

Fitzgerald Walker



Fitzgerald Walker has overcome many obstacles to turn his life around, and he continually uses that drive and motivation to help guide others. MPT proudly shares his open and compelling Champion story. He currently serves as [Academic Advisor and Manager of Outreach & Recruitment](#) in Undergraduate Academic Studies in the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Maryland.

Born in Baltimore:

Fitzgerald was born in Baltimore, MD in 1964 and moved to Prince George's County, MD at a young age. Like many other people in similar situations, he grew up without ever knowing his father. Without the proper support, he tells MPT that he developed a complete lack of respect for academics and dropped out in the 11th grade.

Living with Uncertainty:

After struggling with a series of what he calls "meaningless jobs" Mr. Walker became a father and searched for some meaning in his life. Unprepared and under constant emotional turmoil, he turned to drugs and alcohol which eventually led to being homeless in 1993.

Turning It Around:

This was all the motivation Fitzgerald needed to turn his life around! In 1996, he earned a GED, connected with a new set of friends, and married a loving and supportive woman. Armed with new skills and a plan, he entered college and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences.

Fulfilling A Dream:

Immediately after graduation he fulfilled his dream of becoming a youth counselor providing guidance to graduate students, and recently earned his Master's Degree from the University of Maryland.

Making a Difference:

Now Mr. Walker gives back whenever he can! He creates and manages events designed to educate, inspire, expose, and guide youth toward a prosperous and successful life including programs with the Prince George's County School System.

Congratulations Fitzgerald! We are proud to call you an American Graduate Champion!

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