

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Alex Kostiuk

**Graduation Year:** 2018

**Semester of Internship:** Summer 2017

**Major:** Chemistry

**Minor:** Statistics

**Hobbies:** Reading, Skiing, Hockey

**Campus Activities:** Nerdfighters

**Future Plans:** I would like to get a job in Pharmaceuticals or Research Development

**Hometown:** Apollo, PA



- **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.