comes for letters of recommendation, you have lots of options, and they have lots to say.

**Read the newspaper** or online news. In social networking, it pays to be able to speak intelligently on a number of subjects. Read the *Washington Post* if you are interested in DC.

**Network**. Every person you meet could be someone who will help you with your career down the line. In DC, it's as much about who you know as what you know, so get to know as many people as possible.

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## Current Work at ONE

**How did you get from JMC to ONE?**

**Current Position:** Online Campaign Coordinator – ONE, Washington, DC

**Organization:** ONE ([www.one.org](http://www.one.org)) is a global advocacy and campaigning organization backed by more than two million people from around the world dedicated to fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa.

**How did you get from JMC to ONE:** Following my graduation from Madison, I studied abroad in the United Kingdom, and then worked in DC as an office manager for a nonprofit think-tank for about two years. I moved back home to care for an ill family member for a period, then went to the University of Michigan for my Master of Public Policy degree. During my graduate studies, I worked as a career counselor, fulfilled a fellowship with the Education for Peace in Iraq Center, and studied in Jordan. After completing the two-year masters program, I moved back to Washington and eventually secured my current position. I have been with ONE for about seven months now.

## What is something you learned in JMC that you still find useful?

I learned how to write well. The foundation I received from MC111 with Professor Dorr and MC112 with Professor Tremonte was far superior to my graduate-level training, and has been critical to my success. Writing is a key component of my job, and I take great pride in the fact that I do it well.

## Washington D.C. Success at Internships?

### Best thing about living in DC?

I love the convenience of living in Washington. From my apartment in Dupont Circle, I can walk everywhere I need to go.

### Worst thing about living in DC?

I miss my family back home, and the open spaces and natural escapes of Northern Michigan.

### What do you wish you would have known before moving to DC?

I wish I'd had more guidance in securing my first job. I chose an administrative track, and that was probably not the best decision. I found that more substantive jobs were beyond my reach until I

Continue to strengthen your writing skills. Writing is important no matter what career you're considering.

Demonstrate an interest in the position. Show coursework, research or extra curricular activities, anything that can demonstrate your interest and previous work in the field.

Work on your interpersonal communication skills. Be aware of your body language, and make sure your emails are written professionally.

Make connections. Networking is critical.

### Jobs in D.C.?

<http://www.rcjobs.com>

<http://hillzoo.com/?s=jobs>

<http://corporate.cq.com>

<http://www.policyjobs.net>

<http://publicservicecareers.org>

<http://www.developmentex.com>

<http://www.idealists.org>

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org>

<http://www.bradtraverse.com>