Peter Volkov

Peter Volkov, originally from Bethesda, Maryland, began his academic career at Beacon College in the fall of 2011 as a freshman, attending Beacon as his first college. Initially referred to Beacon College by a counselor, Peter found the College appealing because of the staff, the support system, and the small class sizes. Here, he discovered a passion for psychology and developed socially, academically, and personally.

Originally a Human Services major, Peter became drawn to the field of psychology, finding the subject “more interesting.” A particularly engaging course, Cognitive Neuroscience, sparked a real interest in psychology and in gaining an understanding for how the brain functions. Peter finds it especially fascinating that, with all that we know about the brain, mysteries and questions still remain to be explored.

Peter’s academic and personal interests expand well beyond the field of psychology. Recognized on campus as an avid reader, Peter is expected to constantly have his head in a book, both literally and figuratively. Ask him for an author recommendation, and you’ll get an extensive list. Some of his favorites include Ray Bradbury, Albert Camus, Terry Pratchett, Neil Gaiman, Stephen King, and the poet Robert Frost. Genres he enjoys span from horror and science fiction to philosophy and history, indicating the breadth of his intellectual interests. A memorable class for Peter was the elective course Media Studies, taught by English Professor Dr. William Nesbitt, who encouraged journalistic writing. Dr. Nesbitt notes, “Peter is a voracious reader and a meticulous student with a keen awareness of his work.”

During his time at Beacon, Peter has been involved with Comic Book Club, acted as a Peer Tutor in both group and individual sessions, and participated in the cultural enrichment travel abroad trip to London. He has also discovered the importance of developing good people skills, working on his own perceived shortcomings in an attempt to improve himself both personally and professionally.

Dr. Richard Perrone, Chair of Human Services & Psychology, says, “During his time at Beacon, Peter has made excellent advances regarding his interpersonal and identity development. He has excelled academically, strengthening his career opportunities.”

Following graduation, Peter hopes to secure an internship position nearby his hometown. Recognizing the value of continued placed employment experience, Peter is currently pursuing several intern options, including positions offered through AAPD (American Association of People with Disabilities).

Peter is open to possibilities for his future career. Whatever path he ends up on, we are confident he will bring his ambition and dedication to success with him.