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With a life-changing opportunity through the Pacem In Terris program, Jean-Pierre Nsanzabera '04 traveled from Rwanda to the United States to pursue his education at La Roche. Today he is a senior systems engineer with his team Enterprise Orchestration Services, and works with other teams on developing, testing, deploying, and maintaining cloud integration and automation workflows.

While working on his master's degree, a local startup software company, Combinenet Inc., hired Mr. Nsanzabera as an information technology intern. The company later sponsored him for a work visa. Throughout his career he held various roles: Windows systems administrator for Combinenet Inc., computer support specialist for Pediatric and Adult Vision Care, and systems engineer for Advanticom Inc.

Mr. Nsanzabera graduated from La Roche in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. In 2006 he received his master's degree in engineering management from Point Park University.

Successful in his career, Mr. Nsanzabera also spends his time volunteering. He is currently the vice chair for the board of AJAPO Pittsburgh, a nonprofit with a mission to empower refugees and immigrants to become self-sufficient and integrated into the Pittsburgh community.

Other volunteer activities include the La Roche University Alumni Association Executive Board; the 2012 La Roche University Homecoming International Alumni Organizing Committee; Career Literacy for the Advancement of All Youth; the Jewish Family and Community Services; and the Saints John and Paul Roman Catholic Church International Families Ministry.

He said he credits his inspiration for volunteering to his parents, his host families, his friends, Pacem In Terris donors, and the La Roche staff and faculty.

"There is no way I can pay all those individuals back for their contributions to my success in this country," Mr. Nsanzabera said. "The only way to pay them back is to keep paying it forward by becoming an active member of my community and making a difference in other people's lives the same way they did for me."

