

# FRANCISCA MUREVERWI

**MAJOR:** Math & Economics  
**HOMETOWN:** Bulawayo, Zimbabwe  
**CLASS OF:** 2015

Francisca Mureverwi is a self-described overachiever. Others would easily describe her as bright, mature, enthusiastic and easy to talk to. Just two years after arriving in the United States and knowing no one, she now helps others as a resident assistant, IT specialist and secretary of the International Students Association, and she just learned she'll be a senior RA next year and vice president of the new Women's Empowerment Alliance. CAPITAL Magazine sat down with Mureverwi to talk about her adventures abroad and the importance of her faith and becoming a leader on campus.

**"Everyone here has been working toward my success. Capital helps you be who you were meant to be."**

**Q:**  
**What was life like in Africa?**

**A:**  
 I have lived all over Zimbabwe, but my family now resides in Bulawayo, which is the second-largest city. The culture is similar to that of South Africa because that is where many of our people had migrated. In Zimbabwe, they speak a number of different languages, including English because the country was colonized by the British. There I attended an all-girls Catholic school, the Dominion convent.

**Q:**  
**What were some of your first impressions of the United States?**

**A:**  
 It was overwhelming. I first landed in Washington, D.C., and was struck by how many options there were. And so much food! The people are very welcoming and didn't treat me like an outsider. I arrived in the middle of the school year, but people took me under their wing, invited me to basketball games, that sort of thing. They also pointed out my accent (which is British), which I didn't know existed until I came here.

**Q:**  
**Why Capital University?**

**A:**  
 My mom was getting her master's degree and one of the professors suggested that I consider applying to college in America. The application process in Africa is different than in the States; typically you apply after you have sat for placement exams. But I finished high school in December and began at Capital in January (of 2012). I liked that it had a Lutheran affiliation, because Christianity is a big part of who I am; it is my foundation. Everyone here has been working toward my success. Not just the faculty, but the administrators. Capital helps you be who you were meant to be.

**Q:**  
**How do you practice your faith on campus?**

**A:**  
 There's an organization on campus called Renew, which is a small-group Bible study. I am a member and a leader. It is associated with Discovery church, where the pastor is a professor here at Capital. I also belonged to Campus Crusade for Christ. Everything just fits.

**Q:**  
**You are a resident assistant in the residence halls. What is that like?**

**A:**  
 I feel like I can empathize about what it's like to leave home and know no one. It's my chance to transition these girls. I love talking to people; I love hearing their hearts. I'm going to be a senior resident assistant and in thinking back over my experience I thought, "Wow, my girls have grown so much. Not just them, but me too." I absolutely love it.

**Q:**  
**You're studying math and economics, but also may be interested in seminary?**

**A:**  
 When I started, I had no interest in pursuing a faith-based career with a focus on counseling. I'm a very practical person. With time, however, I realized that while I am good at my major subjects, they aren't my passion. I now know that there's no reason my passion can't be transferred into whatever field I'm in. I'm an RA, I'm in IT; my passion seeps into that. It's not enough to say I have a job — I have a job and I have a purpose.