

## **Nicole Chambati Interview:**

### **How would you describe your area of study to a novice?**

My area of study enhances the knowledge and skills I need to become a better manager and leader through classwork, internship opportunities, directed studies, and opportunities to interact with individuals in different areas of business.

### **What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?**

My future depends on at least a graduate degree to get started in my career path. I would like to work my way up to Dean of Students one day and an MBA is a versatile degree that will allow me to work in different areas of Student Affairs as I make my way to my career goal.

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

There is a great value in social networking with other students in non-related fields. Interacting with other students will allow for different perspectives and ideas to be shared. It is an opportunity to learn about how each program and field relates to others.

### **What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?**

Talking to my 2 year old niece overcomes any stressful experience I encounter. Her innocence and love for life can turn anyone's worst day or moment into the best.

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

I am currently reading "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg.

### **Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.**

Dr. Angela Stanton has been an inspiring professor and mentor to me since my undergraduate studies at Radford. She has taught me the true meaning of hard work and perseverance as well as served as the epitome of compassion and understanding in my academic and personal life.

### **What surprised you the most about graduate school?**

The professors interact with students on a different level. It's a mutual understanding between professor and student of how important it is to work hard in the 3 or 4 semesters you are there in order to get one step further to your goals. My colleagues are very sincere and have an extraordinary willingness to help. The determination for success in the MBA program is incomparable.

### **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, I would want to be an astronaut instead so I can step out of the spaceship and put a flag on the surface of Mars or at least retrieve a sample to bring back to the earth for a museum and further study.

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

Orzo with shrimp and salmon. It reminds me of my mother's cooking. I only consume it when I go home to visit her during holidays and breaks.

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

I would have been gaining work experience while continuing to pursue admission into Graduate School.

**When do you expect to complete your degree?**

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