INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2020
Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2019
Major: Accounting
Minor: Statistics
Hometown: Downingtown, PA
Hobbies: Guitar/Reading
Future Plans/Career Goals: Accountant at Big four accounting firm

- Internship (company/your title):
  - Luttner Financial Group
  - Intern

- How did you find your internship?
  - Personal Network

- What were your duties?
  - Bonus projections
  - Volume reports
  - Reconciling AMEX card with bank statements

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

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  - The chance to work within Excel all day every day.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  - I found the internship to be relatively easy, however it was difficult to realize that the projections and volume reports I was working on were related to real people and would have a real impact on their lives.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the Accounting department prepare you for your internship?
  - UPG help me to better understand and hone my people skills as well as giving me abilities in Excel that were above and beyond the skill level of most of the people in the company.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  - The internship helped me understand how an office functions, past the basics and more onto the nuances of working in an office environment vs. working in a school environment.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  - To start looking for internship opportunities as early as you can and to really put yourself out there more than what they would think is necessary.

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