

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: Spring 2019

Semester & Year of Internship: Spring 2019

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Sociology

Hobbies/Campus Activities: Ice hockey, Golf

Future Plans/Career Goals: Loss Prevention/Detective work

Hometown: Sparta, NJ



- **Internship (company/your title):**
Company: TJX Companies (TJ Maxx) Title: Loss Prevention Detective
- **How did you find your internship?**
By scheduling an appointment with Kristen Stratton in Career Services (Internship Coordinator)
- **What were your duties?**
Protect company assets and reduce shrink caused by shoplifting and other forms of theft
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
20 hours/week
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
Going through training to become a certified Loss Prevention Detective
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
Being comfortable with making shoplifting apprehensions
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?**
My experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice department prepared me for my internship because I have learned a great deal of knowledge about how to handle people who are breaking the law, and I now feel confident to work productively in the criminal justice field
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
I was offered a full-time position after graduation with the place I interned at, so my internship has prepared me for my career because it has helped me to put my foot in the door with TJX Companies, and I was able to complete my certification as a Loss Prevention Detective while completing my internship.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
If you have the opportunity to complete an internship while at UPG, I fully recommend completing one, even if it is not a requirement for your major. Completing an internship can only benefit you as a student and as a person. Also, internships look great on a resume. By completing an internship, you might find that you truly do enjoy working in the specific field that you have interned with, or you might find that the line of work is not meant for you after all. Overall, if you do complete an internship, put a full effort into it. You can only get out of your internship what you put in. Make the most of it, and remember that this is not only a learning experience, but could also be an opportunity for employment after graduation.

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