

**AHVRP Member Spotlight**  
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Brad is a 31-year-old Volunteer Services Supervisor with St. Charles Health System in Bend, Oregon. In his previous careers he was an actor, a server and bartender, and an Events Manager for the local performing arts venue. In that time he has gained skills in human interaction, administration, and organization.

**How long have you been involved as a healthcare volunteer professional?**

Brad had served just shy of nine months in the healthcare volunteer profession, but has nearly three years of Volunteer Management experience.

**As a first-time attendee at Annual Conference, can you share a take-away or positive experience you gained?**

The networking was tremendous and the friends that I made and hope to see next year is a positive influence on knowing that I've picked the right career path to pursue.

**Any words of advice for future first-time attendees?**

You'll get as much out of the Conference as you put into it. There were plenty of things to see and do, and sometimes it was overwhelming, but you can opt to skip certain sessions if you wish. I think I found the right balance of information and entertainment to avoid a brain overload – and I came out so much more versed and confident in my profession than when I started.