



What is your name and where are you from?

My name is Ben and I am from Bridgewater, Virginia.

What are you looking forward to learning during your year of service?

I am looking forward to learning more about trauma informed instruction during my year of service.

What are you proud of so far this school year?

I am proud of how resilient and flexible my school community has been this school year as we have had to switch between in-person and online learning.

What is a strategy you use to improve relationships with your students?

On the way to and from my room every day, I

like to ask my students about their interests outside of school; this allows me to relate what we are working on to their interests.

Who or what is inspiring you during your service term?

So far during my service term my students have inspired me more than anything else. It is really hard to be an adult right now, so I cannot even imagine how difficult it must be to be a child. Nonetheless, my students show up and try their best with me every day and that encourages me to do the same.