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CMSA Foundation Vice President

CMSA Foundation is pleased to introduce you to Melanie Prince from Upper Marlboro, MD.

Tell us about your first involvement with the CMSA Foundation? As a board member during the concept inception and eventual establishment of the Foundation, I contributed as a thought leader during this time.

What other volunteer roles do you hold with CMSA Foundation or with CMSA? I am also currently the incoming President for CMSA and will take the president seat in June 2020. I’m also serving as a military liaison to the National Board.

What is your first memory of the CMSA Foundation, and what surprised you most about working with the Organization? My first memory of the CMSA Foundation dates back to the establishment of the entity. I appreciated the deliberate research and attentiveness in determining the "why" for an organization that would serve the members of CMSA in a different way; namely, the support for case management-specific studies and advancing the body of knowledge. What surprised me the most was how quickly and responsibly the membership embraced the Foundation conceptually and now actively as a worthwhile cause to support with personal contributions, chapter-supported events, and internal promotion.

What do you wish other people knew about the Foundation, that they may not be aware? I would like other people to know that the Foundation is member-supported and serves as a specific and unique resource for members in a slightly different way than the CMSA membership organization that is not competitive but rather complementary.

When friends and colleagues find out that you volunteer with the CMSA Foundation, what do they say or ask? Friends and colleagues ask about the goals of the Foundation and how is it different from the CMSA member organization. They also ask if the Foundation can expand its ability to support hospital-based case management activities.

What can you say to members to help them understand why they should be supporting the CMSA Foundation? I want members to understand that the CMSA Foundation can be a primary resource for advancing the profession of case management through research and studies. It also provides a platform for members to celebrate the life and legacy of CMSA members who have left indelible footprints on the organization and have earned a perpetual memorization.

What does your life look like outside of your career and volunteer work? I love traveling with my family; cooking, gardening, and nearly any activity outdoors. I enjoy listening to music, playing piano, and attending performing arts events. I am currently writing a fictional novel and hope to complete by Feb 2020.

What might someone be surprised to know about you? Others may be surprised to know I am an inherent introvert, but my passion for serving others draws me into the world of extroverts. I also think I am funny and comedic, but my family and closest friends have debunked this perception!

Want to know more about Melanie’s involvement with the Foundation?
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