

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Alex Fell

**Graduation Year:** 2019

**Semester of Internship:** Summer 2017

**Major:** History and Public Policy

**Hometown:** Buffalo, New York

**Minor:** N/A

**Hobbies:** Soccer, Watching movies, Hanging out with friends

**Campus Activities:** Soccer

**Future Plans:** To be successful

- **Internship (company/your title):**

West Overton Village & Museums/Museum Docent

- **What were your duties?**

I gave tours of the museum (includes the distillery, homestead, and several out-buildings), researched topics relevant to the museum, wrote articles for the museum newsletter, and was a part of the digitization project team.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I enjoyed learning about the history of the museum, as well as being able to interact and spread this knowledge with the various types of people who visited the museum for a tour.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

The most difficult aspect of the internship was memorizing the information in a way that allowed the people on the tour to feel like they were part of a story or journey, rather than a fragmented, disjointed tour full of various facts and dates.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the History department prepare you for your internship?**

Since this was a more history-inclined internship, being a history major definitely assisted with absorbing all of the material necessary to give a tour, as well as providing a base of how to properly and effectively research historical subjects.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

This internship was a great way for me to get work experience in several fields, as it encompassed researching historical materials, communicating with multiple demographics, and being a part of a non-profit organization.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

An internship is a great way to prepare for the future; it allows students to obtain quality work experience at a younger age, showing both their initiative and desire to get active and get ahead in their particular field. Every internship looks great on a resume, and the experiences they will have will be vital to their future careers.