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“Being part of that first class of OCDC mediators was nothing short of a transformational experience for me. It imbued in me the natural inclination to look at the world with a social justice lens. Seeing the world through this lens colors and informs my decisions and my interactions daily. Multipartiality has also proven to be an invaluable skill when dealing with interpersonal conflicts and also when navigating cross-cultural issues.

I remember staying up late to complete my OCDC application the night before it was due. Today, as the lessons from OCDC continue to positively impact my life and those around me, I am convinced that giving up those hours of sleep was the best investment I have ever made in myself.

The skit about the orange is a favorite OCDC memory of mine.”