

Newsletter
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What motivates me? What am I going to do with my degree? These are two questions that puzzle the minds of college students nationwide. Shayne Squires, regional communications manager at the American Cancer Society, felt compelled to work for a non-profit. "I knew I wanted to stay mission based, that I wanted to do something for the good of others," stated Squires. Squire's works with and recruits volunteers. She has been working at the American Cancer Society for seven years and is involved with educating on the ground level.

Squire's received a bachelor's degree in radio and TV communication from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a master's degree in public affairs reporting from the University of Illinois Springfield. In her line of work, no day is the same. "It's a very important mission; we're all in it together," said Squire.

While discussing the importance of theories and research in the work place, Squire stated, "You're always a student; you're always learning; you need to be open to new ideas and learning. We all need to do our research to find out what currently exists, if it doesn't, why not? Talk to others, get feedback."

"As a student it is important to seize opportunities, if you can volunteer and get hands on experience, do it," stated Squire, "talk to folks and hear what they're saying, so you can take that feedback and incorporate it into the work that needs to be done."