

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2020

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2018

Major: Management Information Systems

Minor: Statistics

Hobbies: Golf, Netflix, Making money, Gym, Riding

Campus Activities: None

Future Plans/Career Goals: Steady high-paying job and a family, ideally in NC.

Hometown: Greensburg

• **Internship (company/your title):**

Global IT Intern at Kennametal Inc.

• **How did you find your internship?**

I originally found this internship on Kennametal's website, but I also saw it posted on Indeed.

• **What were your duties?**

- Write T-SQL queries to retrieve data from Azure SQL DB based on requirements from team members/manager
- Build SQL views based on requirements from team members/business users
- Create Tableau/Excel reports based on certified data models
- Create end user documentation for new/updated Tableau reports
- Convert existing Tableau Reports to use the latest data models

• **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

40 hours/week.

• **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

The best experience I had was when I took a company trip to Solon, Orwell, and Cleveland (all in Ohio) with my team and a few other co-workers.

• **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

I was asked to present some interesting/unique capabilities of Tableau that I had discovered to a large amount of Kennametal employees on Kennametal's Tableau Day.

• **How did your experience at UPG and in the MIS department prepare you for your internship?**

Two classes that were quite helpful were Management Information Systems and Decision Making in Excel.

• **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

This internship has definitely helped me steer myself in the direction that I want to be going in regard to the specific path I want to take in IT/Business.

• **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

The more internships you get, the better off you will be in the future. Also, do not be afraid to ask for things that you want.

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