INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2018  
Semester of Internship: Summer 2017  
Major: Chemistry  
Minor: Statistics  
Hometown: Apollo, PA

Hobbies: Reading, Skiing, Hockey  
Campus Activities: Nerdfighters  
Future Plans: I would like to get a job in Pharmaceuticals or Research Development

- Internship (company/your title):
  University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Career Services/Blue Scholar

- What were your duties?
  I worked with several of the faculty members on recording current and previous data into excel files as well as analyzing the data for useful information needed for grants.

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  I most enjoyed the experience I gained from working with excel. It is an exceptionally useful program that I felt much more adept at after gaining hours of experience with it.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  The most difficult part was coming up with formats for all of the data that I analyzed so that it was useful and easy to evaluate.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the Chemistry department prepare you for your internship?
  My experience through the Chemistry department helped to prepare me mostly in that I had gained some experience working with excel under Dr. Stauffer through analytical chemistry and instrumental analysis.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  I am hoping that my experience with data analysis programs will help me stand out among other new hires when going through the interview process. Also this experience will help me considering I will most likely need to be proficient at excel for most jobs in the chemistry/research fields that I would like to work in.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  I would recommend doing them earlier rather than later so that you can add the experience you gain to your resume sooner as well as get a feel for what you like and what kind of job you would like to have later in life.