INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Fiona Carter

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2020
Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2019
Major: IT/Math
Minor: English Literature
Hometown: Penn Hills, PA
Hobbies: Reading, writing, listening to music
Campus Activities: CFC, Math Club
Future Plans/Career Goals: Grad school and/or military/government cybersecurity or intelligence

- Internship (company/your title):
  Duraloy Technologies/IT Intern

- How did you find your internship?
  Through Career Services.

- What were your duties?
  I helped with software development, database design, and development of long-term technology upgrade plans.

- How many hours per week were you at your internship site?
  40

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  I enjoyed the laid-back company culture and my coworkers; I felt like I was part of a large extended family.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  The most difficult aspect of this internship was practicing patience when solutions to a problem were not immediately evident or when my proposed solutions were not used.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the IT and Math departments prepare you for your internship?
  I used a lot of the specific skills that I learned taking IT and Math classes here, such as programming concepts, concepts for how to implement various IT solutions, and how to solve different math problems. I also used a lot of the critical thinking skills that I learned from taking classes outside of my majors to solve problems.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  I now have experience working with various aspects of the IT field and with resolving convoluted, real-world issues.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  Go in with an open mind and don’t be afraid to ask questions.

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