

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2019

Semester of Internship: Summer 2017

Major: Biology

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Minor: N/A

Hobbies: Video games, music, anime, hanging out with friends

Campus Activities: CAFT (Campus Alliance for Free Thought), Academic Villages, Student Government Association, Nerdfighters, Red Cross

Future Plans/Career Goals: To become an oral hygienist

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

UPMC Mercy/ Research Assistant

- **What were your duties?**

Assisted with collecting data, information and studies. Sorted and entered data.

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

11-15 hours

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

Getting to know the people I worked with, learning about research and the process.

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

It was intimidating at first- the thought of helping a high class hospital with research was daunting but the people were so kind. It was easy to shake that feeling.

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

It taught me the basics and made it easier to grasp the concepts of the research I was assisting with. Also, it taught me how to interact with people in my field.

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

I am now interested in research and it helped me to develop skills: teamwork, communication, initiative and research skills.

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

I would recommend to step out of your comfort zone, and try to choose an internship you are interested in. It will be fun and you'll want to go back.