Dominic Silva

Rewarding Experiences As a VITA Volunteer

The MET, or Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center, is a public high school founded in Providence, RI that takes a unique, individualized approach to education, a key component of which is ‘Learning Through Internships.’ The school has a demonstrated track record of academic success for its students, and Dominic Silva is a standout example. In fact, as a volunteer tax preparer as part of our IRS VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program in 2014, Dominic completed over 115 tax returns, resulting in over $100,000 in refunds to the community. And though it’s not a competition, this made him our most successful volunteer!

When Dominic’s advisor at The MET first told him about Capital Good Fund, he was immediately attracted to the ways in which we tackle poverty. Growing up, financial issues have always been on his mind, and he therefore has a deep understanding of the importance of financial empowerment. That’s why, even though he was at first nervous about doing taxes at the age of 17, after a few weeks he got really good at it and “it’s been smooth sailing” from there.

“It feels great to give back... it was amazing to do so many [tax] returns.”

“When asked how he feels about starting college in September, Dominic explains that “like anything new, it can be intriguing,” but he knows that he will adjust and thrive. Certainly the Capital Good Fund team shares that belief!

So what’s next for Dominic? “I’m interested in Marketing or Entrepreneurship, but I intend to major in marketing,” he says. “Working at Capital Good Fund has been a phenomenal experience and a great resume builder. I hope to stay involved with the organization moving forward.” In short, Dominic’s future is bright, and we are deeply thankful to know this amazing young man.