

DISCOVER SUCCESS

**“My experience at WCU
has been one of self-
discovery and gaining
the knowledge and
confidence to be a
lifelong helper.”**

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Growing up, Trevor always wanted to be a Catamount. He attended middle school, high school, and community college in western North Carolina and can now proudly say he is a Catamount! Within the past few years, Trevor has been involved in several organizations and nonprofits, as well as community-building work. Trevor has also been able to travel the country as a public speaker on mental health, recovery, ableism, and other topics. Trevor is thankful for the professors that have taught him along his journey. After graduating from WCU, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in social work in order to become a licensed clinical social worker. Trevor plans to continue speaking to the public and participating in community and public activism activities. Trevor urges current and future Catamounts to find resilience, “because it's going to get hard, and you will be tired, but if you use the fantastic resources offered at WCU, all of the struggle will be worthwhile in the end.”

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