

Faces Of New Bedford #82 – Shonna Ryan

Meet Shonna Ryan, 29-year-old instructional technologist and founder of non-profit organization Civic Support.



Shonna moved to the area when she started attending the University of Massachusetts, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication.

Shonna currently works at Providence College, where she is an Instructional Technologist. This position focuses on running the learning management system for the school, which the professors use to organize their classes. She trains the faculty, and helps them with any needs that they may have with classroom technology or teaching software.

With friend and fellow UMD grad student, Kevin Pelissier, she decided to start Civic Support, an organization focused on helping non-profits with their outreach efforts through marketing and PR services. Seeing that they were already working with non-profits throughout their graduate program, it was easy for them to help target the needs of each organization.

Their hope with Civic Support was not just to provide marketing services, but to train those community causes in

best practices for up keeping their own outreach efforts.

“One great, strong, unselfish soul in every community could actually redeem the world. –Elbert Hubbard”

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