

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Jaylen Williams

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2023

Semester & Year of Internship: Fall 2022

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Sociology

Hobbies: Listening to music, playing basketball

Campus Activities: Men's Basketball Team, SAAC House Representative, Member of Black Student Union

Future Plans/Career Goals: I plan to attend law school, and eventually become a Defense Attorney.

Hometown:

Bartow, FL



- **Internship (company/your title):**
Intern, Westmoreland County Public Defender's Office
- **How did you find your internship?**
I found the internship on a list of sites that Dr. Holler provided us students. I then got in contact with them.
- **What were your duties?**
Shadow/accompany attorneys.
Maintain attorney/client privilege with clients.
Travel to various district courts within the county.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
12 hours/week
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
The experience all around was great. I probably enjoyed the relationships that I built at the office.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
Waking up every morning was probably the most difficult. Being an athlete having late practices/games along with homework, and then having to be up early in the morning can get overwhelming at times.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice Department prepare you for your internship?**
Being a criminal justice major, I've learned a lot about the criminal justice system and that's exactly what I dealt with working at the public defender's office. It was just more court based.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
The internship really gave me first hand perspective of the court system as well as the life of a defense attorney and what work is like on a daily basis.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

I highly recommend any student to do an internship. Initially, I wasn't interested in doing an internship at all. I'm glad I did, it was a great experience.

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