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As I reflect on my background and experience I am grateful to my undergraduate college - Hampshire College - for the interdisciplinary approach it instilled in me. I am likewise thankful to the University of Florida's College of Public Health and Health Professions for providing me with support and flexibility as I integrated this unique approach into my MPH by seeking new ways to engage with IPV prevention and response at the nexus of multiple fields.

How has your University of Florida MPH helped you achieve your goals?

I chose this program two years ago with the intention of bridging my professional experience in business management with my academic background in intimate partner violence policy research. I am leaving the University of Florida with a Masters of Public Health with a concentration in Public Health Policy and Management and a Graduate Minor in Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits from the College of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. This program has made it possible for me to continue to work full-time in my chosen field, and to achieve the position of High Risk Team & Fatality Review Team Coordinator at Alachua County's certified domestic violence center. This program has also made possible my elected appointments to two local boards, as Student Member of the Gainesville Human Rights Board and Chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force's Lethality and Safety Committee.

What are your plans after graduation?

I will continue to serve survivors of intimate partner violence, and to invest in the growth and development of IPV prevention and response programming in the state of Florida.