

Student Spotlight: Priscilla Rosario



Priscilla Rosario graduated in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Medical Humanities and a minor in Leadership. During her time at Baylor, she served on the Libraries/ITS Student Advisory Committee (LITSSAC). In this interview, she shares her experiences on the committee and how it helped her understand the work of the Libraries and ITS.

Q: What drew you to the committee?

A: I first heard about the committee at a Dr Pepper Hour my sophomore year. At first, I simply knew that it was a way to provide feedback to improve library services for students, which matters to me because I spend a lot of time at the library as a humanities major studying and doing research. Libraries have always been a large part of my life, as I grew up reading a lot, and leadership at Baylor is something I'm very passionate about. Through serving on the committee, I saw the opportunity to combine the two.

Q: What was your experience on the committee?

A: I have learned much more about the variety of library and ITS services for students at Baylor! Constructive criticism is something I have observed handled very graciously throughout all of the meetings by all of the staff present, something I have taken away as a learning

opportunity for me as I identify role models in a professional setting. I have come to see the Libraries/ITS as not only hard copy resources and online resources, but also as a place to go to when I need something and don't know where to get it.

Q: Have you contributed to any idea on the committee that has been implemented?

A: On one occasion, I mentioned some feedback from some of the staff that assist students with military benefits. They were looking for a more efficient way to organize information submitted through a particular form. This request for better infrastructure was passed along very quickly. I was impressed when CISO and interim CIO Jon Allen approached me specifically after the following meeting and explained how the message had been received, its context within the Libraries/ITS's greater vision and priorities, and what would be done to solve it in the near future.

Q: How have the libraries and its resources influenced your scholarship?

A: I have a hard time thinking of ways the libraries and its resources have NOT influenced my scholarship! ILL (Interlibrary Loan) services have worked miracles for me, in one instance tracking down one of only two hard copies of a master's thesis from 1967. The Data Scholar program has also been wonderful – I have been introduced to several valuable resources during those sessions, and I was able to document my learning with a certificate which supported my formal professional advancement. When organizing resources for my thesis, the research guides and Zotero training were invaluable. And, when I spilled water on my laptop the week my senior thesis was due, being able to check one out from TechPoint prevented disaster.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: I'm applying to graduate programs related to Medical Humanities in the next year or so. I will also be pursuing a professional certification in a clinical healthcare setting, working particularly with vision rehabilitation for patients with brain injuries or developmental disabilities.