

Interview: Bobby Baker

How would you describe your area of study to your grandmother?

I am learning how to lead the business side of healthcare and potentially opening other doors outside of healthcare.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

A lifelong desire to continue learning.

Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?

Throughout graduate school I have consistently learned from the other students as much as I have from the professors, due to the vast life experiences they bring with them. The ability to expand my knowledge and horizons through these interactions has been invaluable.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

Spending time alone in the outdoors, especially in the woods.

What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?

Marley & Me – 1 month ago

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

The lead instructor of my undergraduate program and I had a tumultuous relationship while I was in school. Once out however, we both realized much of our butting of heads was due to being similar in our desires and expectations when it came to the progression of our profession. We continue to communicate and bounce thoughts and ideas off one another many years later.

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

Having been to graduate school years previous, I did not feel surprised at all when attending Radford.

If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?

No, there is too much and too many here that I feel I can learn and learn from yet.

What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?

Chili – it reminds me of time spent with family and friends while enjoying the outdoors and the good times we had. About once a month.

If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?

Other than having much more time to spend enjoying my family and hobbies, I doubt much would have been different.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

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