

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: TRACI LAWRENZ

Traci Lawrenz, a native of Kewaskum, has always enjoyed school. During her time at Kewaskum High School, she enrolled in business classes, and it sparked her interest in business.

This has led her to Moraine Park's West Bend campus to pursue a degree in accounting as well as business management and supervision.

For Lawrenz, college has been much more than going to class to earn a degree. She has served as president of Moraine Park's West Bend Student Senate, secretary of District Student Government, administrative financial officer of Wisconsin Student Government, president of the Accounting club and vice president of Business Professionals of America (BPA.)



"Being involved is one of the best things I could have ever done here at MPTC," said Lawrenz. "I have made a lot of new friends and learned a lot about myself. I used to be shy and sit back and listen. I hate talking in front of groups but have pushed myself to become better at these skills."

Through her extracurricular involvement, she has won the Leadership and Service Award during Moraine Park's annual Student Awards Banquet last year. She has competed in BPA competitions at the state and national level where she placed in the top 10 of the College Accounting and College Payroll Accounting categories. Lawrenz said that going on stage during the national BPA conference has been her proudest achievement during her time at Moraine Park.

She will be back on stage this May, along with three of her fellow BPA members, to compete in the National BPA Leadership Conference in Boston. This past February, the team qualified for the national conference after placing in the state competition.

Although she leads a busy life with three boys at home, Lawrenz still manages to dedicate time to volunteering in her community.

"I have been volunteering for the Kewaskum School District for the last 13 years, with the Kewaskum Booster Club for the last four years and with the South East Wisconsin Young Marines for two years."

Additionally, she has taken on leadership roles in some of her volunteer work over the past two years by serving as president of the Kewaskum Booster Club and treasurer.

Lawrenz plans to graduate in May 2017 and is considering continuing her education part time by working toward a four-year degree.