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It is still hard to believe, that after four years of living in the freezing tundra that is called Massachusetts, that I am back at the place that shaped me into that man that I became during college at Holy Cross. Gonzaga is a truly special place, and I am extremely blessed to be welcomed as a part of the faculty this year, even in the temporary (position) for as a member of the ASC.

The Alumni Service Corps was something that I starting thinking about more than four years ago, even before I finished up my time on Eye Street in 2012. What high school kid doesn't want to go back to the place they called home for four years? I am sure there are definitely some people who fall under the category of wanting to the cut the ties with Gonzaga and move on, but that was not me. The people I met here became my family over my four years, and I could not wait to get back here and begin my post-grad life at home.

Being a member of the ASC is not an easy position to be in. I exist in this weird universe where I am still close to the age as some of the students, especially the seniors, but I (am) also am a member of the faculty. Finding the perfect balance and learning how to act has been one of the most difficult things for me to manage so far. My cousin is a senior this year, and I have another who is a freshman, so there is that added element that I have to try to separate from in order to do my job better. It has proved a challenging task so far, but it is one that I think I am overcoming and moving through every day that I set foot on this campus.

It has only been two weeks since I first made the easiest commute to work - it takes all of fifteen seconds to walk to campus - but in that short time I have begun to understand the purpose that I serve at Gonzaga and how it can help me grow. I am an integral part of this community, and my work every day helps the school continue its unrivaled service to our students and the community. I am not just talk about the work I do with Campus Ministry on a daily basis, but also with my work as a substitute and working with the students directly. I serve as a role model to a lot of these young men and I am proud of the work that I have begun here. Even if my day does not seem exciting at eight in the morning I still arrive with a smile on my face because it is my job to show what a Gonzaga man is after graduation. Being a role model to these men gets me out of bed every morning and makes my work exciting every day. I am looking forward to what this year will bring and can't wait to experience it!