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From the Editor

Looking back at the reasons behind my choice to pursue a master's degree in professional writing, I noticed how focused I was on the academic aspect of the degree and nothing more. I was eager to explore the intricacies of graduate courses, increase my knowledge of writing, and interact with other individuals interested in the field. I was not, however, thinking about opportunities for professional and academic development that would be presented within the class content and outside of the classroom.

My time as a graduate student has provided me with more than academic information, but also great opportunities to further develop myself as a writer and a professional. Through class projects, internships, and outside collaborations, I have learned about different ways of presenting content, networked, and created everlasting relationships with individuals that will forever influence my life in a positive way. These types of opportunities are well and alive in the MAPW, which is why this issue is focused on talking about them.

As I near the end of my graduate studies in the MAPW, I reflect on the different class projects, internships, and collaborations I have had throughout the semesters and feel very thankful for them. I am a better writer because I had a place to practice my writing outside of the classroom with my different internships and outside projects. I am a better communicator, because I was able to work in and was being challenged by different environments that required different approaches to writing. I will be a better professional, because I developed a strong skillset and relationships with individuals who will guide me beyond the classroom. I hope that you, too, take advantage of the opportunities this program will give/gives you. Wishing you all a great summer!

Sincerely,

Estefany Palacio