

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Amanda Ross



**Graduation Year:** Spring 2018

**Semester of Internship:** Spring 2018

**Major:** Management Accounting

**Hometown:** Rector, PA

**Minor:** Psychology

**Hobbies:** Hiking, bowling, scrapbooking, volleyball, watching movies

**Campus Activities:** Women's volleyball team, bowling club, PICPA Campus Representative

**Future Plans/Career Goals:** Pass the CPA Exam and the Enrolled Agent Exam

- **Internship (company/your title):**  
Gary W. Breckley Associates, Inc.
- **How did you find your internship?**  
One of the accounting professors (Professor Turchick) recommended me and passed my resume on to them when they contacted her about interns.
- **What were your duties?**  
I did general accounting and bookkeeping work: journal entries, balance sheets, profit and loss statements, bank reconciliations. As well as prepare payroll returns, corporate, partnership, and personal tax returns.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**  
Around 20
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**  
I enjoyed learning more about my field. I liked putting the information I learned at school to real use, and feeling like a real accountant.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**  
The most difficult part was managing the internship on top of school work, volleyball and other obligations.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Accounting Department prepare you for your internship?**  
Overall college has taught me how to manage my time better. The accounting courses that I took provided me with the general information that I needed to succeed. The tax classes also gave me a base to build on as the tax laws change.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**  
I learned a lot more about accounting and taxes. I also got to experience what working in an office environment felt like. Additionally, it gave me a better understanding and feeling of what it would be like to do this kind of work every day as a career.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**  
First of all, if you do not get an internship right away, do not worry about it. I did not get one until my last semester here. I was worried I would not get one and have no experience to use to apply for a job. Everything worked out though. Also, ask questions at your internship. Your bosses know that you are still a student and do not know everything, so don't be afraid to ask. This is where you will learn the most, so take advantage of it.