WELCOME TO GEORGETOWN!

Hi! My name is Frank Estevao Maia and I am a McDonough peer ambassador.

Hometown: I was born in Swaziland (a Kingdom in Southern Africa), I grew up in South-Africa and lived in Portugal before moving to Northern Virginia in 2012.

Class: 2017, Transferred from a community college in VA.

Major: Finance and International Business with a regional focus on Eastern Europe.

Extracurricular Activities: McDonough Peer Ambassador, Georgetown University Student Association in the Transfer Council, as a representative for nontraditional students. I also frequently attend Accounting Society and Black House meetings in addition to GSP events!

Interesting Fact about Me: I have visited over 100 countries in the last decade. Ask me how!

What made you choose Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business? I chose to come to Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business over my other options because whole-heartedly believe in *Cura Personalis* - the development of the whole person – and Georgetown was the only School offering the opportunity to be surrounded by students who share a passion for caring for those can’t care for themselves and who are women and men for others.

What are the best things about being a Hoya? The best part of being a Hoya, besides being a hopscotch away from Capitol Hill, is having the ability to network with people, students, and alumni who have a say on policy and the direction of not only this country, but that of the economies of the world.

Why do you love D.C.? I love D.C. because after laying on the luscious green grass of Healy’s lawns, I can be part of the Georgetown buzz on M-street. And, if I happen to stroll a little further than planned while trying to pick between Lebanese or Japanese for dinner, the familiar facades of the White House, and the monuments to Jefferson and Washington are always there to guide me back.

Share a defining and/or transformative classroom/educational moment? I took my first McDonough exam for financial accounting and I crashed and burned. It was my first experience with academic disappointment. Realizing early on that my educational expectations did not match the high caliber required of me was a much needed lesson. That is what makes us Hoyas a competitive force to reckon with! I also finally came to peace with my faith in a theology classroom. I learned more about myself and others’ equally. I explored new ideas on my beliefs than I ever thought I could – this has helped shape my attitude towards others.

What is your advice to incoming Hoyas? Like many of my McDonough family, I - Think big. Work hard. Achieve! If I my offer a piece of advice: in-between it all, find time to breathe and have fun. You will be in the most powerful city in the world – make the most of it! Visit the city once in a while and see the sites.