

# MEET LOGAN DECHTER



## **What has been the most important skill you've gained from a PSYC course?**

The most important skill I've learned from a PSYC course is how to best serve survivors of domestic violence. I currently work as a Homeless and Domestic Violence Specialist at Community Crisis Services in Prince George's County, and PSYC318D Community Interventions: Theory and Research; Community Interventions: Domestic Violence has taught me valuable skills related to the intersection between homelessness and domestic violence that I have been able to apply for this position. To this day, I still reach out to Dr. Karen O'Brien with questions on how to best serve clients, even though I took her class in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 and then TAed for her class in Fall 2018.

## **Why did you choose PSYC as your major?**

I chose PSYC as my major because I heard about the top-notch program before applying to the University of Maryland. I recommend the UMD PSYC Department because of their emphasis on the scientist-practitioner-advocate model and culturally relevant, client centered interventions. The professors within the PSYC Department have greatly prepared me for graduate school and the workforce, and I am so grateful for the holistic and multicultural approach the PSYC Department takes with its students. As someone who is pursuing a double major, I am even more grateful for the PSYC Department's student-centeredness and recognize that this is definitely a unique Department because of it.

## **What do you want to do after you graduate?**

After graduation, I will be pursuing my Masters of Education in School Counseling at University of Maryland. Though I had a difficult time deciding whether to pursue a Masters in School Counseling or a PhD in Counseling Psychology, I had many mentors within the PSYC Department, such as Dr. Karen O'Brien and Dr. Nazish Salahuddin, who have guided me toward the path for me. I have loved my experience as a PSYC student at University of Maryland, and that was one of my main motivating factors for continuing my education at University of Maryland. Here's to two more years! (And maybe more!)