

Taylor Kewer Interview:

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

The school counseling program prepares me to work in a K-12 school to help students with various different issues throughout their schooling. School counselors focus on academic, collegiate, career, personal, and social aspects of counseling to help their students.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

I know that by going to graduate school I am setting myself up to do what I want and what will make me happy professionally. The hard work I am putting in now will be worth it in the future when I am employed in my chosen field.

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

I believe that it is important to network with people you meet, especially other graduate students. It is always helpful to know people in a wide array of fields because you never know when you might need their expertise.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

When things get a little stressful in my life, I love to just slow things down and practice some yoga and meditation. I have also been known to spontaneously break out into song to ease stressful situations.

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

Gone Girl. During the summer.

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

Right now I would have to say my most meaningful academic relationship would be with my professor Dr. Gumaer. I have had him for multiple classes and supervision, he has really helped me become more professional both in the classroom and in the field.

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

I was pleasantly surprised about how personal my program is. The professors genuinely care about all of their students and are always willing to provide extra help and support.

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?

If travel to Mars happens in my lifetime I do not think I would want to be one of the scientists. However, I would still want to make the trip. I would prefer to have a different role such as supervisor of moral. I would want to make sure the energy level was high and everyone's needs were met. It would be pretty cool to be able to take some selfies on Mars with the crew.

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

Snickers. I get really cranky when I am hungry, so I like to keep a snickers around to prevent that from happening.

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

I would be on a beach working on my tan.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

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