

The most memorable moment I had during my Fellowship year isn't necessarily a specific instance, but more a chain of events. I had a lot of major life changes; including moving (three times), graduating from both Undergrad and Graduate school, and then trying to adjust to a full-time position.

Finishing school was the largest change, as the work I was doing switched from having a set endpoint (graduation date) to having no clear end. I struggled to find ways to feel like I was continuing to improve myself, and felt like I did not have much to work towards. With school work taking up the majority of my free-time previously, I realized that I really didn't have a good idea of the types of subjects I would personally want to learn about.

This led me to taking up hobbies and practices that helped me actually find out the kind of person I am and what I like. I began reading about topics that I found personally interesting, trying to grow vegetables and house plants, and trying to be more involved in my work and community.

Transitioning from a schooling focused life to a life focused life was challenging, but I think the Fellowship really helped me navigate that transition and identify what is important to me. The Generation WV team did a great job of helping me, and all of the other Impact Fellows, feel at home and connected in our communities.

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