INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2020
Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2018
Major: Management Information Systems
Minor: Statistics
Hometown: Greensburg
Hobbies: Golf, Netflix, Making money, Gym, Riding
Campus Activities: None
Future Plans/Career Goals: Steady high-paying job and a family, ideally in NC.

- Internship (company/your title):
  Global IT Intern at Kennametal Inc.

- How did you find your internship?
  I originally found this internship on Kennametal’s website, but I also saw it posted on Indeed.

- What were your duties?
  - Write T-SQL queries to retrieve data from Azure SQL DB based on requirements from team members/manager
  - Build SQL views based on requirements from team members/business users
  - Create Tableau/Excel reports based on certified data models
  - Create end user documentation for new/updated Tableau reports
  - Convert existing Tableau Reports to use the latest data models

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

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  The best experience I had was when I took a company trip to Solon, Orwell, and Cleveland (all in Ohio) with my team and a few other co-workers.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  I was asked to present some interesting/unique capabilities of Tableau that I had discovered to a large amount of Kennametal employees on Kennametal’s Tableau Day.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the MIS department prepare you for your internship?
  Two classes that were quite helpful were Management Information Systems and Decision Making in Excel.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  This internship has definitely helped me steer myself in the direction that I want to be going in regard to the specific path I want to take in IT/Business.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  The more internships you get, the better off you will be in the future. Also, do not be afraid to ask for things that you want.

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