



MAKAIO GOODS

PARALEGAL

Makaio Goods '16 is a Paralegal in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He spent the last year serving as an AmeriCorps Reentry Mediation Specialist at a community-based nonprofit in Maryland while also working as a Research Assistant for the Columbia Justice Lab. As part of Makaio's undergraduate studies, he worked to gain experiences that would enable him to pursue a career improving the lives of others. Through working at organizations such as the ACLU and the Minnesota Senate, he started to realize the ways that the law could alleviate some of the harm caused by civil rights violations in the United States. Sustained mentorship roles with Brotha-to-Brotha, Men as Peacemakers, and H.O.P.E in Tanzania allowed him to advocate for a path "out" provided by education and creating plans for success based on individuals' learning needs. Makaio holds a BA in English with minors in Philosophy and Geography from the University of St. Thomas.

How did your experience at Marshall help you after graduation?

Marshall played a formative role in my decision to pursue higher education and helped shape my commitment to community service.

Who at Marshall inspired you?

During my years at Marshall, I was inspired by Karen Stiles, Lori Durant, Julie Ball, Kevin Breen, Donna Kanoff, Brendan Flaherty, Susan Nygaard, Kelly Momsen, Paul Pearson, Nate Harsha, Jonathan Woodward, Lon Weaver, and Karen Snyder, along with all of the countless other dedicated faculty and staff.

Who currently inspires you?

I am continuously inspired by my mom, Tanya Lahti, who has always encouraged my sister and I to pursue our dreams.