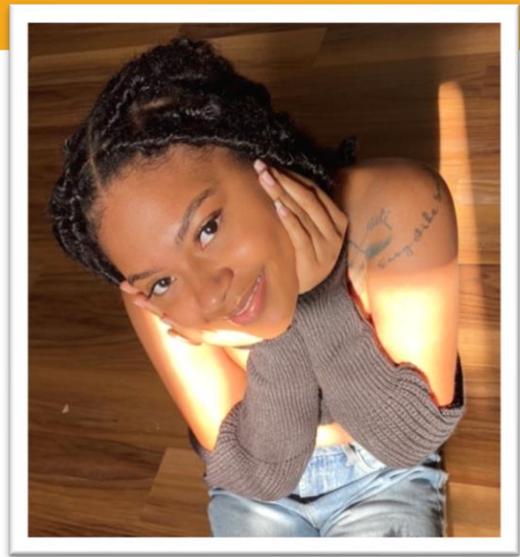


Seven Questions with an RCM Scholar

RCM Scholar Aleeya Conway is working towards her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Marquette University. Aleeya's Bachelor's Degree is in Psychology with a minor in Public Health and Equity. During her time in the Scholarship Program, Aleeya has been the recipient of the William Adams Scholarship and has been mentored by Rotarians Leslie Hauser and Pam Evason.



1. How do you relax?

I really enjoy sitting, studying, or reading outside during the summer and spring months! I often grab some cold or hot tea and just enjoy the scenery - other students walking and running to class, other students eating lunch or studying at the benches/tables, others playing frisbee or walking their dogs, taking in the beauty of the plants and flowers, the squirrels running up the trees, the birds chirping, the wind blowing in my face and through my hair, the sun soaking into my skin. I really love relaxing outside! During the fall and winter months, I am even more fond of taking care of my plants. They remind me of what's to come after the cold, snow, etc. I really love relaxing outside!

2. What's your favorite color?

My favorite color is purple - light, dark, any shade! I love the color purple! I could talk about purple all day, like a favorite TV show. Purple is more than just a color to me - I call it my superpower color! Purple has helped me through many tough times and is there to provide comfort when I'm facing my fears. I wear purple for presentations and exams. I also wear purple on tough days when it's hard to get out of bed and when remembering loved ones that have passed away. For an art project in high school, I did a purple portrait of myself. That's how much I love purple! Purple makes me realize my power and gives me joy!

3. What's your favorite food?

Well, I'm a new vegan! I've been vegan for the past 2-3 months. Since being vegan, I've fallen in love with purple/red onions - they're so yummy and versatile! I most enjoy them on salads, on vegan burgers, in vegan eggs and omelets.

4. What interesting things did you do over the summer?

This past August, I started working at Highland Community School. I work as an after school teacher to 4th-6th graders. This job has consistently been the highlight of my week since I've started! The 4th-6th graders are in a place where they understand, yet they still try the things they don't like and do the things they know they shouldn't do. I often have to raise my voice at them but can't help laughing to myself afterwards. I am just like them, being a college student - I still try the things I don't like and do the things I know I shouldn't do. I continue to see their growth, and my own growth too!

5. What's your favorite move?

Titanic is my favorite movie! I am a sucker for romance, as well as a sucker for tears. Though Titanic is an amazing production of such an unfortunate historical event, I am 99% sure that it's my favorite movie because I am a sucker for tears. For me, crying has never hurt! I do love to laugh and smile as we all do but crying cleanses me. I'll be crying about one thing on the surface, and unknowingly crying about 10 other different things at the same time. That's how crying works for me, crying cleanses me!

6. What motivates you?

I like to call the people that believe in me, my believers. My believers consist of God, my family, my friends, my mentors, the children I work with, etc. There are different moments when the thoughts of each believer motivate me - I am encouraged and inspired. My believers motivate me!

7. What is one of your talents?

I love writing poetry! I am not too sure that it's a talent. Poetry is highly subjective, though it can be objective. I write poetry in any form that I please. I especially love written poetry with grammar. I really enjoy how words change with grammar - it is so fascinating to me.

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