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**Why did you join AmeriCorps?**

I joined AmeriCorps because I wanted to do something meaningful and productive during my time off between undergrad and law school. I wanted to be able to use the skills I obtained from acquiring my social work degree and I thought working with the Communities in Schools of Central Texas AmeriCorps program was the perfect opportunity to do so. I felt if I was able to work with middle school-aged children, I would be able to influence them in a positive way that they would remember for the rest of their lives.



**What would you say to someone who is interested in joining but not sure?**

I would say there is no other experience like the AmeriCorps experience. I've learned so many things while simultaneously teaching others a number of things. I can literally see the impact that I have made on my students' lives here on campus and the feeling is indescribable. The best part is you don't have to go through anything alone, be it tough times or accomplishments. There is a great network of support within the AmeriCorps experience. There is your program manager, your mentor and mentor group, as well as your program coordinator and many more. Everyone is extremely helpful and willing to help you find any resources you may need and answer any questions you may have.