



Hello, my name is **Samantha Buford** and I am a professional student. I spent about 13 years as an undergrad, and had about as many majors. Finally, the realization hit that I simply love the act of learning and the acquisition of knowledge. I am passionate about learning and education, and this is why I love the MALS program.

I have many interests: reading, writing, gardening, and am currently training to run in a half marathon. I teach 8th grade language arts and reading in Milford, Delaware—I love my students and my profession. I live in Rehoboth Beach with my surfing husband, Seth, who is also a student of the MALS program.

The MALS program has provided an educational opportunity that mirrors my own eclectic interests. This graduate degree is one which allows students to delve as deeply into topics as they desire, expanding knowledge bases while providing intellectual stimulation, and the professors are as unique as the students.