

November 12, 2019

Dear MABA member:

If you are a student member of MABA, we invite you to vote for the office of Student Representative. The nominees and a brief biography of each individual are provided on subsequent pages of this mailing.

To elect individuals to this office, please complete and sign the attached form, then scan/screenshot and email to info@marylandaba.org.

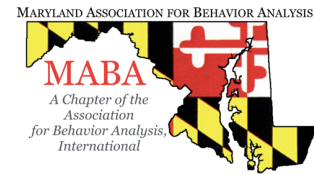
Please make an “X” next to the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Scan/screenshot, sign your name at the bottom and email to info@marylandaba.org by November 29, 2019:

Student Representative

Matthew Harrington, UMBC	
Matthew Spann, UMBC	
Emma Veshecco, UMBC	

Your name: _____ Your signature: _____

Ballots MUST be returned by November 29, 2019 order to be considered.



2019 MABA Student Representative Nomination

Matthew Harrington

I got my start in the field of behavior analysis in an unlikely way. I was a summer camp counselor for children and adults with disabilities. After volunteering every summer in high school, I began working as a counselor when I was in college. My boss was a BCBA and introduced me to the science of behavior. At the time I was going to school at the University of Florida for medicine, but quickly switched pathways in order to get my undergrad in Psychology with a specialty in Behavior Analysis. I had the privilege of meeting and learning under Dr. Brian Iwata, Dr. Timothy Vollmer, and Dr. Willie DeLeon. While I was going to school, I began to work full time as a RBT at a local clinic in order to learn more about the practical side of applied behavior analysis. I graduated from UF and moved to Baltimore to work at the Kennedy Krieger Institute on the Neurobehavioral Unit. I also applied and got into the University of Maryland Baltimore County as a graduate student to continue my education to acquire my BCBA. I have a passion for severe problem behavior, specifically automatically maintained self-injury due to the complexity and intensity of the behavior. I also have recently become interested in the demonstration of basic behavioral principles in the basic or human operant lab. In my time outside of work and school, I enjoy spending time with my wife, rock-climbing, running, and (attempting to) shape the behavior of my two guinea pigs.

Matthew Spann

Matthew Spann attended the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) as an undergrad pursuing a bachelor's of science in psychology and a minor in statistics. During his time in undergraduate studies, he interned for two semesters at the Applied Behavior Analysis Lab working under Dr. John Borrero. He assisted in data collection and analysis for various studies during his time there, working with individuals such as Abbey Carreau and Jessica Becraft. After graduating from UMBC in the Fall of 2017 he was offered a job in the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Unit at Kennedy Krieger Institute and he has worked there as a Clinical Specialist since. Matthew is currently continuing his education in the Applied Behavioral Analysis Graduate Program at UMBC and in the future hopes to continue working in the field of pediatric feeding disorders and food refusal.

Emma Veshecco

Emma Veshecco is a second-year student in the UMBC ABA master's program. She currently works at Kennedy Krieger Institute's Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program as a Clinical Specialist II. During her time at Kennedy Krieger, Emma has gained experience in developing treatments, conducting parent trainings, and organizing staff training. Emma received her undergraduate degree in psychology at West Virginia University, where she also gained experience in a behavior analytic research lab and has assisted in numerous research projects focusing on applied behavior analysis and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. Through Emma's experiences, she has worked in hospital and school based settings, building on her knowledge of ABA. After graduation, Emma plans on passing the BACB exam and is excited to become a BCBA in the region.