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Hi, my name is Ryan Lee and I graduated with my first bachelor's degree in Graphic and Multimedia Design in May 2020, took a year off due to Covid, and returned to get a degree in Applied Psychology which I will finish in Fall 2023. I have minors in Writing and Communication and Sociology. I came back to school because I didn't enjoy what I was doing, and SUNY Canton was my first pick to return to.

I have been going to SUNY Canton since the Fall of 2016 and have loved it ever since. Every summer, I lived on campus and worked with the Physical Plant, either painting or cleaning the dorms. Currently during the semester, I work at Chaney Dining Hall. I have always thought of Canton as my home. I lived on campus year-round during my first degree there. I even have a full-time position lined up for when I finish this degree next year and start my master's degree in Social Work.

I have always wanted to help students in some way and give advice to the newer and upcoming students – advice I wish I had gotten or asked for. When you come to college at first you feel alone, but at Canton I can promise you that isn't the case. Everyone is here to help you, you just need to ask.



A little more about me. I am originally from Chesapeake, Virginia. I moved up here in 2012 and went to school at Canton for one semester. Then, I dropped out because of how overwhelmed I was and joined the Navy just to return in 2016. I am currently 28 years old and will be 29 at the end of the summer. I like going to the gym in the morning and try to at least four days a week. In all honesty, I am a huge nerd, and I love Marvel (the comics and movies). I also love Star Wars, so if you ever want to “nerd out” just let me know. My friends like to say I am the “dad” of the group so please feel free to come to me with any problem you have, and I will do whatever I can to help you out.

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